

Honors Program Checklist (7-10 credits)

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Excellent students may join the honors program by invitation when applying to Hampden-Sydney College. Students with a 3.5 after their first semester and a 3.3 after their second semester are invited to join as well. To receive “With College Honors” on your diploma, you must complete the following:

First Year

_____ First-year honors course (3 cr.)*

- First-year honors courses will also count to a core requirement.
- Students who drop a first-year course may make up the requirement by taking an additional HONS 201 or 202 course.

Sophomore Year

_____ HONS 201 or 202 in fall or spring (3 cr)

- You must take HONS 201 or 202 in your sophomore year; you may request to take it in the spring of your first year (contact the Program Director). You may *appeal* (to the Honors Council and to the Executive Committee) to postpone HONS 201 until your sophomore year.
- Some HONS 201 and 202 sections will also count towards a core requirement, as marked.

Elective: Sophomore or Junior Year

Complete one of the three options below (0-3 credits)

_____ An additional HONS 201 or 202 course (3 cr);

_____ Three 1-credit HONS 261 or 262 readings courses (3 cr);

_____ A pre-approved independent research course (495) (3 cr);

- Independent research courses may, with home department approval, count towards a major or minor. This should be secured before the course begins.
- Students and advisor should propose the research course to the Honors Council *in advance*, and the notification given to the registrar’s office must note that the course will count for an honors requirement.

_____ A summer research experience. (0 cr.)

- Students should notify *in advance* that they will undertake summer research; the advisor of the project should attest in writing that the summer research project will be “honors-level.”
- Off-campus or on-campus research experience outside of the Summer Research Program of the Office of Undergraduate Research **require pre-approval** by the Honors Council.

Junior Year

_____ HONS 301 (1 credit) in fall.

- HONS 301 guides you through developing an honors proposal.
- You may appeal (to the Honors Council and Executive Committee) to replace HONS 301 with a 1-credit independent study with an advisor in the fall or spring of your junior year. _____

_____ Honors proposal in spring _____ approved by the Honors Council.

Senior Year

_____ Two semester honors capstone project.

- Students planning to graduate mid-year may appeal to complete a project over a spring-fall schedule; contact the program director as early as possible to see if this is possible.
- Students may take capstone credits (HONS 497-498, 3 credits each) if the student desires, or if an advisor stipulates this as part of the capstone project.

* Students who join the honors program after their first semester have this requirement waived.