

## HONORS BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

In order to qualify for an Honors baccalaureate degree, a student must satisfy all normal residence, quantitative, and college requirements for a baccalaureate degree and, in addition, must satisfy the following special requirements.

1. Candidates must have a minimal cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5
2. Candidates must complete at least **twelve** semester hours of **departmental** Honors courses with an average grade of B (3.0) or better.
3. Candidates must complete at least two courses from among **Honors 216, Honors 325, 335, 345, 355, 367, 375, and Honors 385 or an Honors Contract** with an average grade of B (3.0) or better.
  - a. Transfer students may apply to the Director of the University Honors Program for an evaluation of their previous work or credit relative to the above requirements.
  - b. Under special circumstances, students of truly exceptional ability may have certain of the above requirements waived by unanimous consent of the Director of Honors, the student's dean, and the Academic Vice-President.
4. Students should begin their Honors Thesis in the second half of their sophomore year or the first half of their junior year.
5. Candidates must complete **Honors 497** – Thesis Preparation, and at least four to a maximum of six credit hours of **Honors 499** – Honors Thesis.
6. Candidates must file a formal application for the Honors degree with **BOTH** their academic dean and the Director of Honors before the deadline listed in the University Calendar (two separate applications).
7. Candidates must pass an oral examination over the thesis project-- to be conducted by the thesis committee.