



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE HONORS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

College:	Science
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Location:	Central Office for Readiness & Engagement (CORE) Office, Carl Hertzog Building
Admittance:	College of Science students
Application:	https://coshonorsprogram.questionpro.com/
Website:	https://www.utep.edu/science/student-resources/honors-program.html
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APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY – THE STUDENT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. Student must be classified as
 - Freshman
 - Sophomore
 - Junior
 - SeniorStudent must have at least two years –four semesters– remaining to graduate
2. Student is required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5

IF REQUIREMENTS ABOVE ARE FULLFILLED, THE STUDENT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ENTER THE SCIENCE HONORS PROGRAM

A successful application will consist of completing an online form <https://coshonorsprogram.questionpro.com/>. The application form is located at <https://www.utep.edu/science/student-resources/honors-program.html>. The form can also be located at our website www.utep.edu/honors by selecting “Prospective Students”

TO EARN THE SCIENCE HONORS DEGREE, THE STUDENT MUST FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. Member Agreement
The member agreement will be signed and submitted to UHP only once and upon entry to the program. Any changes in the program will be acknowledged to the student by email
2. Academic Requirements
Maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA



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3. University Honors Program Group Event Participation

Students must be part of the Honors community at UTEP and it is mandatory to attend at least one (1) UHP Group Event each fall and spring semester. Events are announced by the UHP Office ahead of time during the academic year and managed and tracked by the UHP Office (uhpnetwork@utep.edu)

NOTE: We encourage students in the Honors program to attend as many UHP Group Events as possible within the context of a positive school-life balance

4. Graduation Clearance for the Honors Degree

Students are responsible for submitting a Graduation Clearance Form (available on the UHP website) to the UHP Office by the deadline given on the form as well as also submitting this Form to the College of Science Honors Program Manager by the deadline. This form must be submitted in the last semester before graduation and late submissions may not be awarded the Honors degree. If the student is graduating in the summer and walking in the Spring commencement, required documents must be submitted based on the UHP Academic Spring calendar due dates. If you are graduating summer and walking on Fall commencement, required documents must be submitted based on the UHP Academic Fall calendar due dates

5. High Impact Extracurricular Engagement

Complete at least four (4) of the following High Impact activities described below, at least one (1) each year. Each High Impact activity is required to be approved to ensure it is aligned with the College of Science Honors Program's mission and core values, that is the activity is significant and impactful and goes above and beyond curricular requirements

- a. Students must submit Notices of Intent (available on the UHP website) to the Manager of the Science Honors Program *before* beginning an experience, and provide completion documentation (available at the website) at the close of each experience chosen.
- b. Any such experience must occur during membership in the Honors Program to count to the Honors degree.
- c. An exception for Study Abroad completed prior to entering the Honors Program is allowed if completed as a UTEP student with the minimum GPA requirement.
- d. Double-dipping of 1 activity to count as 2 is not allowed. Where appropriate, an experience may *lead* to an additional High Impact experience (ex: research engagement leading to the presentation of research at a gathering of scientists can count as 2 activities, Research & Capstone)

- **Research and Scholarly Activity:** Documented involvement in a research lab as a volunteer or paid assistant or engagement in a scholarly activity *outside the scope of degree requirements* with mentoring by a faculty member (NOTE: FYRIS labs, Special Problems, and Independent Research courses do NOT count as Honors Research & Scholarly Activity). Student must be registered to RSRC 4033 and obtain a grade of S in order to receive credit
- **Capstone Experience:** Exploring or researching a science or math topic of interest under the guidance of faculty where the final product is a research paper presentation or research poster presentation; if required to complete the student's degree, the capstone will NOT count as Honors credit
- **Community Engagement:** At least 40 hours devoted to community service at a single community location or non-profit organization, or in a single community initiative or mission; collections of brief service episodes at multiple locations will NOT qualify as Honors engagement. In order to receive credit



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student must participate through the community service involvement website [THE CUE](#). It is mandatory to register services provided on THE CUE platform in order to receive credit

- **Internships:** Completing an internship in your academic or pre-professional field. Student must register activity in job mine unless is a formal internal course
- **Study Abroad/Study Away:** Participating in a study abroad experience or faculty-led international study activity while a UTEP student with at least a 3.5 GPA
- **Student Leadership:** Holding a leadership position in a student organization, involvement in student government, student employment positions that include leadership responsibilities, or organizing and executing a service project or similar initiative. Student must be involved in a UTEP-registered organization for at least one (1) year in order to receive credit
- **Shadowing a Medical Professional or other Science-Based Professional:** At least 40 hours shadowing a medical professional or other science-based professional related to the student's professional path. Different activities cannot be combined to meet the minimum required
- **Student Employment:** Employment at UTEP as tutors, peer leaders, office staff, event planning, graphic design, technology staff, library personnel, teaching assistants, or research assistants. Employment must be on-campus and work in the same place for at least one (1) year in order to receive credit.

For more information on high-impact practices, forms, and how to maintain honors status visit the following link: www.utep.edu/honors select Current Members, contact the UHP main office at uhpnetwork@utep.edu / (915) 747 – 5858

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM RECOGNITION

1. Recognized at commencement by the wearing of gold stole and pin
2. Commencement booklet mention
3. Honors Degree recognition on the transcript

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