

University of Northern Colorado University Honors Program Advisor Information (Beginning with Fall 2023 Catalog)

Website: www.unco.edu/honors

The University Honors Program fosters outstanding students by providing enriched course and research experiences, extra faculty attention, a community of intellectually engaged peers, and appropriate recognition for making the most of an undergraduate education. The program engages students in the life of the mind and encourages them to raise their expectations for themselves and their education. Honors students become intrinsically involved in their own learning experience, develop heightened critical awareness and independent thinking skills, and participate in research or creative works at the university and in the community.

Program Overview

The Honors Program offers several entry points for students with a desire to broaden or deepen their academic studies.

1. **First Year Honors Experience (6 credits)** - Designed for both incoming students and continuing students who want an introduction to Honors education. The program curriculum is interdisciplinary and supports students to produce Honors quality scholarship. Students completing the Honors First Year Experience receive the designation "First Year Honors" on their UNC transcript.
2. **University Honors Program (16 credits inclusive of First Year and Capstone Experiences)** - Designed for students who want to take full advantage of the intellectual breadth and depth of the Honors Program, providing access to upper-division electives and in-depth research experiences, culminating in the creation of a Senior Honors Capstone project. Students who completed First Year Honors simply continue their journey, but all UNC students -- including transfer students -- may apply for entry to the program as late as the end of their sophomore year. Students completing the University Honors Program receive recognition at commencement and official designation as "University Honors" on both their transcript and diploma.
3. **Honors Capstone Experience Program (4 credits)** - Designed for juniors and seniors who discover Honors too late to take advantage of the full University Honors program or who want to explore their major discipline in-depth through the creation of an Honors Capstone project. This project may be in the form of a traditional research thesis, a creative work, or an applied project. Students completing the Honors Capstone-Only program receive an "Honors Capstone" designation on their transcript.

Advisor NOTE: The First Year Honors Experience and Honors Capstone Experience are the bookends on the University Honors Program. University Honors includes both sub-programs, plus a middle core of "Upper Division Honors" curriculum (additional 6 credits).

First Year Honors Experience Curriculum

The Honors First Year Experience offers incoming students the opportunity to experience Honors instruction as part of a learning cohort while practicing interdisciplinary analytical skills and building a foundation for academic success.

General Requirements

- Complete a total of 6 course credits in Honors introductory courses. Participate in at least one Honors Connect activity.
- Achieve a cumulative 3.00 UNC GPA.

Choose two courses (6 credits) from the list below:

Note: Students accepted into the Honors Program have access to an Honors-only section of UNIV 101 and are encouraged to take this course during their first semester at UNC.

<u>UNIV 101</u>	Foundations for Learning and Development	3
<u>HON 100</u>	Honors Connections Seminar I	3
<u>HON 180</u>	Great Ideas in Context <i>LAA2 LAIS</i>	3
<u>HON 182</u>	Confluence of Cultures <i>LAA2 LAMS</i>	3
<u>HON 185</u>	Religions and Worldviews	3
<u>HON 200</u>	Honors Connections Seminar II	3

Completion of all Honors First Year Experience requirements will earn a “First Year Honors” designation on the student’s transcript, regardless of whether the student chooses to remain in the Honors Program. See the Honors Student Handbook at www.unco.edu/honors for more information.

University Honors Program Curriculum

The University Honors curriculum provides students the opportunity to engage in both broad interdisciplinary study and in-depth exploration of a specific topic. It builds on the First Year Experience and culminates in an Honors Capstone project. University Honors students may complete their Capstone Project within or outside their chosen major.

General Requirements

- Complete a total of 12 credits of Honors coursework. At least 6 credits must be upper division. The Honors First Year Experience automatically satisfies 6 of these credits.
- Complete at least 4 credits of Honors Capstone requirements and culminating in an Honors Capstone project approved by the Honors Program and presented in a public forum.
- Participate in at least six Honors Connect activities.
- Achieve and maintain a minimum cumulative 3.00 UNC GPA.

Lower Division Honors Courses: up to 6 credits

Note: students who complete the First Year Experience will have already fulfilled 6 credits of Lower Division Honors Coursework and should choose Upper Division Courses from the list below.

Students who did not participate in the First Year Experience *may* choose up to 6 credits from the following list, though they may also choose courses from the Upper Division Honors Course list below to satisfy the Honors Coursework requirement.

<u>UNIV 101</u>	Foundations for Learning and Development	3
<u>HON 100</u>	Honors Connections Seminar I	3
<u>HON 180</u>	Great Ideas in Context <i>LAA2 LAIS</i>	3
<u>HON 182</u>	Confluence of Cultures <i>LAA2 LAMS</i>	3
<u>HON 185</u>	Religions and Worldviews	3

<u>HON 200</u>	Honors Connections Seminar II	3
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Upper Division Honors Coursework: 6 to 12 credits

All students must complete at least 6 credits (two courses) from the lists below. Students who enter the University Honors Program without completing the Honors First Year Experience may select additional upper division credits or may choose up to 6 credits of lower division credits from the list above.

Honors Special Topics

Note: HON 395 is repeatable under different subtitles.

<u>HON 395</u>	Honors Special Topics	3
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Only Honors Special Topics courses may be used to fulfill the Honors Coursework requirement (departmental special topics courses do not serve as substitutions)

Research Methods Courses

Honors 420 or any approved departmental research methods course on the list below may be used to fulfill the Honors Coursework requirement.

<u>HON 420</u>	Honors Research Methods	3
<u>ANT 340</u>	Quantitative Methods for Anthropology	3
<u>ANT 350</u>	Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology	3
<u>CHEM 499</u>	Seminar and Research in Chemistry	1-3
<u>CRJ 380</u>	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
<u>MET 376</u>	Meteorological COOP Education	1-12
<u>PHYS 370</u>	Research I	1-3
<u>PSY 201</u>	Research Methods in Psychology	3
<u>SOC 361</u>	Methods of Sociological Research I	3
<u>SOC 362</u>	Methods of Sociological Research II	3
<u>STAT 451</u>	Intermediate Applied Statistics	3
<u>UNIV 431</u>	McNair Scholars Research Studies I	2

Internship/Study Abroad Courses

HON 492 is repeatable to a maximum of 6 credit hours. HON 492 or any approved departmental internship, practicum, field work or study abroad course on the list below may be used to fulfill the Honors Coursework requirement.

<u>HON 492</u>	Honors Internship/Study Abroad	1-4
<u>AFS 399</u>	Community Study Project	1-4
<u>ANT 492</u>	Internship	1-12
<u>ART 492</u>	Internship in Art	1-5

<u>CSD 473</u>	SLPA Seminar and Field Experience	4
<u>BA 415</u>	International Experience/Study Abroad	1
<u>BAAC 492</u>	Internship in Accounting	3
<u>BACS 492</u>	Internship in Computer Information Systems	1- 3
<u>BAFN 492</u>	Internship in Finance	1- 3
<u>BAMG 492</u>	Internship in Management	3
<u>BAMK 492</u>	Internship in Marketing	3
<u>BIO 492</u>	Internship in Biological Sciences	1- 3
<u>BIO 493</u>	Clinical Internship in Biological Sciences	1- 3
<u>BIO 494</u>	Practicum in College Biological Science Instruction	1- 2
<u>BREW 492</u>	Internship	1-9
<u>COMM 492</u>	Undergraduate Internship	1-10
<u>CRJ 492</u>	Internship	1- 9
<u>CSD 474</u>	Clinical Practicum in Audiology	1
<u>CSD 483</u>	Entry/Primary Speech-Language Pathology Practicum	2
<u>ECLD 401</u>	CLD Practicum	3
<u>ECON 492</u>	Internship in Economics	3- 6
<u>EDEC 490</u>	Early Childhood Student Teaching	6-12
<u>EDFE 444</u>	Supervised Student Teaching	1-15
<u>EDSE 328</u>	Field Experience in Special Education: Elementary	3
<u>EDSE 329</u>	Field Experience in Special Education: Secondary	3
<u>ENG 492</u>	Writing Internship	1-3
<u>ENST 492</u>	Internship in Environmental Studies	1- 4
<u>ESCI 492</u>	Earth Science Internship	1-15
<u>GEOG 392</u>	Field Course in Geography	1- 6
<u>GEOG 492</u>	Internship	1- 6
<u>GEOL 481</u>	Geologic Field Techniques	3
<u>GNDR 492</u>	Internship	3-6
<u>HIST 492</u>	Internship	1- 3
<u>HUSR 492</u>	Internship in Human Services	1-15
<u>INTR 492</u>	Internship for Interpreters	3
<u>JMS 492</u>	Internship	1- 3
<u>LEAD 492</u>	Leadership Internship	3
<u>MAS 450</u>	Internship in Mexican American Studies	4

<u>MUS 450</u>	Seminar in Student Teaching for Music Educators	1
<u>NURS 470</u>	Clinical Practice: Professionalism in Practice	3
<u>PHIL 492</u>	Internship	1- 6
<u>PSCI 392</u>	Internship	1-13
<u>PSY 491</u>	Psychology Field Experience	1- 6
<u>RTH 492</u>	Internship in Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	3-12
<u>SES 492</u>	Internship in Sport and Exercise Science	6-12
<u>SOC 491</u>	Sociology Internship	3- 9
<u>SOC 492</u>	Practicum in Applied Sociology	3- 9
<u>SOC 493</u>	Practicum in Family Studies	3- 9
<u>SOC 494</u>	Research Practicum	3- 6
<u>SOC 496</u>	Study Abroad Experience	3
<u>STEP 464</u>	Secondary Student Teaching	1-14
<u>THEA 401</u>	Practicum in Theatre	1- 4
<u>THEA 450</u>	Design and Technology Practicum	3
<u>THEA 465</u>	Acting Showcase	3
<u>THEA 485</u>	Clinical Experiences II: Secondary Theatre	3
<u>THEA 490</u>	Theatre Arts Student Teaching Seminar	1
<u>WLC 296</u>	Study Abroad Experience	1-3

Honors Capstone — at least 4 credits

Complete the Honors Capstone Curriculum as described in the Honors-Capstone section. Students who complete the University Honors Program -- including a Capstone Project -- are recognized during commencement ceremonies and receive the designation "University Honors" on both their transcript and their diploma. See the Honors Student Handbook at www.unco.edu/honors for more information.

Honors Capstone Experience

The Honors Capstone curriculum provides upper division students the opportunity to engage in in-depth study of a topic either within or outside of their major degree program and culminates in an Honors Capstone Project. Projects may include:

- a senior thesis based on research, experimentation, library or archival research;
- an applied project or civically-engaged business, non-profit, or curriculum design and delivery project;
- or a creative work in humanities or the arts.

All projects require a written component with critical, research-based, reflective analysis, and all students present their project in a public forum to educate others on their topic. Completed projects are bound and placed in the permanent collection of the James A. Michener Library, and Honors students also are encouraged to submit their final written project for inclusion in a scholarly journal, such as UNC's Undergraduate Research Journal. During their Honors Capstone experience, students work individually with a faculty mentor to strengthen their research, writing, creative, and presentation skills.

General Requirements

- Completion of Honors Capstone course requirements (4 credits).
- Completion of Honors Capstone project approved by the Honors Program and presented in a public forum.
- Participation in at least two Honors Connect activities.
- Achieve and maintain a minimum cumulative 3.00 UNC GPA

Honors Capstone Project Design — 2 credits

Take at least two credits from the following:

<u>HON 351</u>	Junior Honors Seminar	1- 3
	or	
<u>UNIV 432</u>	McNair Scholars Research Studies II	2
<u>LIB 251</u>	Research as Inquiry: Exploration for Beginning Researchers	1

Notes:

- *HON 351 is repeatable for a maximum of 3 credit hours.*
- *UNIV 432 is restricted to students enrolled in the McNair Scholars Research Program. For more information about the program, see <https://www.unco.edu/mcnair/>.*

Honors Capstone Project — 2 credits

Note: HON 451 is repeatable with a maximum of 3 credit hours. Students may complete their Capstone Project through HON 451 or any equivalent departmental capstone course on the list below.

<u>HON 451</u>	Senior Honors Research Thesis	1- 3
<u>AFS 490</u>	Seminar in Africana Studies	3
<u>ANT 470</u>	Seminar in Anthropology	3
<u>ASIA 499</u>	Asian Studies Thesis	3
<u>BACS 488</u>	Senior CIS Project	3
<u>CHEM 499</u>	Seminar and Research in Chemistry	1- 3
<u>COMM 491</u>	Communication Theory Capstone	3
<u>CS 497</u>	Senior Project	1- 8
<u>ECON 475</u>	Senior Seminar	3
<u>ENST 491</u>	Senior Capstone	2
<u>GEOG 491</u>	Senior Capstone	2
<u>HIST 480</u>	Seminar in History	3
<u>HIST 580</u>	Seminar in History	3
<u>INTR 450</u>	Senior Capstone	3
<u>MUS 414</u>	Transitional Capstone Course in Music Education	2

<u>NURS 446</u>	Clinical Practice Capstone	5
<u>PHIL 495</u>	Advanced Seminar	3
<u>PHYS 470</u>	Research II	1- 3
<u>PSCI 405</u>	Senior Seminar in American Politics	3
<u>PSCI 415</u>	Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
<u>PSCI 425</u>	Senior Seminar in International Relations	3
<u>PSCI 435</u>	Senior Seminar in Political Philosophy	3
<u>RTH 490</u>	Evaluation and Research in Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	3
<u>SOC 400</u>	Senior Seminar	3
<u>STAT 489</u>	Project in Data Science	2
<u>THEA 454</u>	Theatre Studies Senior Seminar	1
<u>THEA 464</u>	Audition Techniques	3

Every final Honors Capstone project must be approved by the Honors Program and presented in a public forum to fulfill the capstone requirement. Students who choose a departmental capstone course should consult regularly with the Honors program to ensure they are on track to meet this requirement.

Students who complete the Honors Capstone Project without participating in the full University Honors experience will receive an "Honors Capstone" designation on their transcript.

The Honors Capstone is also embedded in the full University Honors program. Students who complete the full program earn recognition at commencement and a designation of "University Honors" on both their transcript and diploma. See the University Honors tab for details.

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PLANS FOR FIRST TIME/FIRST YEAR STUDENTS
ENTERING THROUGH FIRST YEAR HONORS EXPERIENCE

Fall semester start*

- For students with “First Year Experience,” including those in exploring areas without a major who may not have the “First Year Experience” show up in Degree Works.
- All First Year Honors Experience students are automatically also enrolled in the full 4-year University Honors Program (which can be completed in as little as 2-3 years).
- * If first year/first time student enters UNC with Honors in Spring semester, they will ONLY be coded to University Honors Program, and not First Year Experience. They will follow the University Honors Program plan for transfer students and current UNC students beginning in University Honors.

Year 1 Fall Semester

COURSE UNIV101

- Students should, in most cases, enroll in the Honors designated sections. (You could add that as a note).
- Students who are also part of the CHE cohort are generally advised to enroll in the CHE-cohort UNIV101 instead.
- Students in psychology are advised to enroll in an Honors cohort UNIV101.

Year 1 Spring Semester

⇒ **If student is in a program with university-wide electives:**

CHOICE HON100 or HON180 or HON182 or HON185 or HON200 (3 credits)

⇒ **If student is in a program without university-wide electives:**

CHOICE HON180(LAA2/AH2) or HON182(LAA2/AH2) or HON185(LAA3/AH3) (3 credits)

GPA Overall Degree Works GPA = 3.0

After the First Year Experience student completes the above two courses in the first year with a 3.0 UNC GPA, the student will receive designation on their transcript and be recognized by the Honors Program for completing the **“Honors First Year Experience.”**

Year 2 First Semester

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- Honors Upper Division Electives include: HON 395 Special Topics, HON 492 Internship or Study Abroad, Any Departmental 492 internship course, any practicum, field experience, clinical or student teaching course, any study abroad/international student exchange, and many research based courses such as PSY201, SOC381, CHEM499, etc. (see list of courses in the catalog).
- The Upper Division Electives (6 credits total – which can be one 6+ credit hour option, or multiple options that equal 6 credits, such as two 3 credit options) can be completed ANYTIME during the student’s program and are not pre-requisites to begin the capstone.
- This Upper Division Elective may be done later in the student’s plan if the major requires a full schedule of pre-requisites or other requirements, and the elective would fit better later in the student’s plan. Some Honors students are fine to enroll in 18 credit hours, and that is a conversation that the advisor should have with each individual student. If a student has a strong GPA and feels comfortable with an 18-credit hour load, based on work load or other factors, then that option can be successful.

Year 2 Second Semester

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

NOTE: See above for timing and specifics on the electives.

Year 3 First Semester

COURSE HON351 – 1 credit

COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

- Students should, in most cases, enroll in these two courses together.
- Students who are in the McNair Scholars Program will complete LIB251 in Summer term between Year 2/3 and will complete UNIV431 in lieu of HON351. See McNair Scholars Degree Planner advisor sheets.

Year 3 Second Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- Students may complete their Honors Capstone through 2 or 3 credits of HON451 or a combination of credit hours from their major discipline-based senior capstones/senior research courses. The HON451 course is variable credit hour and may be spread over multiple semesters or condensed into a single semester depending on the needs of the student and their program timeline.
- The HON451 course is the Honors Capstone/Thesis course, and the student will be working mostly independently, similar to a Directed Studies course, on the project with regular meetings with their Capstone Advisor and the HON451 instructor.
- SEE LIST OF HONORS APPROVED discipline-based capstone courses.
- Advisors do NOT need to input both HON451 and a discipline-based capstone course in the Degree Planner if the student will be completing their capstone through the discipline. However, that decision may not be made until the junior year begins, and the student has had more time to determine what type of capstone they would like to complete.

- Students do NOT need to complete a capstone in their major discipline. (For example, we have had natural sciences students complete creative writing projects and humanities students complete applied leadership projects, and theater students complete psychology-based research projects.)
- Students may complete a 3rd credit hour of HON451, which is recommended if they have room in their program.
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans can contact the Honors Director, Loree Crow, at loree.crow@unco.edu or the Schulze Faculty Chair for Honors, currently corinne.wieben@unco.edu.
- The default template should be 1 credit of HON451 over two semesters.

Year 4 First Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- See above for information on this course and requirement.

Year 4 Second Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit (if the 2nd credit has not yet been completed, or if the student needs or wants a 3rd credit hour of HON451)

- See above for information on this course and requirement.
- **Education majors:** Students who will be completing student teaching should not include this final credit of HON451 in their final semester and should complete their required 2 credits at least the semester prior to their final student teaching semester. Although students may complete a final credit of HON451 during their student teaching, in certain circumstances.

GPA Overall Degree Works GPA = 3.0

Non-Course Honors Capstone – Student must complete and present their Capstone by the end of the semester of their final semester in order to graduate with Honors Program distinction.

Non-Course Honors Connect –co-curricular component required to complete Honors Program.

Honors Students who complete the above curriculum with a 3.0 UNC GPA will receive designation on their transcript and diploma and be recognized by the Honors Program for completing **“University Honors.”**

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AT FRESHMEN LEVEL**

- NOTE: Based on student entering Spring Semester of Freshmen year with 7 semesters to complete degree. Adjust the plan as needed for other situations.

First Semester

PLACEHOLDER Honors Lower Division Elective – 3 credits

Second Semester

⇒ **If student is in a program with university-wide electives:**

PLACEHOLDER Honors Lower Division Elective – 3 credits

⇒ **If student is in a program without university-wide electives, but needs these LAC areas, you may input this CHOICE rather than the PLACEHOLDER.**

CHOICE HON180(LAA2/AH2) or HON182(LAA2/AH2) or HON185(LAA3/AH3) – 3 credits

Third Semester

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- Honors Upper Division Electives include: HON 395 Special Topics, HON 492 Internship or Study Abroad, Any Departmental 492 internship course, any practicum, field experience, clinical or student teaching course, any study abroad/international student exchange, and many research based courses such as PSY201, SOC381, CHEM499, etc. (see list of courses in the catalog).
- The Upper Division Electives are 6 credits total – which can be one 6+ credit hour option (such as a 6-credit internship or student teaching), or multiple options that equal 6 credits (such as two 3 credit courses) and can be completed ANYTIME during the student's program.
- This Upper Division Elective may be done later in the student's plan if the major requires a full schedule of prerequisites or other requirements that need to happen earlier in the student's schedule, and therefore the Honors Elective would fit better later in the student's plan.
- Some Honors students find that the best option is to enroll in 18 credit hours, and that is a conversation that the advisor should have with the individual student. If a student has a high GPA and feels comfortable with an 18-credit hour load, then the elective may be included as an 18-credit load.

Fourth Semester

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

NOTE: See above for timing and specifics on the electives.

Fifth Semester

COURSE HON351 – 1 credit

COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

- Students should, in most cases, enroll in these two classes together.
- Students who are in the McNair Scholars Program will complete LIB251 in Summer term between Year 2/3, and will complete UNIV431 in lieu of HON351. See McNair Scholars Degree Planner advisor sheets (coming soon!).

Sixth Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

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- The HON451 course is the Honors Capstone/Thesis course, and the student will be working mostly independently, similar to a Directed Studies course, on the project with regular meetings with the Capstone Advisor and the HON451 instructor.
- SEE LIST OF HONORS APPROVED discipline-based capstone courses.
- Advisors do NOT need to input both HON451 and a discipline-based course in the Degree planner if the student will be completing their capstone through the discipline. However, that may not be known until the junior year begins, and they have had more time to determine what type of capstone they would like to complete.
- Students do NOT need to complete a capstone in their major discipline. (For example, we have had Natural Sciences students complete creative writing projects and Humanities students complete applied leadership type projects, and theater students complete psychology-based research projects.)
- Students may complete a 3rd credit hour of HON451 (recommended if they have room in their program).
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans can contact the Honors Director, Loree Crow, at loree.crow@unco.edu or the Schulze Faculty Chair for Honors, currently corinne.wieben@unco.edu.
- The default template should be 1 credit of HON451 over two semesters.

Seventh or Last Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- See above for information on this course and requirement.
- **Sec Ed/Elem Ed/Special Ed/ECE:** Students who will be completing student teaching should not include this final credit of HON451 in their final semester and should complete their required 2 credits at least the semester prior to their final student teaching semester.

Load in final semester:

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First Semester in Honors

⇒ **If student is in a program with university-wide electives:**

PLACEHOLDER Honors **Lower** Division Elective – 3 credits

OR

⇒ **If student is in a program without university-wide electives, but needs these LAC areas, you may input this CHOICE rather than the PLACEHOLDER.**

CHOICE HON180(LAA2/AH2) or HON182(LAA2/AH2) or HON185(LAA3/AH3) – 3 credits

OR

⇒ **If student is in a program without university-wide electives, and does not need any of the AH2 or AH3 LACs, use the Upper Division PLACEHOLDER option:**

PLACEHOLDER Honors **Upper** Division Elective – 3 credits

- Honors students entering Honors Program as transfer students or Current UNC students after their first semester must complete 12 credit hours of Honors Electives, which can be completed as:
 - 12 credits of all Upper Division or
 - UP to 6 credits of Lower Division Electives.
 - Some of the Lower Division Electives are approved as LAC courses.
 - A single 12 credit hour Upper Division Elective could be used to meet this requirement, such as a 12 credit hour student teaching course or internship.
 - However, in Honors we don't always recommend the MINIMUM path through a curriculum. Honors students should be encouraged to explore other Honors course options as well, as long as their program and financial situations allows.
- If the student would be better served with Honors coursework that can double count toward their major credit hours, use the Upper Division Elective options.
- Honors Upper Division Electives options include: HON 395 Special Topics, HON 492 Internship or Study Abroad, Any Departmental 492 internship course, any practicum, field experience, clinical or student teaching course, any study abroad/international student exchange, and many research based courses such as PSY201, SOC381, CHEM499, etc. (see list of courses in the catalog).
- This Upper Division Elective may be done later in the student's plan if the major requires a full schedule of prerequisites or other requirements that need to happen earlier in the student's schedule, and therefore the Honors Elective would fit better later in the student's

plan.

- Some Honors students find that the best option is to enroll in 18 credit hours, and that is a conversation that the advisor should have with the individual student. If a student has a high GPA and feels comfortable with an 18-credit hour load, then the elective may be included as an 18-credit load.

Second Semester In Honors

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

NOTE: See above for timing and specifics on the electives.

Third Semester in Honors

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- NOTE: The 3rd Upper Division Elective may be included in another semester, or if a student is going to use an Upper Division Elective that is 6 or more credits in a semester, then load that information in the correct semester, and this placeholder may not be needed.

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COURSE HON351 – 1 credit

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COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

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Fourth Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

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- Advisors do NOT need to input both HON451 and a discipline-based course in the Degree planner if the student will be completing their capstone through the discipline. However, that may not be known until the junior year begins, and they have had more time to determine what type of capstone they would like to complete.
- Students do NOT need to complete a capstone in their major discipline. (For example, we have had Natural Sciences students complete creative writing projects and Humanities students complete applied leadership type projects, and theater students complete psychology-based research projects.)

- Students may complete a 3rd credit hour of HON451 (recommended if they have room in their program).
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans can contact the Honors Director, Loree Crow, at loree.crow@unco.edu or the Schulze Faculty Chair for Honors, currently corinne.wieben@unco.edu.
- The default template should be 1 credit of HON451 over two semesters.

Fifth Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- See above for information on this course and requirement.

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- NOTE: The 4th Upper Division Elective may be included in another semester, or if a student is going to use an Upper Division Elective that is 6 or more credits in a semester, then load that information in the correct semester, and this placeholder may not be needed.

Sixth Semester (if needed)

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit (if the 2nd credit has not yet been completed, or if the student needs or wants a 3rd credit hour of HON451)

- See above for information on this course and requirement.
- **Sec Ed/Elem Ed/Special Ed/ECE:** Students who will be completing student teaching should not include this final credit of HON451 in their final semester and should complete their required 2 credits at least the semester prior to their final student teaching semester.

Load in final semester:

GPA Overall Degree Works GPA = 3.0

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Non-Course Honors Capstone – Student must complete and present their Capstone by the end of the semester of their final semester in order to graduate with Honors Program distinction.

Non-Course Honors Connect –co-curricular component required to complete Honors Program.

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AT JUNIOR LEVEL**

First Semester in Honors

COURSE HON351 – 1 credit

AND

COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

- Students should, in most cases, enroll in these two classes together.
- Students who are in the McNair Scholars Program will complete LIB251 in Summer term between Year 2/3, and will complete UNIV431 in lieu of HON351. See McNair Scholars Degree Planner advisor sheets (coming soon!).

AND

PLACEHOLDER Honors **Upper** Division Elective – 3 credits

OR

CHOICE HON180(LAA2/AH2) or HON182(LAA2/AH2) or HON185(LAA3/AH3) – 3 credits

- Honors students entering Honors Program as transfer students or Current UNC students after their first semester must complete 12 credit hours of Honors Electives, which can be completed as:
 - 12 credits of all Upper Division or
 - UP to 6 credits of Lower Division Electives.
 - Some of the Lower Division Electives are approved as LAC courses.
 - A single 12 credit hour Upper Division Elective could be used to meet this requirement, such as a 12 credit hour student teaching course or internship.
 - However, in Honors we don't always recommend the MINIMUM path through a curriculum. Honors students should be encouraged to explore other Honors course options as well, as long as their program and financial situations allows.
- If the student would be better served with Honors coursework that can double count toward their major credit hours, use the Upper Division Elective options.
- Honors Upper Division Electives options include: HON 395 Special Topics, HON 492 Internship or Study Abroad, Any Departmental 492 internship course, any practicum, field experience, clinical or student teaching course, any study abroad/international student exchange, and many research based courses such as PSY201, SOC381, CHEM499, etc. (see list of courses in the catalog).
- This Upper Division Elective may be done later in the student's plan if the major requires a full schedule of prerequisites or other requirements that need to happen earlier in the student's schedule, and therefore the Honors Elective would fit better later in the student's plan.
- Some Honors students find that the best option is to enroll in 18 credit hours, and that is a conversation that the advisor should have with the individual student. If a student has a high GPA and feels comfortable with an 18-credit hour load, then the elective may be included as an 18-credit load.

Second Semester in Honors

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- NOTE: The 2nd Upper Division Elective may be included in another semester, or if a student is going to use an Upper Division Elective that is 6 or more credits in a semester, then load that information in the correct semester, and this placeholder may not be needed.

AND

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

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- SEE LIST OF HONORS APPROVED discipline-based capstone courses.
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- Students do NOT need to complete a capstone in their major discipline. (For example, we have had Natural Sciences students complete creative writing projects and Humanities students complete applied leadership type projects, and theater students complete psychology-based research projects.)
- Students may complete a 3rd credit hour of HON451 (recommended if they have room in their program).
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans can contact the Honors Director, Loree Crow, at loree.crow@unco.edu or the Schulze Faculty Chair for Honors, currently corinne.wieben@unco.edu.
- The default template should be 1 credit of HON451 over two semesters.

Third Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- See above for information on this course and requirement.

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- NOTE: The 3rd Upper Division Elective may be included in another semester, or if a student is going to use an Upper Division Elective that is 6 or more credits in a semester, then load that information in the correct semester, and this placeholder may not be needed.

Fourth Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit (if the 2nd credit is not completed prior, or if the student needs or wants a 3rd credit hour of HON451)

- See above for information on this course and requirement.
- **Sec Ed/Elem Ed/Special Ed/ECE:** Students who will be completing student teaching should not include this final credit of HON451 in their final semester and should complete their required 2 credits at least the semester prior to their final student teaching semester.

Load in final semester:

GPA Overall Degree Works GPA = 3.0

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Non-Course Honors Capstone – Student must complete and present their Capstone by the end of the semester of their final semester in order to graduate with Honors Program distinction.

Non-Course Honors Connect –co-curricular component required to complete Honors Program.

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**FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS and CURRENT UNC STUDENTS
ENTERING UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM
AT SENIOR LEVEL**

- NOTE: Seniors should only enter **University Honors Program** if they have 3 or more semesters left to complete their degree.
- **Seniors with two semesters left** - should enter the **Honors Capstone Experience** Program. The review for acceptance into the Honors Capstone Experience Program is more rigorous due to the significant challenge in completing an Honors Capstone with less of the preparation time. However, many students are ready for this challenge and are accepted into the Capstone Program with great success stories.
- **Seniors with 3 semesters** – Will generally be able to complete **Honors Capstone Experience** rather than the full University Honors Program.
- Please ask the student to contact honors@unco.edu if you or the student believes that they should be in Honors Capstone Experience instead of the Full University Honors Program.
- This plan is for Seniors entering University Honors Program to complete all 16 credits in a minimum of 3 semesters.

First Semester in Honors

COURSE HON351 – 1 credit

AND

COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

- Students should, in most cases, enroll in these two classes together.
- Students who are in the McNair Scholars Program will complete LIB251 in Summer term between Year 2/3, and will complete UNIV431 in lieu of HON351. See McNair Scholars Degree Planner advisor sheets (coming soon!).

AND

PLACEHOLDER Honors **Upper** Division Elective – 3 credits

- Honors students entering Honors Program as transfer students or Current UNC students after their first semester, must complete 12 credit hours of Honors Electives, which can be completed as:
 - 12 credits of all Upper Division or
 - UP to 6 credits of Lower Division Electives.
 - Some of the Lower Division Electives are approved as LAC courses.
 - A single 12 credit hour Upper Division Elective could be used to meet this requirement, such as a 12 credit hour student teaching course or internship.
 - However, in Honors we don't always recommend the MINIMUM path through a curriculum. Honors students should be encouraged to explore other Honors course options as well, as long as their program and financial situations allows.

- If the student would be better served with Honors coursework that can double count toward their major credit hours, use the Upper Division Elective options.
- Honors Upper Division Electives options include: HON 395 Special Topics, HON 492 Internship or Study Abroad, Any Departmental 492 internship course, any practicum, field experience, clinical or student teaching course, any study abroad/international student exchange, and many research based courses such as PSY201, SOC381, CHEM499, etc. (see list of courses in the catalog).
- This Upper Division Elective may be done later in the student's plan if the major requires a full schedule of prerequisites or other requirements that need to happen earlier in the student's schedule, and therefore the Honors Elective would fit better later in the student's plan.
- Some Honors students find that the best option is to enroll in 18 credit hours, and that is a conversation that the advisor should have with the individual student. If a student has a high GPA and feels comfortable with an 18-credit hour load, then the elective may be included as an 18-credit load.

Second Semester in Honors

PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 6 credits

- NOTE: The 2nd Upper Division Elective may be included in another semester, or if a student is going to use an Upper Division Elective that is 6 or more credits in a semester, then load that information in the correct semester, and this placeholder may not be needed.

AND

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- Students may complete their Honors Capstone through 2 or 3 credits of HON451 or a combination of credit hours from their major discipline-based senior capstones/senior research courses. The HON451 course is variable credit hour and may be spread over multiple semesters or condensed into a single semester depending on the needs of the student and their program timeline.
- The HON451 course is the Honors Capstone/Thesis course, and the student will be working mostly independently, similar to a Directed Studies course, on the project with regular meetings with the Capstone Advisor and the HON451 instructor.
- SEE LIST OF HONORS APPROVED discipline-based capstone courses.
- Advisors do NOT need to input both HON451 and a discipline-based course in the Degree planner if the student will be completing their capstone through the discipline. However, that may not be known until the junior year begins, and they have had more time to determine what type of capstone they would like to complete.
- Students do NOT need to complete a capstone in their major discipline. (For example, we have had Natural Sciences students complete creative writing projects and Humanities students complete applied leadership type projects, and theater students complete psychology-based research projects.)
- Students may complete a 3rd credit hour of HON451 (recommended if they have room in their program).
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans can contact the Honors Director, Loree Crow, at loreecrow@unco.edu or the Schulze Faculty Chair for Honors, currently corinne.wieben@unco.edu.
- The default template should be 1 credit of HON451 over two semesters.

Third Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- See above for information on this course and requirement.
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PLACEHOLDER Honors Upper Division Elective – 3 credits

- NOTE: This Upper Division Elective may be included in another semester, or if a student is going to use an Upper Division Elective that is 6 or more credits in a semester, then load that information in the correct semester, and this placeholder may not be needed.
- NOTE: if the student has another semester – you may move either HON451 and/or Upper Division Elective to the 4th semester.

Load in final semester:

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Non-Course Honors Connect –co-curricular component required to complete Honors Program.

**UNC DEGREE PLANNER INSTRUCTIONS FOR
HONORS CAPSTONE-ONLY EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
Catalog Years Fall 2023 +**

**FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS and CURRENT UNC STUDENTS
ENTERING CAPSTONE ONLY HONORS EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
AT JUNIOR or SENIOR LEVEL**

- Students should apply to the Honors Capstone Experience during their junior year OR senior year if they have at least two FULL academic semesters before they will graduate.
- Students who are freshmen or sophomores should apply to the University Honors Program instead. Juniors should discuss with their advisors and the Honors Program advisors whether the University Honors Program or the Honors Capstone-Only Experience is a better fit their program planning.
- The capstone program requires 4 credit hours of coursework at an advanced and relatively independent level.
- Students may complete the capstone through a discipline-based project (research, creative or applied) related to their major, and if their major includes a senior capstone course, may combine their Honors capstone with their discipline-based capstone or senior level research project with approval from the Schulze Chair for Honors and their Honors capstone advisor.
- Students may alternatively complete a project that is not strictly discipline-based, such as
 - A creative project (performing or visual arts, creative writing, other creative work).
 - An applied project (such as a business plan, program development, curriculum plan, a non-profit based project or plan, a community-based capacity building project, etc.).
 - An interdisciplinary project (research, creative, applied, other).
 - A research project outside of their discipline (not all disciplines allow for outside majors to work on research due to the nature of that discipline and required knowledge and skills).

First Semester

COURSE HON351 – 1 credit

COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

- Students should, in most cases, enroll in these two classes together.
- Students who are in the McNair Scholars Program will complete LIB251 in Summer term between Year 2/3, and will complete UNIV431 in lieu of HON351. See McNair Scholars Degree Planner advisor sheets (coming soon!).

Second Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- Students may complete their Honors Capstone through 2 or 3 credits of HON451 or a combination of credit hours from their major discipline-based senior capstones/senior research courses. The HON451 course is variable credit hour and may be spread over multiple semesters or condensed into a single semester depending on the needs of the student and their program timeline.
- The HON451 course is the Honors Capstone/Thesis course, and the student will be working mostly independently, similar to a Directed Studies course, on the project with

regular meetings with the Capstone Advisor and the HON451 instructor.

- SEE LIST OF HONORS APPROVED discipline-based capstone courses.
- Advisors do NOT need to input both HON451 and a discipline-based course in the Degree planner if the student will be completing their capstone through the discipline. However, that may not be known until the junior year begins, and they have had more time to determine what type of capstone they would like to complete.
- Students do NOT need to complete a capstone in their major discipline. (For example, we have had Natural Sciences students complete creative writing projects and Humanities students complete applied leadership type projects, and theater students complete psychology-based research projects.)
- Students may complete a 3rd credit hour of HON451 (recommended if they have room in their program).
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans can contact the Honors Director, Loree Crow, at loree.crow@unco.edu or the Schulze Faculty Chair for Honors, currently corinne.wieben@unco.edu.
- The default template should be 1 credit of HON451 over two semesters.

Third Semester

COURSE HON451 – 1 credit

- See above for information on this course and requirement.
- **Sec Ed/Elem Ed/Special Ed/ECE:** Students who will be completing student teaching should not include this final credit of HON451 in their final semester and should complete their required 2 credits at least one semester prior to their final student teaching semester.

Load in final semester:

GPA Overall Degree Works GPA = 3.0

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Non-Course Honors Connect –co-curricular component required to complete Honors Program.

**UNC DEGREE PLANNER INSTRUCTIONS FOR
MC NAIR SCHOLARS
HONORS CAPSTONE-ONLY EXPERIENCE
Catalog Years Fall 2023 +**

**FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS and CURRENT UNC STUDENTS
BEGINNING IN McNAIR SCHOLARS
AT JUNIOR or SENIOR LEVEL**

- **The McNair Scholars Research Program** is a federal TRIO program designed to provide undergraduate students with effective preparation for graduate-level study through research and scholarly activities, summer internships, seminars and workshops, mentoring, and assistance with graduate school admission processes.
 - McNair Scholars must be either first-generation college students with financial need and/or members of a group traditionally underrepresented in graduate education and have an interest in pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees.
 - **The McNair Scholars Program is a pathway through the Honors Program.**
 - Students should apply to the McNair Scholars Program during the second semester of their sophomore year, and if accepted, will begin the program in the summer between the sophomore and junior years.
 - Some highly qualified applicants may be accepted into a ‘fast-track’ of the McNair Scholars program to begin in the summer between the junior and senior years.
 - The application process is highly competitive.
 - Scholars receive stipends and scholarships to assist in supporting them while they complete the additional coursework required for the program.
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- McNair Scholars have Degree Works sections for BOTH McNair Scholars specific coursework and for either the Honors Capstone Experience Program or the University Honors Program. The decision as to which Honors Program the McNair Scholar participates in is based on their unique circumstances. Most McNair Scholars will complete the Honors Capstone Experience.
 - McNair Scholars complete research projects, and if their major includes a research-based senior capstone course, may combine their Honors capstone with their discipline-based capstone with approval from the Schulze Chair for Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies and the McNair Scholars Director.
 - A research project outside of the student’s major is sometimes approved if the student’s Graduate School or Professional School path makes such a choice reasonable and is chosen in consultation with the Schulze Chair for Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies and the McNair Scholars Director.

Year 1 SUMMER Semester

COURSE UNIV431 – 2 credits

COURSE LIB251 – 1 credit

- Summer semester between sophomore & junior years.

Year 1 Fall Semester (junior year)

COURSE UNIV432 – 2 credits

Year 1 Spring Semester (junior year)

COURSE HON451 – 2 credits

- McNair Scholars may sometimes use a senior capstone in their major in lieu of 1 credit of HON451. The 2nd credit of HON451 is a cohort-based course and is required for McNair Scholars.
- Advisors who are unsure of how the student should best fit the capstone credit hours into the plans should contact the McNair Director, Krista Cauffman krista.cauffman@unco.edu.

Year 2 Fall Semester (senior year)

COURSE UNIV433 – 1 credit

Load in final semester:

- Students who complete the above curriculum with a 3.0 UNC GPA will receive designation on their transcript and diploma and be recognized by the Honors Program for completing **“Honors Capstone”**
- McNair Scholars do not need to obtain a 3.0 GPA to complete McNair Scholars, and may receive McNair Scholar completion even if they do not receive the final Honors distinction.

Non-Course Honors Capstone – Student must complete and present their Capstone by the end of the semester of their final semester in order to graduate with Honors Program distinction.

Non-Course Honors Connect –co-curricular component required to complete Honors Program.