

# Welcome to the Honors College

The [IUPUI Honors College](#) supports and challenges high-ability students from diverse backgrounds and all academic disciplines through innovative curricular and co-curricular experiences. Dynamic faculty and dedicated staff prepare honors scholars to communicate effectively, solve problems, and make a difference in their communities.

The IUPUI Honors College provides scholarships, honors housing, student organizations, an honors curriculum and advising, international activities, research opportunities, leadership activities, and the experience of belonging to a community of scholars.

Motivated and creative honors students work together—and challenge each other—to make an impact on the IUPUI campus, the Indianapolis community, and the world. The college is a close-knit community with high expectations and boundless opportunities. Students will find meaning and discovery in and outside of the classroom, preparing them for a lifetime of learning and engagement.

Honors scholars are encouraged to engage in the following learning activities to prepare them to make an impact:

- Engage in cutting-edge research
- Explore their world as global citizens
- Offer their time and energy in service to others
- Seek out real-world work experiences in their fields

## Contact Information

Please visit the [IUPUI Honors College website](#) and [the staff directory](#) for current contact information.

## Location

The [IUPUI Honors College](#) space in the lower level of University Library is designed to accommodate honors scholars and staff. Interactive technology provides collaborative study space as well as individual study space. Sustainable design features promote energy conservation and recycling.

## Overview

The [IUPUI Honors College](#) is a beacon of academic excellence, inspiring an enduring spirit of inquiry and discovery. Our promise is a transformative Honors College experience that is challenging, engaging, meaningful, relevant, and one that builds a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning and engagement.

## Honors Advising

Advising is an integral part of the [IUPUI Honors College](#). Honors advising complements the academic advising that students receive from their advisors in their academic schools. Honors advisors help ensure that honors scholars meet the requirements of the IUPUI Honors College and their scholarships and offer career advising, programming for co-curricular activities, and professional and personal development. During the first year, honors advisors focus on developing strong relationships with students by

providing time for individual meetings and developing a working four-year plan for each student.

As students move forward in their degrees, honors advisors continually challenge them to intentionally plan their college experience by engaging in all types of opportunities—research, study abroad, service, and experiential endeavors—in addition to student involvement and leadership opportunities that will enhance their degrees and lead to greater career opportunities. Honors advisors also serve as career advisors by helping students prepare for their plans after graduation, whether it is employment, service, or graduate/professional school.

## Admission and Academic Policies

The [IUPUI Honors College](#) is open to specific scholarship cohorts of incoming freshmen for every major offered at IUPUI. Incoming freshmen who have completed a rigorous program of study in high school, maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better, and have an ACT composite score of 28 or an SAT critical reading and math combined score of 1310 or higher are encouraged to apply for admission to the IUPUI Honors College through one of the competitive scholarship programs: Bepko Scholars and Fellows, Adam W. Herbert Presidential Scholars, Plater International Scholars, and Chancellor's Scholars.

The IUPUI Honors College is highly selective. Students who do not meet the test scores listed above may still apply; additional application materials will be required. For details about these awards and information on the application process, visit the [IUPUI Honors College website](#). The application deadline for these scholarships is November 15.

The IUPUI Honors College holds orientation for incoming freshmen in June. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the IUPUI Honors College and requirements, meet with their honors advisors as well as their school advisors, get to know other honors scholars, and register for classes for the upcoming semester.

All IUPUI Honors College scholars are required to complete one honors course or experience every fall and spring semester. They may take no more than 6 credit hours (two courses) of honors work each semester. Scholars are required to complete a total of 24 honors credits with a minimum honors and cumulative GPA of 3.3 to graduate with honors.

IUPUI Honors College scholars who are admitted as incoming freshmen on an IUPUI Honors College scholarship are also required to complete a minimum number of documented volunteer hours each academic year.

Continuing and transfer students may be admitted to the IUPUI Honors College through admission to their school honors program. Admission must be granted no later than the beginning of the junior year to have ample time to complete the 24 hours of honors coursework required for graduation with honors. The IUPUI Honors College holds an orientation session in late August for all IUPUI Honors College scholars who are entering the college through an academic school's honors program.

Scholars who meet all of the requirements to graduate with honors at the end of their senior year are invited to attend the IUPUI Honors College graduation celebration where they will receive honors cords and a medallion to wear at commencement.

## Academic Standing

The philosophy underlying academic probation and the academic contract is one of support for the scholars to return to good standing. The honors advisor serves as a resource for scholars to succeed in both the [IUPUI Honors College](#) and the university as a whole.

The following policies apply to all students who are admitted to the IUPUI Honors College as incoming freshmen as a Bepko Scholar and Fellow, Adam W. Herbert Presidential Scholar, Plater International Scholar, or Chancellor's Scholar. Students admitted to the IUPUI Honors College through admission to their school honors program will follow their school's policies.

- Honors College scholars who do not maintain the minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 in coursework taken for honors credit will be placed on warning until the requirement is met.
- Honors College scholars who are not first-year students and whose semester GPA falls below 3.3 will be placed on academic probation and will be required to meet with an Honors College advisor to develop an academic contract for the next semester. Any non-first-year Honors College scholars whose GPA is below 3.3 for two consecutive semesters and whose cumulative GPA is below 3.3 will have their scholarships revoked.
- First-year scholars whose first-semester GPA is below 2.0 will have their scholarships revoked at the end of the first semester.
- A first-year scholar whose first-semester GPA is below 3.3 will be placed on academic probation. If the student's second-semester GPA is again below 3.3 but the cumulative GPA is above 3.0, the student will remain on probation. If the student's third-semester GPA is again below 3.3, the student's scholarship will be revoked.
- First-year scholars who have two consecutive semesters below a 3.3 and a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will have their scholarships revoked at the end of the first year.
- Failure to attend required advising meetings may result in scholarship revocation.
- A review of volunteer hours will occur every May. Scholars who do not meet the minimum volunteer requirement for their scholarship will be placed on Honors College probation. Failure to meet the volunteer requirements for two consecutive semesters will result in scholarship revocation.
- Honors scholars who complete less than 12 credit hours during a regular semester will be placed on probation. Failure to complete 12 or more credit hours in two consecutive semesters will result in scholarship revocation.
- Scholars on probation or warning are required to meet with their Honors College advisor and sign a contract regarding their status with the college. Violation of the contract will result in revocation of the student's honors scholarship and status.

- If scholars do not meet with their honors advisor regarding their probation or warning status, their scholarships will be revoked.

## Honors Credit

Students have the following options for earning honors credit: complete an honors course; complete an honors contract; engage in research, independent study, or an experiential endeavor such as an internship; or take a graduate course as an undergraduate student. In addition, students may receive honors credit for participating in a credit-approved study abroad experience; the [IUPUI Honors College](#) provides a one-time stipend to all Honors College scholars who choose to study abroad for credit. Students must complete and submit the appropriate online application on the Honors College website to earn honors credit for all options other than an honors course. All students must contact the Honors College director of academic affairs to obtain authorization to register for an honors course with the exception of business and chemistry courses. Students should contact the appropriate school or department to request authorization for those courses.

**Honors courses** are offered with limited enrollment and are designed specifically for honors students to facilitate more substantive interaction between students and faculty members. Course offerings vary from semester to semester. A current list of available courses may be found on the Honors College website and Canvas site.

**Honors contracts** may be completed by an honors scholar and his or her professor to create a special honors section for a regular course. The honors contract, the most common method for earning honors credit, enables qualified students to engage in honors work in regular courses by working with the faculty member to create a special honors project. The student who enters into an honors contract with a faculty member will engage in work beyond what is required for a regular undergraduate course, and the course will be designated as taken for honors credit on the student's transcript. Honors credit forms must be submitted to the Honors College no later than the end of the third week of classes during fall and spring semesters and by the end of the first week of classes during summer sessions.

For more information about all of the options for earning honors credit each semester, please visit the [IUPUI Honors College website](#).

Current IUPUI students who are not in the Honors College but have at least a 3.5 GPA may be allowed to complete an honors course or experience with permission from the Honors College. However, only students admitted to the Honors College are eligible to graduate with honors. Interested students should discuss this option with their academic advisors and then contact the Honors College director of academic affairs for authorization prior to registration.

## Honors Housing

When students choose to live in an [Honors Residential-Based Learning Community](#), they are living among students who are goal oriented and academically charged. They can also take advantage of unique events and leadership opportunities year-round, organized by a

specific honors council for their community. The resident assistants in both of our communities are upper-class honors students who are available to act as mentors and guides.

First-year scholars live in University Tower in double or triple rooms with attached bathrooms, air conditioning, and contemporary furnishings. The Tower features a traditional dining center, fitness center, lounge areas, and resident computer lab. There is also an Honors Lounge for students residing in the honors community. A student must be an incoming member of the IUPUI Honors College to be eligible for this community.

Upper-class honors students reside in the IUPUI Riverwalk Apartments Honors House, which is open to scholars after completing their first year. Each scholar in this community has a private bedroom within a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment. This Honors Residential Community has an Honors Lounge and a community room for studying and social or academic events.

## Overview

### Honors College Student Council

The Honors College Student Council is the student voice for all honors scholars. It connects and supports the development of [IUPUI Honors College](#) student organizations to develop a collaborative community of students in the IUPUI Honors College. Executive officer positions, class representatives, and honors student organization representatives comprise the general assembly and working body of the student council.

### Honors Tower Council

The Honors Tower Council provides opportunities for first-year students living in the honors residential community at University Tower to practice leadership skills among their peers. The Honors Tower Council designs and promotes community building and educational events and helps connect residential students to the Honors College community and the campus community at large.

### Honors Housing Council

The Honors Housing Council provides leadership opportunities and serves students living in the honors section of the Riverwalk Apartments. The Honors Housing Council facilitates community building and educational and social events for students living in the honors apartments. The Honors College maintains an on-site office for resident assistants to provide support for honors residents.

### Honors Adventure Club

The Honors Adventure Club (HAC) takes students out of the classroom to explore exciting activities around Indianapolis. The HAC is a student-run organization designed to provide honors students opportunities to participate in low-cost and free events such as skating, hiking, the Escape Room, SkyZone, Climb Time Indy, and much more!

### Honors Arts and Culture Society

The Honors Arts and Culture Society coordinates adventures to explore the diverse cultural experiences Indianapolis has to offer. Museum visits, international cuisine, symphony performances, and cultural festivals are

some of the activities offered by the society. This group is open to all students.

### Academics for Civic Engagement (ACE)

The mission of Academics for Civic Engagement is to provide leadership and to inspire action in the area of volunteerism for the IUPUI Honors College. ACE partners with organizations in the Indianapolis community to plan monthly service opportunities. Participation in ACE is open to all honors scholars, and leadership opportunities are available.

## Honors College Courses

For current information about all of the options for earning honors credit each semester, please visit the [IUPUI Honors College website](#) or Canvas site.

### American Studies

**AMST-A 341 Organizing for Social Action (3 cr.)**

### Biology

**BIOL-K 102 Honors Concepts of Biology I (5 cr.)**

**BIOL-S 323 Honors Genetics and Molecular Biology Lab (2 cr.)**

### Business

**BUS-A 100 Basic Accounting Skills (1 cr.)**

**BUS-A 204 Introduction to Financial Accounting: Honors (3 cr.)**

**BUS-F 374 Honors Finance: Integrated Experience (3 cr.)**

**BUS-J 402 Administrative Policy: Honors (3 cr.)**

**BUS-L 204 Commercial Law I: Honors (3 cr.)**

**BUS-M 374 Honors Marketing: Integrated Experience (3 cr.)**

**BUS-P 374 Honors Operations and Supply Chain Management: Integrated Experience (3 cr.)**

**BUS-W 494 Herman B Wells Seminar in Leadership (3 cr.)**

**BUS-X 103 Learning Communities (1-2 cr.)**

**BUS-X 105 Business Administration Introduction: Honors (3 cr.)**

**BUS-X 293 Honors Seminar in Business (1 cr.)**

**BUS-X 393 Honors Writing Experience (1 cr.)**

**BUS-Z 374 Honors Team Dynamics and Leadership: Integrated Experience (3 cr.)**

### Chemistry

**CHEM-C 105 Principles of Chemistry I (3 cr.)**

**CHEM-C 496 Special Topics in Chemistry (0-1 cr.)**

**CHEM-S 125 Honors Experimental Chemistry I (2 cr.)**

**CHEM-S 126 Honors Experimental Chemistry II (2 cr.)**

### Communications

**COMM-G 390 Honors (3 cr.)**

**COMM-R 110 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3 cr.)**

**Economics**

ECON-E 307 Current Economic Issues (3 cr.)

ECON-S 201 Introduction to Microeconomics: Honors  
(3 cr.)

**Education**

EDUC-F 400 Honors Seminar (1 cr.)

**English**

ENG-W 140 Reading, Writing, and Inquiry I-Honors  
(3 cr.)

**Honors**

HON-H 499 Honors Senior Thesis (1-6 cr.)

**Journalism**

JOUR-J 499 Honors Research in Journalism (1-3 cr.)

**Math**

MATH-S 165 Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus I  
(4 cr.)

MATH-S 261 Honors Multivariate Calculus (4 cr.)

**Nursing**

NURS-H 370 Nursing Honors Research Internship I  
(3 cr.)

NURS-H 498 Nursing Honors Colloquium (1-2 cr.)

**Organizational Leadership and Supervision**

OLS 39000 Leadership: Theories/Processes (3 cr.)

**Physics**

PHYS 15250 Honors Mechanics Seminar (1 cr.)

**Psychology**

PSY-B 110 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)

PSY-B 201 Foundations of Neuroscience (3 cr.)

PSY-B 499 Capstone Honors Research (1-6 cr.)

**Science**

SCI-I 120 Windows on Science (1 cr.)

**Sociology**

SOC-R 100 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)

**SPEA**

SPEA-V 391 Honors Readings in Public and Envir  
Affairs (1-3 cr.)

SPEA-V 491 Honors Research in Public and Envir  
Affairs (1-3 cr.)

SPEA-V 499 Honors Thesis (3 cr.)