

A Comparative Look at the Three Honors Types

Based on the 2013 – present handbook

University Honors	Departmental Honors	Highest Honors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Honors credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 in General Education • 3 within Major or Minor • 3 within Major, Minor or General Education • 40 community service hours • 2 Honors experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership/Civic Engagement • Cultural/Intellectual • Attend 3 star lectures in one academic year • Attend the Undergraduate Research/Creative Project Workshop • Maintain 3.3 GPA <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>Students typically pursuing this type have at least six General Education courses remaining to complete, and at least one more year before they graduate. This is also the type of Honors that most incoming first-year students start pursuing when they begin college (pending transfer credit). It is also often done in combination with Departmental Honors.</i></p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>Further details regarding community service, Honors Experiences, and the Star Lecture Series are located on the page of this page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the Undergraduate Research/Creative Project Workshop • Meet with your Departmental Honors advisor • Complete the “Intent to Pursue Departmental Honors” form and submit it to the Honors College • At least 12 Honors credits • Within major or minor • Usually contracted • 6 credits, with your Dept. Honors advisor approval, can count from University Honors • Typically inclusive of the thesis • Submit your Senior Thesis Proposal • Attend the Senior Thesis Workshop • Complete and submit Senior Thesis or Creative Project • Maintain 3.3 GPA <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>Students typically pursue this type of honors to develop their research skills. We recommend you attend the UG Research workshop in your first year in the Honors College. This is the type of honors for students who start their Honors College career after having completed their General Education courses, but can still be done in combination with other types of honors.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Highest Honors application after 56 completed EMU credits • 24 Honors credits (includes any completed during University or Departmental Honors) • Complete Global Competency requirement (one of the following) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Abroad trip • Competency of world language at 2nd year level • International internship • 60 community service hours (includes the 40 hours completed through University Honors) • Complete and submit a Senior Thesis or Creative Project • Present at the Undergraduate Symposium or similar style conference or contribute to a faculty member’s publication and submit a reflection paper • Maintain 3.7 GPA <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>*Please note many of these requirements are satisfied through University or Departmental Honors!</i></p>

For details regarding honors types, please refer to your Honors College Student Handbook

Honors Experience – Leadership (examples)

- Serving as a New Student Orientation Assistant (NSOA)
- Serving as a member of Orientation Team (OTEM)
- Participating in LeaderShape
- Serving as an elected officer or representative in a student organization or committee for at least one semester
- Organizing an awareness campaign
- Alternative Spring Break Site Leader
- Holman Success Center Supplemental Instructor/Tutor
- Housing Resident Advisor
- Student Program Coordinator

All other General Education Learning Beyond the Classroom options for Group 2, Options A, D, E.

Other Honors Experiences can be considered in consultation with an Honors College staff member

All Honors Experiences require an Honors Experience form and reflection paper be submitted to the Honors College

Honors Experience – Cultural/Intellectual (examples)

- Presenting in the Undergraduate Symposium
- Participating in an EMU study abroad program
- Participate in Alternative Spring Breaks
- Participating in The Honors College Stratford, Ontario Excursion
- Performer in an EMU Production (theatre, instrument, vocal)
- Participating as a member on a university planning committee
- Attending six unrelated lectures of a series
- Receive an Honors Undergraduate Fellowship
- Be Published in a professional journal, website, book, etc. Must be sponsored by an EMU faculty member
- Attending a second set of three Star Lectures, or a different lecture series that consists of at least three lectures

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Community Service and Star Lecture Series

Community Service

- 40 hours of approved community service through at least two activities
- Service can be connected to a course if not part of an Honors contract
- Service can be done outside of campus activities
- All community service activities should be pre-approved to ensure they will meet an Honors requirement

Star Lecture Series

- Star Lecture Series Participation and reflection paper
 - Attend a minimum of 3 of 6 during a single academic year, and submitting a one-page reflection essay on the lectures to the Honors College office. Particular hardships should be appealed to the Honors College.
- ❖ *Star Lecture does not fulfill the Honors College Community Based Intellectual and Cultural Activities Honors Experience unless it is a second set of three lectures.*