



# Honors Learning Experiences

- ▶ Variety is the spice of life....and Honors!
- ▶ One Honors Learning Experience could lead to another



# Honors Learning Experiences

- ▶ Track your experiences
- ▶ Plan what you want to accomplish



## Track Your Honors Learning Experiences

Fall	Spring	Summer Honors Learning Experiences are not required in the summer; however, a summer Honors Learning Experience can be banked if the bank is "empty" or can fulfill the participation requirement for the following fall semester.
Fall 2021 Honors Mindset Seminar	Spring 2022	Summer 2022
Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026

### Six Honors Learning Experiences

- Honors Seminars
- Honors Sections
- Honors Contracts
- Honors Research
- Honors Explorations
- Honors Travel

### Honors Participation Requirement

Honors students are required to complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester (fall and spring).

Part time students (fewer than 12 hours) must complete one Honors Learning Experience for every 12 hours earned.

When students are enrolled in the following experiences, they are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience.

- Study abroad
- Student teaching (registered for STT 399)
- Fall semester of Professional Development School Internship
- Field-based semesters for Special Education majors (not practicum)
- Full-time internships (12 hours of credit)
- Full-time clinical rotations (Medical Lab Science majors)

# Graduation Designations

## Honors Program Scholar

## Honors in the Major

## Laude



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### Honors Program Graduation Designations

#### Honors Program Scholar

Participation in the Honors Program allows students to earn the special "Honors Program Scholar" designation. The designation is indicated on student transcripts and in the Commencement Booklet. Honors Program Scholars also wear a red cord at Commencement.

There is no application process for this designation. Qualifying students will be awarded the designation automatically if they meet the criteria.

#### Requirements:

- Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation;
- Participate in the Honors Program a minimum of 3 semesters;
- Successfully complete a minimum of three Honors Learning Experiences; and
- Continue to complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester in the Honors Program through graduation.

Summer term does not qualify as a semester. Students may petition by providing a compelling rationale for an exception.

#### Honors in the Major

The Honors Program seeks to facilitate customized learning for Honors students in their disciplines by offering the opportunity for students to engage in Honors education and to have Honors Learning Experiences in upper division courses.

#### Benefits to Students:

- Students engage in an enriched and extended learning experience.
- Students develop as scholars and gain an edge over their peers by choosing a rigorous preparation in their field of study.
- Students demonstrate independent research or creative productivity directly related to their major in a culminating project.
- The designation "Honors in the Major" will be noted in the Commencement Book and on the student's transcript and diploma.

#### Requirements:

Departments/Schools partner with the Honors Program to specify the types of Honors Learning Experiences required to achieve this designation. General requirements include:

- Earning a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation;
- Earning a minimum 3.5 major GPA at the time of graduation;
- Completing one Honors Learning Experience each semester in the Honors Program through graduation;
- Successfully completing the Honors Learning Experiences specified by the Department/School.

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### University Graduation Recognition

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# Honors Program Designations

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# Honors Program Designations

## Honors Program Scholar

- Awarded automatically to qualifying students
- Recognized in the Commencement Book and transcript
- Students wear a red cord at Commencement

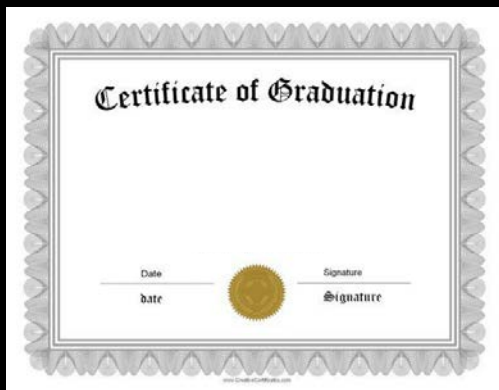
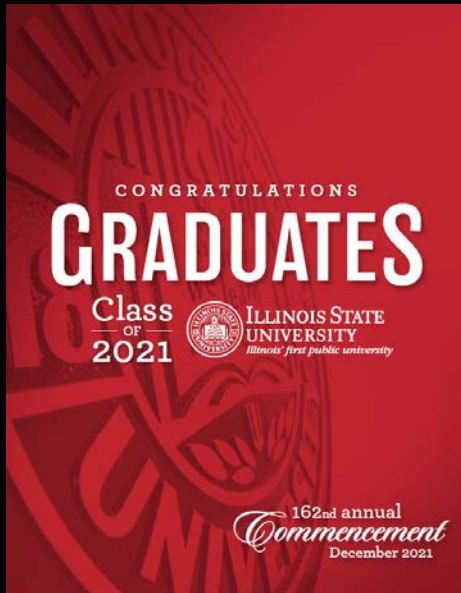


# Honors Program Designations

## Honors in the Major

- Specific criteria for each major available on the Honors website
- General framework is the same for everyone:
  - Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation
  - Earn a minimum 3.5 major GPA at the time of graduation
  - Complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester in Honors through graduation
  - Successfully complete the Honors Learning Experiences specified by the Department/School

# Honors Program Designations: Honors in the Major



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- The designation "Honors in the Major" will be noted in the Commencement Book and on the student's transcript and diploma.

### Benefits to Departments/Schools

- Students are engaged in upper division courses in a substantial way that goes beyond the curriculum and promotes integration and connections at a deeper level of learning.
- Honors students raise the bar for others.
- Departments/Schools can showcase Honors students' Capstone Experiences.

## Requirements

### Requirements by Department/School

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Anthropology
- Art
- Arts Technology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Finance, Insurance and Law
- Geography, Geology, and the Environment
- Health Sciences
- History
- Information Technology
- International Business
- Kinesiology and Recreation
- Languages, Literatures and Cultures



# Honors Program Designations: **Honors in the Major**

## **Honors in the Major: CSD**

- 2 Honors Learning Experiences in CSD
  - Honors Contracts in two 300 level CSD classes
- Honors Capstone
  - Honors Independent Study: CSD 299 for 3 credit hours, OR
  - Honors Thesis: HON 395 for 3 credit hours

### **Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Students in the Honors Program can choose to pursue various designations to earn upon graduation, including *Honors in the Major*. By completing *Honors in the Major*, students will:

- engage in an enriched and extended learning experience;
- develop as scholars and gain an edge over their peers by choosing a rigorous preparation in their field of study;
- be recognized in the Commencement Book, transcript, and on the diploma.

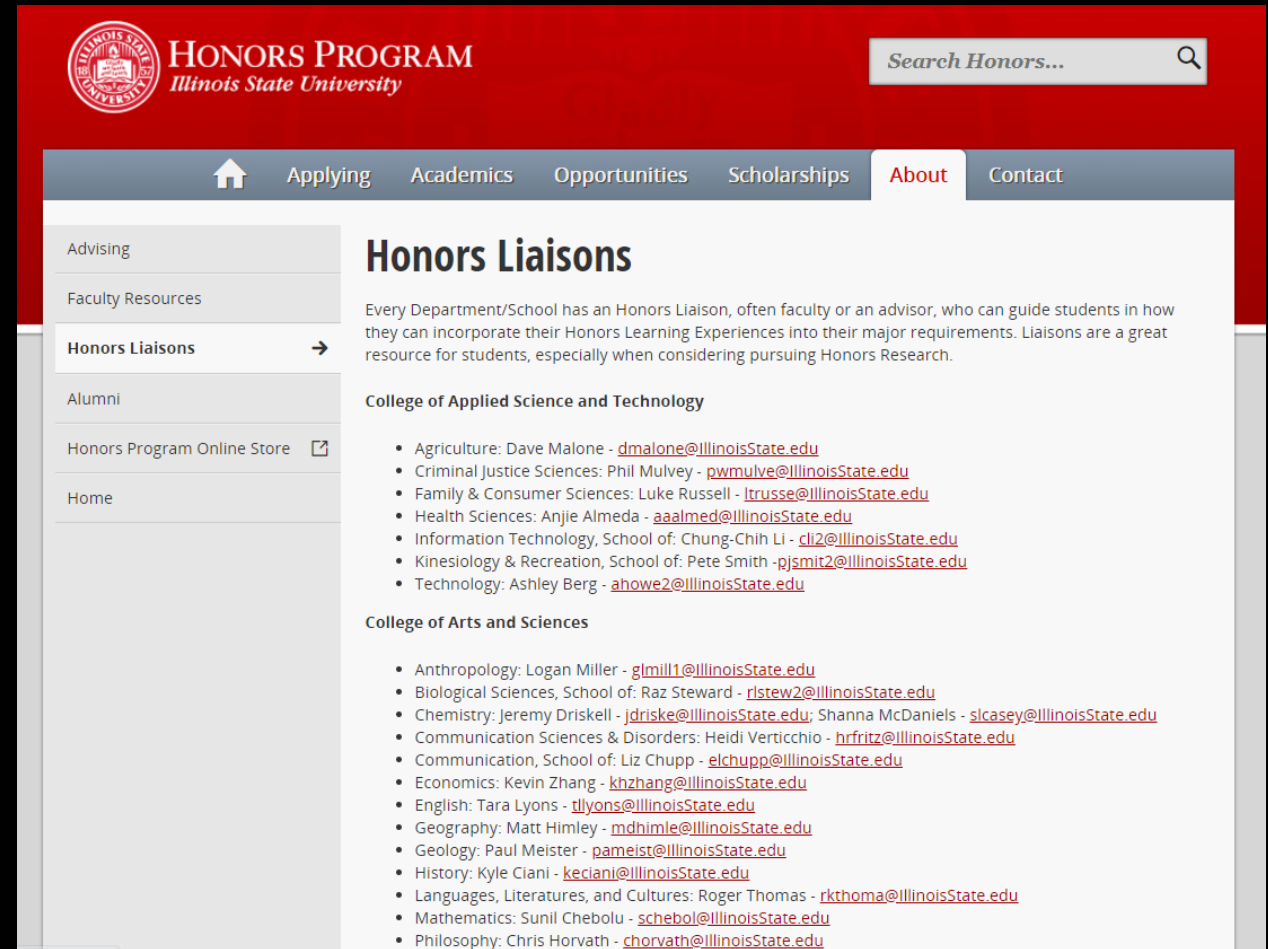
Students earn this designation at graduation; requirements, including being in good standing with the Honors Program, are reviewed at the end of the final semester:

1. 3.3 cumulative GPA
2. 3.5 major GPA
3. Fulfill Honors Program participation requirements: 1 Honors Learning Experience per semester in the program, including the final semester (students are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience when they are off-campus)
4. Complete 2 Honors Learning Experiences in CSD, specifically:
  - a. Honors Contract in a 300 level CSD course
  - b. Honors Contract in a 300 level CSD course
5. Complete an Honors Capstone Experience, specifically:
  - Honors Independent Study: CSD 299 for 3 credit hours; or
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# Honors Program Designations: **Honors in the Major**

## Honors Liaisons

- Honors resource in your major



The screenshot shows the Illinois State University Honors Program website. The header includes the university logo, the text "HONORS PROGRAM Illinois State University", and a search bar labeled "Search Honors...". A navigation menu contains links for "Applying", "Academics", "Opportunities", "Scholarships", "About", and "Contact". The main content area is titled "Honors Liaisons" and includes a sub-header "College of Applied Science and Technology" with a list of liaison email addresses for various departments. Below that is the "College of Arts and Sciences" with another list of liaison email addresses.

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### Honors Liaisons

Every Department/School has an Honors Liaison, often faculty or an advisor, who can guide students in how they can incorporate their Honors Learning Experiences into their major requirements. Liaisons are a great resource for students, especially when considering pursuing Honors Research.

**College of Applied Science and Technology**

- Agriculture: Dave Malone - [dmalone@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:dmalone@IllinoisState.edu)
- Criminal Justice Sciences: Phil Mulvey - [pwmulve@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:pwmulve@IllinoisState.edu)
- Family & Consumer Sciences: Luke Russell - [ltrusse@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:ltrusse@IllinoisState.edu)
- Health Sciences: Anjie Almeda - [aaalmed@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:aaalmed@IllinoisState.edu)
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- Chemistry: Jeremy Driskell - [jdriske@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:jdriske@IllinoisState.edu); Shanna McDaniels - [slcasey@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:slcasey@IllinoisState.edu)
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# Honors Program Graduation Designations

- ▶ Good Standing
  - Probation or Suspension is not Good Standing
- ▶ Be aware of Suspension in your last semester
  - Must complete an HLE to return to Good Standing
    - Even if you would normally not have to complete an HLE (student teaching, for example)

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# What's Next?



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## HONORS PROGRAM BUILDING

Open Monday - Friday  
8 am - 4:30 pm  
309.438.2559  
Honors.IllinoisState.edu

## QUICK LINKS

Honors Program Staff  
<https://honors.illinoisstate.edu/contact/staff.php>

Honors Program Online Store  
<http://bit.ly/shopisuhonors>

Honors Social Media  
Facebook: ISUHonorsProgram



Twitter: HonorsISU



Instagram: honorsisu



## THE NEST

Honors students can hang out and collaborate in The Nest, part of the upper-level of the Honors Program Building. The Nest is open 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

## What's Next?

Honors Mindset Seminar may be coming to a close, but your Honors career is just getting started!

### BE A *Scholar*

- One Honors Learning Experience is required each semester you are on campus.
- If you're not taking an Honors Section of a course, you can propose an Honors Contract. Forms are on the Honors website and are due by the 15th day of classes.
- Investigate Honors Research opportunities and ways to collaborate with faculty in your major.
- Look for ways to share the products of your Honors Learning Experiences. Consider presenting at the University Research Symposium.



### BE A *Participant*

- The Honors Program hosts a variety of events each semester. Join us to engage in discussion and community building.
- Consider being involved with the Senior Professionals Mentoring Program.
- Keep in touch with your Honors advisor.

### BE A *Leader*

- Descriptions of Leadership opportunities within the Honors Program for the 2020 - 2021 academic year will be announced in the spring.
- Details regarding the application process will be communicated via the Honors listserv and posted on the Honors Program website.

### BE A *Voice*

- Encourage your friends to consider the Honors Program and to apply in the spring.
- Share ideas and suggestions with the Honors Program by emailing [honors@ilstu.edu](mailto:honors@ilstu.edu) or stopping by the office.

### BE AN *Explorer*

- Participate in a Study Abroad program.
- Visit other states and countries through Honors Alternative Spring Break or Honors Study Abroad.
- Explore the unique topics available through our innovative Honors Explorations.

### BE A *Fan*

- Follow us on social media. Look for us on Facebook under "Illinois State University Honors Program" and @HonorsISU on Twitter.

### BE A *Graduate*

- Review the requirements for Honors designations and aim to achieve these designations!

# Honors Program Opportunities

## Graham Cracker Challenge

- ▶ Wednesday, December 1
  - 7 - 9 pm
  - Honors Program Building
- ▶ Limited spots available
  - 16 teams of 5



# Honors Program Opportunities

## Student Leadership Team

- Honors Peer Mentors, Community Assistants, and EDI Mentors
- Paid positions
- Spring application process
- Watch for announcement on the listserv or email [honors@ilstu.edu](mailto:honors@ilstu.edu) for more information



# Honors Program Opportunities

## Honors Council for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

The Honors Council for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion is a space for students to discuss their thoughts on equity and diversity in Honors, and to provide suggestions for initiatives and growth in the Honors Program.

We believe through diversity of background, thought, and experience we can create a more dynamic Honors mindset.

Join our conversation and help our program grow!



# Honors Advising

## What could I discuss with my advisor now?

- Long-term academic planning
- Initial review of personalized plan of study
- Summer classes/transfer credit
- Involvement
- Study Abroad
- Scholarships



# Honors Advising

Spring 2022

- Primary advisor: Honors
- Advising appointments begin in early February
  - Summer registration starts on February 14
- Apply to a major/minor in My Illinois State in February
- Fall registration starts on March 21

# Honors Advising

Fall 2022 & beyond

- Primary advisor:  
Department/School Advisor
- Honors Advisor available for  
Honors-specific questions and  
general assistance/advice





# Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight

# “Navigating the Honors Program”

- ReggieNet Quiz
- Opens Week 13 (November 8 – 12)
- Due by Friday, November 19

# General Honors Q & A

