



# Rowan University

MARTINSON HONORS COLLEGE

## Honors College Guidelines 2023-2024





# COURSE COMPLETION STANDARDS

## Honors Concentration

1. Students must maintain full-time student status for the duration of their time in Honors.
2. Students must pass a minimum of eight (8) Honors courses with a grade of C or higher.
3. Honors classes are pro-rated so transfer students (internal & external) and those graduating early are not penalized; the total is calculated at a rate of one Honors class per semester with a minimum requirement of four (4).
4. Students must take at least one (1) Honors course the first semester they enter the Honors College.
5. Students are required to enroll in Honors sections of Comp I, Comp II, & Public Speaking (Honors FEC I & II as well as SEC I & II [for Engineers]) unless they have placed out of the course, have transferred the credit prior to matriculation, or have received permission from the Honors Advisor or the Assistant Dean to enroll in another section.
6. Alternative Course Experiences (ACE) such as Internships, Study Abroad, Research/Creative Experience, etc., may be counted toward Honors course requirements with prior approval through an application process. A reflection paper is required at the conclusion of the experience. Non-Engineering majors may earn up to three (3) ACEs, while Engineering majors may earn a total of two (2).
7. Students who do not continue to progress toward meeting course requirements will be contacted by the Assistant Dean, who will request a plan for course completion. If the plan is either not feasible or no plan is submitted, the student will be removed from the Honors College.
8. Students may defer admission for one semester. If a student wishes to defer for additional terms, they must reapply to Honors and be readmitted after application review. Students on deferral status must meet appropriate Honors GPA standards in order to join the Honors College.

## Honors Concentration with Distinction

1. This experience provides students with the opportunity for more breadth across disciplines and depth in their chosen area of study. It culminates in a capstone project to enrich their overall experience.
2. Students need to declare their intention via the Honors with Distinction application to complete this Concentration before the spring semester of their junior year in order to take the required, 0-credit Capstone Proposal Course.
3. Students must complete a total of twelve (12) Honors-designated courses including the Capstone Proposal Course, a year-long Honors Capstone Project with a faculty mentor, and Final Portfolio reflecting on their Honors experience.
4. Honors classes are pro-rated so transfer students (internal & external) and those graduating early are not penalized; the total is calculated at a rate of three Honors classes per academic year with a minimum requirement of six (6).
5. Students must have earned and continue to maintain a 3.5 GPA to be eligible for, remain in, and graduate with Honors with Distinction.



## GPA STANDARDS

1. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 to graduate from the Honors College.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 to remain in Honors, keeping in mind the graduation standards.
  - a. Students who earn below a 3.3 GPA will be placed on Honors academic probation. Probationary students are required to meet with the Honors Advisor or the Assistant Dean to come up with an academic success plan.
  - b. b. Students who earn below a 3.3 GPA a second semester will receive a dismissal email, but have the right to appeal the decision in writing to the Assistant Dean, who may bring the matter before the Dean and Honors Faculty Advisory Board. Students are required to meet with their Honors advisor to review their academic success plan.
  - c. c. Students who earn below a 3.3 GPA a third semester will be removed from the Concentration.
  - d. d. Students who earn a cumulative GPA above a 3.3 but below a 3.5 will receive reminders of the graduation standards.
  - e. e. If students cannot feasibly achieve the GPA requirement by graduation, the Honors Studies Concentration will be removed.



## PARTICIPATION STANDARDS

1. Honors students must participate in three (3) types of co-curricular events/activities from a pre-approved list of offerings each fall and spring semester:
  - i. Think: Two (2) academic events/activities
  - ii. Thrive: Two (2) social, wellness, and leadership events/activities
  - iii. Share: Two (2) service events/activities
2. Among Think, Thrive, and Share selections for the semester, students must incorporate one (1) diversity, equity, and inclusion event/activity that enhances an individual's understanding of and respect for non-dominant cultures and one (1) arts and culture event/activity that contributes to their comprehension and appreciation of creative and artistic expression.
3. Students must provide an account of participating in these activities at the end of each semester.
4. Students in their first semester in the Honors College will fulfill all Honors participation requirements for that semester through active participation in the BLAST mentoring program
5. For each semester in which they serve on the HSO or BLAST, officers/mentors fulfill all Honors participation requirements.
6. The following students are not required to complete Honors Participation in that given semester: Education majors in their final, full-time clinical practice semester; students who are studying abroad for a full semester, and students in a full-time cooperative education (co-op) experience.
7. Students who do not fulfill Honors Participation requirements are considered not in good standing with the Honors College and will have Honors privileges revoked including but not limited to: priority registration, certain activities, and consideration for Honors leadership positions. They will also not be eligible for funding for research assistantships, study abroad, conferences, or scholarships.
8. One (1) semester of an incomplete, loss of, or late Honors Participation submission will result in forfeiture of priority registration for classes.
9. Two (2) semesters without meeting Honors Participation requirements will result in removal from the Honors College.

\*If a student has extenuating circumstances that impacts their ability to complete the requirements, they can appeal to the Student Engagement Coordinator, who may bring the matter before the Assistant Dean.



## ETHICAL BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

1. As citizen scholars, Honors students are expected to uphold ethical standards of behavior upon which social and academic communities rely.
2. Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct violations serve as a cause for dismissal from the Honors College.
  - a. Academic Integrity
    - i. When violations are Levels I and II, as defined by the University's Academic Integrity Policy, the student may appeal to the Honors Faculty Advisory Board. The final decision will be made by the Assistant Dean and Dean of Honors.
    - ii. When violations are Level III or IV, the student will be immediately dismissed from the Honors College without the right of appeal.
    - iii. A second violation of any Level will result in immediate removal of the student from the concentration. The student will not have the right to an appeal.
  - b. Student Code of Conduct
    - i. Violations that involve violence or pose a risk to the safety and wellbeing of others in the University and/or Glassboro community will result in dismissal from the Honors College. The student will not have the right to an appeal.
    - ii. Discriminatory acts—including but not limited to those based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and (dis)ability status—will not be tolerated. Students found in violation of bias-motivated offenses per the Student Code of Conduct will be immediately dismissed from the Honors College. The student will not have the right to an appeal.
    - iii. Students found in violation of other aspects of the Student Code of Conduct are subject to review and may be dismissed from the Honors College.
3. Honors resources including but not limited to the lounge, computer lab, trips, events etc. are for Honors students only, unless otherwise specified (e.g., the Honors Student Formal). Facilitating the use of Honors resources by non-Honors students is prohibited, students found in violation are subject to immediate loss of Honors privileges or even dismissal.



Questions?

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