English and Modern Languages Academic Honors Program
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Eligibility and Requirements

English and Modern Languages majors with an overall and departmental grade point average of 3.5 or higher are eligible to participate in the Academic Honors Program. English and Modern Languages courses numbered 300-799 (except ENGL 579 and internships, independent study, or readings courses) may be taken for Honors.

Students enrolling in courses for Honors are expected to complete both the regularly assigned course work and additional work of a research nature above and beyond the regular classroom work.

Students are normally allowed to enroll in only one course for Honors per academic term, though exceptions may be allowed by the Academic Honors Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Students who complete at least three honors courses for a minimum of nine credit hours with grades of A or B and who maintain an overall and departmental grade point average of 3.5 or higher will graduate with the distinction of "With Academic Honors."

Project Criteria and Procedures

1. The honors proposal will describe a substantial research project over and above the normal expectations of the course.
2. Each honors project will require a 10-12 page paper and an oral presentation or a suitable alternative representing an equivalent set of requirements.
3. The student and the classroom instructor complete and sign an Enrollment for Academic Honors form and submit it to the departmental Chairperson for approval. A copy of the approved form is placed in the student's file. The student then returns the form to the appropriate person in the Registrar's office.
4. Honors proposals are reviewed by the Academic Honors Committee of the Faculty Senate which accepts or rejects the proposals and notifies the department, the instructor, and the student. The registrar verifies the student's grade point average and maintains a file of accepted proposals for one year.
5. Students can apply to the Academic Honors Committee for an honors scholarship to cover costs incurred while completing the honors project. Students who are already receiving a salary or stipend for assisting in funded studies are not eligible for honors scholarships.
6. The student and the classroom instructor may invite other faculty to attend the oral presentation.
7. To receive honors credit, the student must receive a grade of B or higher on the paper/project and in the course.