

Undergraduate Accolades

Reference Information

[Governing Regulations VII](#) (“University Organization”)

- Section E.2.c (bottom of page 4): “...Within the limits established by the University regulations and the University Senate Rules, the regular members of the Honors Faculty shall have jurisdiction over the curricular requirements leading to the Honors credential, and within those limits shall establish....”

Senate Actions

- [April 11, 2016](#): no explicit reference to changing the honors credential, although it is included in the revised GR language
- [April 17, 2017](#): [from minutes] “...Bailey responded that the SAOSC focused on structure and, while the report of the HCTC [Honors College Transition Committee] included a lengthy discussion of curricula, this was not part of the 10 questions the SAOSC had been charged with addressing.”

List of Accolades for Colleges with Undergraduate Programs	
<i>College</i>	<i>College/Department Accolades</i>
Agriculture, Food and Environment	Offered, but no details in Bulletin
Arts and Sciences	<p>Anthropology 3.5 The honors program in the Department of Anthropology is a research-intensive experience in which the student works closely with a faculty mentor. Requirements are: (1) a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; (2) a departmental Major GPA of 3.5 or higher; (3) a research component designed by the student and the faculty mentor.</p> <p>Biology 3.5 Biology majors are eligible for honors in biology if they: (1) Complete 6 hours of BIO 395. (2) Have an overall 3.5 GPA on graduation. (3) Successfully complete two biology honors (BIO--H) courses or two honors selected 500 or 600 level Biology (BIO) courses, or a combination of BIO--H and honors-selected 500/600 BIO courses. Each semester the honors-selected 500/600-level BIO courses will be identified by a course note in the course schedule: this note will state “fulfills an Honors in Biology course requirement”. (4) A public presentation of one’s research results. Such a presentation can be a journal article, a seminar given to a diverse group, a talk or a poster at a professional meeting, a thesis or some form of public presentation approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.</p> <p>Chemistry 3.5 12 hours in CHE or BCH courses (other than CHE 440G, 441G, and 572) at or above the 300 level. At least 6 of those hours must be in CHE 395. 3.5 cumulative GPA and 3.5 major GPA or above.</p> <p>Earth and Environmental Sciences 3.5 3.3 cumulative GPA and senior thesis or 3.5 cumulative GPA or above.</p> <p>Economics 3.2 3.2 cumulative GPA and a major GPA of 3.2 or above.</p> <p>English 3.75 (1) 3.75 major GPA or above in courses taken at UK which count toward the English major. (2) At least 8 such courses taken at UK (i.e., not transferred). (3) Successful completion of at least one designated ENG honors seminar with a grade of B or higher.</p> <p>Environmental and Sustainability Studies 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA.</p> <p>Gender and Women’s Studies 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA and major GPA of 3.5 or above.</p> <p>Geography 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA and major GPA of 3.5 or above.</p> <p>Health, Society, and Populations 3.6 3.6 or above major GPA.</p> <p>Hispanic Studies 3.6 Overall cumulative GPA 3.6 and departmental GPA in 300-500 level SPA courses 3.75.</p> <p>History 3.5 Minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA, 3.5 departmental GPA or above and a grade of A or B in HIS 301 and HIS499.</p> <p>International Studies 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA and major GPA of 3.5 or above.</p> <p>Linguistics 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA and major GPA of 3.75 or above.</p> <p>Mathematical Economics 3.2 3.2 cumulative GPA or above and 3.2 major GPA or above.</p> <p>Mathematics 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA or above.</p>

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Arts and Sciences, continued	<p>Modern and Classical Language 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA and major GPA of 3.75 or above.</p> <p>Neuroscience 3.5 Neuroscience majors are eligible for honors in neuroscience if they: (1) Have an overall GPA of 3.5 or above at graduation. (2) Complete two scholars courses or two 400G, 500 or 600 level or a combination of a scholars course and a 400G/500/600 BIO course. (3) Complete 6 credit hours of an independent research experience. (4) Give a public presentation of one's research results. Such presentation can be a journal article, a seminar given to a diverse group, a talk or a poster at a professional meeting, a thesis or some form of public presentation approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.</p> <p>Philosophy 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA or above in PHI courses, plus a senior thesis. Students are encouraged to enroll in PHI 395 for support in writing the senior thesis.</p> <p>Physics 3.4 3.4 cumulative GPA or above and 3.4 major GPA or above in physics and astronomy. All students awarded department honors will have fully participated in independent study or research including the preparation of a final report; participation with a high grade in a 3-credit-hour PHY 395 or participation in a summer research experience are ways of achieving this. Other factors such as citizenship, leadership in the Society of Physics Students, and other meritorious activity will be considered in the selection of seniors for graduation with honors.</p> <p>Political Science 3.5 In order to graduate with departmental honors in political science, a student must obtain at least a 3.5 GPA in the major and at least a 3.25 overall GPA. Additionally, honor students must complete PS 490, Honors in Political Science. In this course, students will be expected to carry out a major research project. Should that option be unavailable, however, students <i>will have an opportunity</i> to arrange completion of a major research project under faculty guidance as part of PS 395, the department's Independent Study course, subject to approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.</p> <p>Psychology 3.5 3.6 major GPA or above and successful completion of PSY 495 and PSY 496.</p> <p>Sociology 3.5 3.5 cumulative GPA or above.</p> <p>Topical 3.6 3.6 cumulative GPA or above and recommendation of the Associate Dean based on the final thesis.</p> <p>Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies 3.5 3.5 or above cumulative GPA and major GPA of 3.5 or above and GPA of 3.5 or above in 400-level WRD courses.</p>
Business and Economics	Offered, but no details in Bulletin
Communication and Information	Offered by Department of Communication, but no details in Bulletin
Design	None
Education	None
Engineering	None
Fine Arts	None
Graduate School	None
Health Sciences	None
Honors	To graduate with Honors from the Lewis Honors College and have the University Honors designation on the final UK transcript and diploma, students must complete the requirements described above. (See Bulletin for details)
Nursing	Offered, but no details in Bulletin
Public Health	None
Social Work	The College of Social Work recognizes those undergraduate students who attain a 3.6 overall University of Kentucky GPA as having Departmental Honors which is indicated on the final transcript.