

# Honors Award and Degree Opportunities

## **General Honors Award**

The complete requirements for the *General Honors Award* are as follows:

- a. Eighteen credits of Honors coursework completed within the first two years of study, with a minimum of 12 credits required in the first year.
- b. The 12 Honors credits required in the first year must include an interdisciplinary Honors colloquium and an Honors ENGL 110 (freshman composition) course. For students who have credit for ENGL 110 prior to their matriculation, an Honors ENGL 110 is not required. However, 12 Honors credits are still required in the first year.
- c. A minimum G.P.A. of at least 3.200 at the conclusion of the first two years of study at the University.
- d. A minimum grade of C- is required in all Honors courses counting toward the General Honors Award.
- e. A minimum of 60 credits (including AP and/or transfer credits) must be completed by the end of the student's second year, with at least 54 credits earned at UD.
- f. Residence in first-year Honors housing is required during the first year of study.

## **Honors Degree**

The complete requirements for an *Honors Baccalaureate Degree* are as follows:

- I. The requirements for the baccalaureate degree in the major (including all University and college requirements), as well as any other specific requirements the major department may set for the Honors Degree.
- II. The general requirements for the Honors Degree:
  - A. A University of Delaware cumulative grade-point index of at least 3.400 at the time of graduation.
  - B. At least 30 credits earned in Honors courses. Of these Honors credits:
    1. At least 12 must be in the major department or in courses in collateral disciplines specifically required for the major.
    2. At least 12 must be taken at the 300 level or higher, not including the first-year interdisciplinary Honors colloquium (which is usually a 390).
    3. Three must be in an Honors Degree seminar or Honors capstone course experience approved by the student's major department and the University Honors Program, to be completed in the last 2 semesters of a student's degree program.
    4. A minimum grade of C- is required in Honors courses counting toward the Honors Degree.
- III. Submission of the Honors Degree Application Form to the University Honors Program by May 15 the year before a student is planning to graduate.

## **Honors Degree with Distinction**

The complete requirements for an *Honors Baccalaureate Degree with Distinction* are as follows:

- I. The complete requirements for the Honors Baccalaureate Degree (see above).
- II. Six credits of Honors thesis or project (UNIV 401/402) and the successful oral presentation of an acceptable thesis or project to a committee of faculty approved by the major department, the University Honors Program and the Undergraduate Research Program.
  - A. Six credits of Honors thesis may be counted as part of the 30 Honors credits required for the Honors Degree.
  - B. Completion of any additional specifications for the thesis or project set by the major department.
- III. A minimum grade of C- is required in Honors courses counting toward the Honors Degree with Distinction.

**Honors coursework counting toward the General Honors Award, Honors Degree, and Honors Degree with Distinction cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis unless the course is only offered pass/fail.**

**All of these forms of recognition are recorded on a student's University of Delaware transcript.**