

# COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

## ARTS Honors Program Requirements effective Autumn 2008

**Name of College:** College of the Arts (part of Colleges of the Arts and Sciences)

### **GPA requirement to maintain Honors status:**

University standard: 3.4 at the end of every year  
(3.3 at end of first year)

Arts college standard: 3.4 overall GPA;  
(3.3 at end of first year)

### **Requirements to enter Honors program after matriculation or transfer to the university:**

University standards: 3.4 GPA overall, both GEC and major  
Minimum 2 quarters of OSU credit\*

Arts college standards: Same

### **Course requirements to maintain Honors status:**

University standard: 6 Honors, upper division (500+), or graduate-level courses over the first 2 years

Arts college standard: 6 units of Honors experiences over the first 2 years  
For some majors in the College of the Arts, this is difficult to achieve, due to limited scheduling opportunities in the GEC, few Honors offerings in the major programs, and lock-step curriculum in the majors. The college standard allows students to defer 2 units until the 3<sup>rd</sup> year if necessary, reflecting the individualistic, focused nature in the arts.

4 units over the second 2 years

Completion of 10 units meets the requirements for Arts Honors Contract

\*Exceptions for transfer students meeting the following criteria: 1. eligibility for honors as freshman (i.e., ACT composite score of 29 or better, or SAT combined verbal/math score of 1300 or better; plus top ten percent of high school class) and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better at the other institution; OR 2. verification of enrollment in an honors program at the other institution, completion of honors courses, and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. Transfer students meeting these criteria may be admitted to the honors program upon matriculation.

## **Possibilities for 6 Units:**

### **Freshman/Sophomore Year**

6 Units of Honors experiences made up of the following options, in the first 2 years (through sophomore standing), with the option to defer up to 2 units, not including upper division courses, to year 3 (through junior standing).

Honors course	1 Unit
Upper division course outside major (500+)	1 Unit
Upper division elective course in major*	1 Unit
Graduate level course	1 Unit
Honors embedded course	1 Unit (maximum of 2)
Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity H699 3-5 credit hours	1 Unit
Special Individual Study e.g. Summer Study, studies abroad; at least 40-80 contact hours, and a culminating report, activity, or presentation under faculty supervision as in an Internship	1 Unit (maximum of 2)

## **Possibilities for 4 Units:**

### **Junior/ Senior Year**

Honors courses	1 Unit
Upper division course outside major (500+)	1 Unit
Graduate level course	1 Unit
Honors embedded course or senior project	1 Unit (maximum of 2)
Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity H699 3-5 credit hours	1 Unit (maximum of 2) 1 Unit
Specials (approve through Honors Director) e.g. Summer Study, studies abroad; at least 40 contact hours, and a culminating report, activity, or presentation under faculty supervision as in an Internship	1 Unit (maximum of 1)
A minor	1 Unit
Second Major	2 Units
Significant leadership or service (e.g., <i>student representative from ensembles meet with directors</i> )	1 Unit (maximum of 1)
Significant outreach and engagement (e.g., <i>3 Theatre students touring various high schools, performing skits</i> )	1 Unit

ARTS Honors Contract (fulfill 10 units of Honors experiences per an Honors contract):  
Our students will graduate: “with Honors in the Arts”

Application:

1. Faculty advisor signature
2. ARTS Honors Advisor signature (Dennis Thompson)
3. Plan for 10 Units of ARTS Honors experiences  
(6 in the first two years (with the option to defer 2 units to third year); 4 in the following 2 years)

Process of Monitoring ARTS Honors Contracts

The ARTS Honors Faculty Committee made up of faculty from each of the seven units within the college will review Honors contracts every Spring Quarter. Students in their sophomore year will submit an Honors contract by the Friday of finals week Winter Quarter. We will work with the ARTS advising office to maintain current lists of departmental Honors majors and work against that list in checking advising reports and sophomore year applications for Honors contracts.

Distinction Projects (fulfill minimum 2 quarters of H783):  
Our students will graduate: “with distinction in major”

Application: (filled out and turned in Spring Quarter of Junior Year)

1. Faculty advisor signature (*NOTE: any tenure-track faculty member may serve as an honors advisor*)
2. ARTS Honors Advisor signature (Dennis Thompson)
3. H783, 8 hrs. over 2 quarters  
(Note: Projects may be completed without being an Honors member as long as students have a 3.4 GPA and are approved through Arts Honors Committee)
4. A statement of intent of 250-500 words
5. Faculty committee of 3 tenure-track faculty signatures
6. Department Chairperson signature
7. The successful Distinction Project will normally have the following:
  - an exhibition, performance, or public display of work
  - a written thesis component;
  - oral defense with 3 faculty

Process of Monitoring ARTS Distinction Projects

Any tenured or tenure-track faculty member may serve as an ARTS Honors Faculty Advisor. That professor works with the student to correctly fill out the application and identify appropriate faculty members for the committee. These are placed on file in the college advising office 050 Denney Hall.

# ARTS HONORS PROGRAM CONTRACT

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050 Denney Hall

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The purpose of the College of the Arts Honors Program is to provide opportunities for students with exceptional capabilities and motivation to achieve personal satisfaction and intellectual growth through Honors courses, advanced course work, and special academic enrichment programs.

**Please complete the information in Sections A and B and return to 050 Denney Hall.** You must have a minimum 3.40 GPA and have been enrolled at the Ohio State University for a minimum of 2 quarters (30 earned hours). Following acceptance, you must maintain a minimum 3.40 GPA to continue your Honors status. This form should be signed by your departmental Faculty Honors advisor (see attached). If you have not yet been accepted into your major program, it should be signed by the Faculty Honors advisor of the department to which you plan to apply. If you have questions about this process, please see Dennis Thompson in 050 Denney Hall.

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**SECTION A:** (please print or type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted into this major? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not yet been accepted, when do you plan to apply? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum 3.40 required)

Number of Quarters at the Ohio State University: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Quarter and Year : \_\_\_\_\_

Department Faculty Honors Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature) (Date)

College Honors Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature) (Date)

**Please make an appointment to see Dennis Thompson in 050 Denney Hall to submit the completed application and review the proposed selection of courses**

