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Honors Program Acknowledgment – 2024 High School Graduates

The Honors Program (the "Program") is open to 2024 high school graduates enrolled in one of Berkeley College's Associate's or Bachelor's degree programs. Students must meet the requirements below to participate in the Program. Students who successfully complete the Program will receive the Honors Scholar distinction on their Berkeley College transcripts and diplomas. The distinction will be noted next to each student's name in the Commencement booklets. Each student will also receive an Honors Scholar cord to be worn over his or her gown at Commencement.

Honors seminars are held at selected New York and New Jersey campuses or online. Each student will be assigned to a particular location and learning community. Onsite learning communities will meet approximately once a week. Students must register for Honors seminars through their academic advisor.

The Honors Program requires continuous, consecutive enrollment over three terms.

I.   **Requirements.**

1.   Meet with academic advisor each semester and discuss the Program standards and responsibilities.

2.   Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50. If an Honors student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.50, the student will be placed on Honors Probation at the start of the next semester. Students will have two (2) semesters to bring their cumulative GPA up to 3.50 (the "Probationary Period"). Students who fail to meet this academic standard may be dismissed from the Honors Program. Dismissal includes termination of all Honors designations and privileges (including but not limited to, the Honors scholarship, Honors Student status, and Honors designations on the diploma). The Honors scholarship will be removed at the beginning of the next semester following the Probationary Period. Please note that dismissal from the Honors Program does not mean dismissal from Berkeley College.

3.   Pass the three Honors seminars: HON1105, HON2205, and HON2210. **Honors seminars must be completed in consecutive order over three terms** unless an exception is granted by the Honors Program Director ("Director"). Failure to consecutively complete the Honors seminars may result in dismissal from the Program.

4.   **Students must complete a total of 30 community service hours.** Complete and document a minimum of ten (10) hours of community service per term or 30 hours over three consecutive terms while enrolled in HON1105, 2205, and 2210. All community service activities must be unpaid. Such activities may be provided virtually or at any Berkeley College campus, organization, community agency, or special event approved by the Director. Students must document their community service hours using the Honors Program Community Service Verification e-FORM.

5.   Successfully present a social justice paper or poster under the supervision of the Pre-Honors HON2210 faculty member at the annual Honors Scholars Research Symposium at the end of the spring semester.

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II. Bachelor's Degree Requirements

The Director may provide participation letters upon request to students who are dismissed from the Program for failure to meet one or more of the requirements. Such letters shall state that the student participated in the Program but did not complete it in its entirety.

1. Meet with academic advisor each semester and discuss the Program standards and responsibilities.

2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50. If an Honors student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.50, the student will be placed on Honors Probation at the start of the next semester. Students will have two (2) semesters to bring their cumulative GPA up to 3.50 (the "Probationary Period"). Students who fail to meet this academic standard may result in dismissal from the Honors Program. Dismissal includes termination of all Honors designations and privileges (including but not limited to, the Honors scholarship, Honors Student status, and Honors designations on the diploma). The Honors scholarship will be removed at the beginning of the next semester following the Probationary Period. Please note that dismissal from the Honors Program does not mean dismissal from Berkeley College.

3. Students must complete a total of 30 community service hours during the first two years of the Program. All community service activities must be unpaid. Such activities may be provided at any Berkeley College campus, local organization, community agency, or special event approved by the Director. Community service must be completed by the end of the HON 4410 Directed Research seminar.

4. In the second year of the Program, successfully write and present an Honors thesis at the Honors Scholars Research Symposium under supervision of a faculty member in connection with HON 4410 Directed Research. Students who fail to write and/or present their Honors thesis papers will be dismissed from the Program.

5. Pass all six Honors seminars: HON1105, HON2205, HON2210, HON3310, HON4400, and HON4410. Honors seminars must be completed in consecutive order, beginning with the fall semester through the spring semester, unless an exception is granted by the Director. Failure to consecutively complete the Honors seminars may result in dismissal from the Program.

III. Program Participation Letters

The Director may provide participation letters upon request to students who are dismissed from the Program for failure to meet one or more of the requirements. Such letters shall state that the student participated in the Program but did not complete it in its entirety.

IV. Honors Scholarship

Open to: High School Students

Restrictions: May be combined with the Berkeley College Grant or Berkeley TAP/TAG Grants. It cannot be combined with any other Berkeley College grants or scholarships. Please note, there are 20 scholarships available to students attending a campus in NY or online and 20 scholarships available to students attending a campus in NJ or online.

Amount: Up to 50% of tuition, administrative fees, technology fees, based on high school GPA and review of transcript by the Honors Committee. The scholarship amount will cover up to the entire balance of the student's tuition, administrative, and technology fees after all federal and state grants, outside or institutional scholarships, VA benefits, and employer benefits have been applied. (Books, supplies, and graduation fees are not included.) Students must meet all federal and state grant application deadlines each year and receive a valid (ISIR). If a student fails to meet the state deadlines and is now not eligible where they would have ordinarily received the award, calculation of the honors award will be less that amount. All students must achieve/maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. After attending two semesters, students may take one semester off and still retain the Honors if they meet the other eligibility requirements. The Honors program is only open to High School applicants.

Eligibility Requirements:

• High school cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher

• Full-time enrollment in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree program (students enrolled in a degree program within the School of Health Studies are not eligible to apply or participate in the Honors program)

• Acceptance into the Honors program

Renewability Requirements:

- Must maintain a cumulative Berkeley College GPA of 3.5 or higher. If the student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.5, the student will be placed on Honors Probation at the start of the next semester. Students will have two semesters to bring their cumulative GPA up to 3.50 in order to maintain eligibility.

- Must maintain full-time, continuous, consecutive term enrollment. Cannot regain eligibility upon readmission

- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Students who initially enroll in an Associate's degree program and continue into a Bachelor's degree program may continue to renew until completion of a Bachelor's degree acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements for the Honors Program and Honors Scholarship.

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Student Signature   Date   Print Name

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Parent Signature (if student is under 18)   Date   Print Name