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## Honors Program Acknowledgment – 2026 High School Graduates

The Honors Program (the “Program”) is open to 2026 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.**

### I. First Year 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 3.00. If an Honors student’s cumulative GPA falls below 3.00, 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 3.00 (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, HON2205, and HON2210. 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. Community service must be completed by the end of the HON2210 Pre-Honors Seminar.
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. Second Year Requirements For Those Pursuing A Bachelor's Degree

1. Meet with academic advisor each semester and discuss the Program standards and responsibilities.
2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00. If an Honors student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.00, 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 3.00 (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. 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.
4. **Students must complete a total of 30 community service hours.** Honors students will complete a total of 60 hours of community service over the course of the two years in the Program. Complete and document a minimum of ten (10) hours of community service per term or 30 hours over three consecutive terms while enrolled in HON3310, HON4400, and HON4410. 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. Community service must be completed by the end of the HON4410 Directed Research Seminar.
5. 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 HON4410 Directed Research. Students who fail to write and/or present their Honors thesis papers will be dismissed 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

Amount: Up to 50% tuition, administrative fees, and technology fees, after all federal and state grants and other resources are considered based on high school GPA and review of transcript by the Honors Committee.

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Restrictions: May be combined with the Berkeley College Grant and Berkeley TAP/TAG Grant. Cannot be combined with any other Berkeley College grants or scholarships. There are 20 scholarships available for students attending a campus in New York and 20 scholarships available for students attending a campus in New Jersey or Online.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time enrollment in a Bachelor's or Associate's degree program. (NOTE: 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 Honors Program
- High school cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher
- 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 than amount.)

**Renewability Requirements:**

- Must maintain a cumulative Berkeley College GPA of 3.00 or higher. If the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 3.00, 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 3.00 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 the Bachelor’s degree

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements for the Honors Program and Honors Scholarship.

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