

Academic Advisor: _____



Honors Program Acknowledgment – International First-Year Students

Accepted Honors Program (the “Program”) is open to first-year international students enrolled in one of Berkeley College’s Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree programs. Students must meet the requirements below in order 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 select New York and New Jersey campuses. Each student will be assigned to a particular location and learning community. 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 3.0. If an Honors student’s cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, 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 3.0 (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 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 complete the Honors seminars consecutively 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 HON3310, HON4400, & 4410. All community service activities must be unpaid. Such activities may be provided 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 Honors poster under the supervision of the Pre-Honors HON2210 faculty member at the annual Pre-Honors Poster Presentation at the end of the spring semester.

II. Bachelor's Degree 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 3.0. If an Honors student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, 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 3.0 (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 each of 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 prior to enrolling in HON 4410 Directed Research.
4. In the second year of the Program, successfully write and present an Honors thesis 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.
5. Complete all 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 Honors Program Director ("Director"). Failure to complete the Honors seminars consecutively 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.

IV. Honors Scholarship.

International Honors Scholarship is available to international high school students only and may be combined with the Berkeley College Grant, Berkeley TAP/TAG Grants, and the Residence Hall Grant. It cannot be combined with any other Berkeley College grants or scholarships.

The International Honors scholarship amount will cover 50% of the 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. (Housing, 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 3.0 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:

- Full-time enrollment in an associate or bachelor 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
- High school cumulative GPA between 3.00 or higher are eligible for 50% scholarship

Renewability Requirements:

- Must maintain a cumulative Berkeley College GPA of 3.0 or higher. If the student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, 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 3.0 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

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

Parent Signature (if student is under 18)

Date

Print Name