



Bumpers College Honors Program - Academic Map & Checklist

Graduation with Honors Distinction from Bumpers College requires each student to complete 15 credit hours of honors credits. These credits include 9 to 12 credit hours of Honors coursework and 3 to 6 credit hours of AFLS 400HV thesis hours. The thesis hours culminate in a written honors thesis outlining the student's research or creative/experiential project. Students are encouraged to complete honors courses within Bumpers College and other areas on campus. Transfer honors courses will not be accepted toward the student's honors program requirements. Students are encouraged to complete 6 hours of honors course credit during their freshman year, which can qualify students for research and international program funding from the Honors College.

Timeline

Freshman Year

- Maintain a cGPA of 3.5+
- Submit Honors Acceptance Form
- Enroll in AFLS 102H3 - Honors Perspectives.*
- Take 3+ honors course credit hours (9-12 honors course credit hours req.).
- Brainstorm possible honors thesis topics + mentors.

Sophomore Year

- Maintain a cGPA of 3.5+ and continue to take honors courses.
- Identify honors thesis topic/mentor (**Form 1**) by deadline for intended term and year of graduation (No later than Reading Day of fall semester of sophomore year).
- Request to enroll in an upcoming section of AFLS 341H3 - Honors Proposal Development and Research Methods** - *earliest* recommended is spring of sophomore year.

Junior Year

- Maintain a cGPA of 3.5+ and continue to take honors courses.
- Request to enroll in an upcoming section of AFLS 341H3 - Honors Proposal Development and Research Methods** - fall semester of junior year preferred. At the *very* latest, spring of junior year.
- Hold proposal meeting (**Form 2**) and submit form + approved copy of proposal to our office by deadline for intended term/year of graduation (Fall: Sept. 15, Spring/Summer: Feb. 15).
- Request to enroll in AFLS 400VH - Honors Thesis Credit Hours (3-6 required).
- Apply for funding if applicable (SURF, Honors College, and/or Bumpers College).

Senior Year

- Maintain a cGPA of 3.5+ and take any remaining honors courses, if needed.
- Apply for graduation.
- Request to enroll in AFLS 400VH - Honors Thesis Credit Hours (3-6 required), if needed.
- Hold defense meeting (**Form 3**) and **submit final honors thesis to ScholarWorks** by term deadlines for intended term/year of graduation (Spring: Apr. 1/Apr. 15, Summer: July 1/July 15, Fall: Nov. 1/Nov. 15).

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Personal Deadlines



Date

Term and Year of Graduation

Honors Student Agreement Form

_____ Within 30 days of admittance

Form 1 (Honors Thesis Mentor and Topic Identification)

Form 2 (Honors Thesis Proposal Meeting and Committee Selection)

Form 3 (Honors Thesis Defense Meeting and Examination)

Final Submission to ScholarWorks

Honors Course Credit Hours (9-12 hours)

_____ AFLS 102H3 Honors Perspectives

_____ AFLS 341H3 Honors Proposal
Development and Research Methods

Honors Thesis Credits (3-6 hours)

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Ideal Semester to take AFLS 341H3

All forms are linked on our [Forms webpage](#). Turn into
aflshnrs@uark.edu or AGRI 205.

Additional Honors Thesis Resources

- View [past students' honors theses](#).
- Explore possible [Honors Thesis Mentors](#) - faculty and their research!
- Discuss project/mentor options with your [advisor](#), [honors departmental representative](#), or [honors program staff](#).
- Review the expanded [year-by-year timeline](#).
- Make a note of your [program deadlines](#) (based on term/year of graduation).
- Identify [funding opportunities](#) to support yourself while conducting your project or to pay for project expenses!

*Honors Perspectives may be replaced with another 3 honors course credit hours for students entering the program after fall semester of freshman year.

**A request may be submitted to opt-out of Honors Proposal Development and Research Methods in special cases. Requests considered case-by-case. If approved, the course will be replaced with another 3 honors course credit hours of the student's choice.