

TCC Honors Program Map

If you are a full-time student taking 15-18 hours per semester and follow this map, you should be able to complete your Honors Program requirements along with your major program requirements in two years. See an academic advisor for a customized Honors/degree plan that works for you. To graduate as an Honors Scholar Graduate and receive the maximum benefits of the program, you must apply and be admitted to the Honors Program and complete 21 hours of Honors courses (or 18 hours of Honors courses plus one course substitution as shown below), while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The Honors program map is designed to be compatible with a variety of degree-program maps.

First semester

Following the map for your degree program, choose a combination of general-education and major-related courses, including at least two Honors classes. (Most Honors classes are in the general-education category.)

Total credit hours: 15-18

Total Honors hours: 6-8

Milestones:

- Attend Honors Program convocation
- Participate in Honors Program cohort-building activity
- Read the *Handbook for Honors Scholars* and ask questions about anything you don't understand
- Maintain GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Meet with an academic advisor to plan your class schedule for next semester
- Keep file copies of syllabi, papers written, and evidence of projects completed from your Honors classes
- Reflect on and make notes about your Honors experience, and file the notes for reference (you will need them for your capstone at the end of the program)

Second semester

Following the map for your degree program, choose a combination of general-education and major-related courses, including at least two Honors classes.

Total credit hours: 15-18

Total Honors hours: 6-8

Milestones:

- Attend Honors Program awards ceremony
- Participate in one or more Honors-sponsored activities or events
- Review the most recent edition of the *Handbook for Honors Scholars* to make sure you are aware of any updates to the program and its policies
- Maintain GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Meet with an academic advisor to plan your class schedule for next semester

- Reflect on and make notes about your Honors experience, and file the notes for reference (you will need them for your capstone at the end of the program)

Third semester

Following the map for your degree program, choose a combination of general-education and major-related courses, including at least two Honors classes.

Total credit hours: 15-18

Total Honors hours: 6-8

Milestones:

- Attend Honors convocation
- Participate in one or more Honors-sponsored activities or events
- Review the most recent edition of the *Handbook for Honors Scholars* to make sure you are aware of any updates to the program and its policies
- Maintain GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Meet with an academic advisor to plan your class schedule for next semester
- Reflect on and make notes about your Honors experience, and file the notes for reference

Fourth semester

Following the map for your degree program, choose a combination of general-education and major-related courses, including ONE of the following:

- Option 1: An additional Honors class of 3-5 credit hours
- Option 2: A designated "high-impact course" (service-learning, undergraduate research, global learning, common book program)

Total credit hours: 15-18

Total Honors (and/or high-impact) hours: 3-5

Milestones:

- Attend Honors awards ceremony
- Participate in one or more Honors-sponsored activities or events
- Review the most recent edition of the *Handbook for Honors Scholars* to make sure you are aware of any updates to the program and its policies
- Maintain GPA of 3.5 higher
- Prepare and submit your mandatory Honors capstone (currently an exit essay) by the deadline specified in the *Handbook for Honors Scholars*
- Meet with an academic advisor to file for graduation
- Inform the Honors coordinator of your graduation plans and request an Honors review to make sure you are on target for meeting your Honors requirements by your intended graduation date
- Contact the Honors Program to request your Honors medallion

Transfer information:

TCC's associate degrees are intended for transfer to a four-year university for completion of a baccalaureate degree. Participation in the Honors Program enhances your academic experience and your qualifications as a transfer student. You should work closely with an academic advisor each semester to make certain you are enrolled in the correct courses for a seamless transfer process and you are encouraged to begin a dialogue with your intended transfer school as early as possible. Early coordination between TCC academic advisors and advisors from selected four-year institutions can streamline the transfer process. It is students' responsibility to ensure that they understand the program/admission/transfer requirements for the transfer school. Be sure to inform your TCC advisor and your transfer advisor that you are in the TCC Honors Program.

Total TCC credit hours: At least 60 (exact number determined by your degree-program map)

Total Honors hours: 21 (or 18 Honors hours plus 3-5 approved "high-impact hours")