



General Information

- Honors students have many ways to be involved in the Honors College. They can elect to complete Lower-Division Honors and/or Upper-Division Honors. To earn the Honors Laureate distinction, they must complete both Lower- and Upper-Division Honors.
- Students need to maintain a high GPA to stay eligible for Honors. At the end of their first year, they must have a 3.000 minimum, second year is a 3.250 minimum, third year is a 3.400 minimum, and the end of their fourth year/graduation is a 3.500 minimum cumulative GPA.
- Students who are not initially invited to join the Honors College as incoming freshmen may join Honors if they have completed at least one semester at TCU with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher.
- Honors students are not required to take an Honors class every semester.

Lower Division Honors Requirements

- Lower-Division Honors requirements - Students need at least 15 hours of Honors course work to complete Lower-Division Honors. This includes 6 hours of Cultural Visions and 9 hours of Honors Electives.
 - All of the Cultural Visions classroom courses count for TCU Core Curriculum credit. Another option for fulfilling Cultural Visions requirements is by studying abroad through a TCU, partner (CIEE and IES), or Honors College program. (Study abroad may or may not count toward the TCU Core Curriculum.)
 - Honors Electives can be any course designated by a “600” section number.
 - Alternate ways to receive Honors Elective credit include having a score of 5 on an AP exam (or a score of 7 on an HL IB exam), contracting with a professor in a non-Honors course, or participating in the Honors Contemporary Reading Symposium (CRS). (Students may use up to one AP score of 5, up to one Honors Contract, and up to one CRS for Honors Elective credit.)

Upper Division Honors Requirements

- Students have three options to complete Upper-Division Honors. They can elect to complete University Honors, Departmental Honors, or both tracks.
 - University Honors is made up of 12 hours of Honors Colloquia courses.
 - Departmental Honors requires the student to complete a research or creative project with a thesis in the student's major, and usually counts for 6 hours.