

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Honors College is grounded in a tradition of Liberal Arts and Sciences that strives to create both curriculum and community through experiential learning. As a student in the Honors College, you will be encouraged to embrace challenge, explore diverse perspectives, and venture out to find a place in the world through our courses, study abroad opportunities, and socially-engaged practices.

The Honors curriculum allows you to engage deeply within your chosen field of study while encouraging you to develop a broad foundation of knowledge across complementary disciplines. As an Honors student, you will learn to think critically, reason analytically, inquire carefully, and write clearly. You'll conclude your studies with an honors thesis, which allows you to demonstrate your accumulated knowledge and contribute new insights to your discipline.

You will have opportunities to gain real-world experience that prepares you to navigate the world's complex issues. Locally, honors students connect to communities through Praxis Labs, year-long experiences that address pressing issues through concrete projects and innovative solutions. Simultaneously, you can learn from your global community through Integrated Pathways, which places you within global contexts through intensive field work over multiple semesters. The Honors College builds a community of engaged learners who are prepared to change our world for the better.




LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate intellectual independence across the liberal arts and sciences, articulating arguments that critically analyze and integrate information from a variety of perspectives.
- Apply expertise, creative thinking, interdisciplinary perspective, and research skills to framing and answering complex, significant questions.
- Build, participate, and collaborate as ethically informed members of current and future communities.
- Be exceptionally well-prepared for graduate school, professional study, and careers in the public, private, or non-profit sectors.

PLAN & PREPARE

At the U, we plan for our students to have an Exceptional Educational Experience identified by four broad categories we call the Learning Framework: Community, Knowledge & Skills, Transformation, and Impact. This major map will help you envision, explore, design, and plan your personalized Exceptional Educational Experience with the Learning Framework at the core. In addition to assisting you in planning your coursework and navigating the requirements of your major, this map will help you incorporate other kinds of experiences to expand your knowledge, support your development, and prepare you for the future you want.

GET STARTED TODAY

-  Schedule an appointment with an advisor: advising.utah.edu
-  Visit ugs.utah.edu
-  Learn more about the Learning Framework: ugs.utah.edu/learning-framework



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Community



Knowledge & Skills



Transformation



Impact

"The Honors College and its innovative learning environment has helped me enhance my knowledge through different lenses. It challenged me academically and expanded my perception of our world today. These experiences shaped me into a better student and a better person."

>> Hector Robles

Political Science Honors student (Class of 2020)

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Use this map to explore, envision, design, and plan your Exceptional Educational Experience.

GETTING STARTED

MAKING PROGRESS

FINISHING UP

WHERE CAN I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

COURSES

- Meet with your Honors Advisor during your first year
- Enroll in HONOR 1000 and Honors Intellectual Traditions (IT) courses such as HONOR 2101-2109 and 2810
- Complete HONOR 2211 – Honors Writing; if you have AP or transfer credit, choose an elective instead!

- Check-in for 2nd and 3rd year advising with your Honors Advisor
- Continue enrolling in Honors Intellectual Traditions (IT) courses such as HONOR 2101-2109 and 2810
- Enroll in an Honors Science course

- Declare your major as Honors, e.g. HBS or HBA
- Enroll in HONOR 3200
- Review your thesis timeline and proposal form
- Develop relationships with faculty members

- Discuss thesis progress with your Faculty Mentor
- Enroll in your major's 4999 course
- Submit your thesis proposal form
- Complete your thesis by your last semester

COMMUNITY

- Join a Living Learning Community to develop your social network
- Read our weekly newsletter and follow @uofuhonorscollege on social media to stay informed

- Join the "Things That Matter" weekly discussion group
- Share your first-year experiences by becoming an orientation leader
- Enroll in a year-long Honors course such as HONOR 3850 – Novel Writing Workshop

- Join the Honors Student Advisory Committee to meet fellow honors students
- Become an RA in Honors Housing to foster community
- Attend an Oxford Consortium on Human Rights

- Join a professional organization in your field of study
- Join the Honors Ambassadors to share your experiences
- Guide incoming students by becoming a Peer Mentor

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Visit the OUR¹ to develop research knowledge
- Develop networking skills and meet other students
- Attend the Hinckley Institute forum series to develop your professional writing skills

- Learn about research in your field with your Honors Faculty Advisor
- Participate in the Hinckley Institute of Politics talks to develop public speaking skills
- Join clubs and organizations related to your major and develop networking skills

- Improve and refine your research skills by participating in a lab, independent study, and/or field work experience related to your major
- Attend conferences related to your major to enhance networking skills

- Demonstrate your knowledge and present at the Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Present at discipline-related conferences to develop your public speaking skills
- Assume a leadership role to make a difference

TRANSFORMATION

- Consider the *why* that drives you in attending the U of U and what you hope to gain
- Identify individuals who can challenge and help you along this journey
- Explore learning abroad opportunities to envision possibilities at the U

- Connect with your local community by participating in a Praxis Lab that addresses pressing social issues

- Pursue an internship or learning abroad opportunity to explore the world
- Participate in an integrated pathway/minor to connect to your global community

- Reflect on your experiences and share them through social media
- Celebrate your accomplishments at Commencement and Honors
- Apply to graduate programs

IMPACT

- Consider what you want to contribute to Honors and the U
- Befriend other incoming students to build community
- Explore ways to serve others at the Bennion Center and The Community Gardens

- Plan events and discussions with HSAC² to support your fellow students
- Take CEL³ courses and become a Bennion Scholar

- Mentor incoming students by joining the Honors Ambassadors
- Serve the community beyond the U

- Mentor fellow students through their thesis process
- Start a student club or organization
- Complete CEL courses and a community project

CAREER

- Meet with Career and Professional Development advisors
- Meet with pre-professional coaches (e.g. law or health)
- Consider your interests and how they might transition to a career or job after graduation

- Explore the law and/or health professions by meeting with pre-professional advisors
- Discover jobs and careers that interest you by meeting with CPDC⁴

- Develop real world experience with internships
- Meet with Honors alumni through donor events
- Research graduate programs to explore opportunities

- Prepare your resume and CV
- Apply for jobs in your field
- Apply to professional programs (e.g. law, business, medicine, etc.)

Distinguished Fellowships

- Boren Scholarship
- Fulbright Scholar
- NEAS Fellowship
- Rhodes Scholar
- Truman Scholar

Post-Graduate Studies

- Business School
- Graduate School
- Law School
- Medical School
- Nursing School

Careers

- Government/ Policymaking
- NonProfit
- Private Business
- Research
- Training & Development

¹Office of Undergraduate Research ²Honors Student Advisory Committee ³Community Engaged Learning ⁴Career & Professional Development Center