

# 10 Helpful Hints for Graduating from the Honors Program

1. Take at least one Honors course each semester.
2. Choose a course that sounds interesting and inviting. If you like the topic, you will enjoy doing the work.
3. Use Honors classes to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements. This may mean saving some Core Curriculum courses for your junior and senior year.
4. Start taking classes in your major (this includes non-honors classes) as soon as possible.
5. Get to know your professors; ask them for help and advice.
6. Make use of the Honors Program Director and assistant. If you have a problem or a concern, be sure you know all the options before you react.
7. Get to know other Honors students, from freshmen to seniors; benefit from their experience, friendship and wisdom. You are an exceptional group of talented, ambitious students; enjoy the wealth.
8. Begin thinking now as you travel through the Honors experience, about possible senior thesis topics. Make note of any particular work you do that piques your interest, something you might like to study more deeply. This note may eventually be the spark that ignites your senior project.
9. Enroll in an honors independent study in the fall of your senior year to begin researching your senior thesis topic.
10. Have some “smart” fun. Attend Honors social events (which often include faculty members); Honors does have a playful side.