

Program Change Request

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Program Status Active

Academic Level Undergraduate

Type of proposal Policy

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2026

College/School Code
Walton College of Business (WCOB)

Department Code

In Workflow

1. WCOB Dean Initial
2. Provost Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. WCBD Chair
7. WCOB Curriculum Committee
8. WCOB Faculty
9. ARSC Dean
10. WCOB Dean
11. Global Campus
12. Provost Review
13. Undergraduate Council
14. Faculty Senate
15. Provost Final
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17. Catalog Editor Final

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Program Code WCOB Honors

Program Title

WCOB College Honors Requirements

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Honors Program

Walton College honors program consists of two components: the four-year Walton Scholars Program and the Departmental Scholars Program. Students participating in the honors program will be eligible to graduate *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude*. Students who do not participate in the honors program are eligible to graduate with distinction, a classification separate from the *cum laude* awards.

~~Honors program students will receive priority for participation in the Arkansas Cooperative Education Program, SAKE, the portfolio management class, and financial support for study-abroad programs. They also have access to an honors~~

~~studyarea.~~Graduation with Honors

The bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* (with highest honors), *magna cum laude* (with high honors), or *cum laude* (with honors) may be conferred only upon those students who have successfully completed the Walton College Honors Program. Both Walton Scholars and Departmental Scholars are eligible for these designations. Students whose cumulative grade-point average is a 4.0 ~~place them in the top 10 percent of their graduating class~~ but who have not completed the Honors Program are eligible for the designation "With Distinction" on their official transcript. Among those students completing the Honors Program, the designations *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *cum laude* shall be determined as follows:

Honors ~~Top 20 percent of~~ students earning a cumulative GPA of 4.0: completing the Honors Program: *Summa Cum Laude*

Honors ~~Next 30 percent of~~ students earning a cumulative GPA of 3.85-3.99: completing the Honors Program: *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors ~~Next 50 percent of~~ students earning a cumulative GPA of 3.75-3.84: completing the Honors Program: *Cum Laude*

No honors degree will be conferred upon a candidate who has not completed at least 50 percent of his or her degree work at the University of Arkansas or who, in the last four semesters of attendance, has a cumulative grade-point average of less than 3.75 ~~3.00~~ or has received a "D" or "F" in any course in the last semester.

Eligibility for the Honors Program

New Freshmen: Eligibility for the Honors Program

~~Certain other requirements will be outlined on request by the associate dean for~~

~~undergraduate studies.~~ Admission will be offered to incoming freshmen with a minimum ACT/SAT score of 28/1310 ~~28/1240~~ or higher and a high school GPA of 3.85 ~~3.75~~. All Walton Scholars Honors students are required to place a score of 26 ACT/620 SAT or higher on the math portion, or a score of at least 60 on the Math Placement Test, and are required to take MATH 20503 Finite Math in their first semester unless they already have AP/IB/dual credit for the course.

Transfer Students:

Admission will be offered to transfer students with less than 24 transferable hours a minimum, cumulative GPA of 3.75 at their previous institution(s) or a minimum ACT/SAT score of 28/1310 or higher and a high school GPA of 3.85. Admission will be offered to transfer students with more than 24 transferable hours and a minimum of a 3.75 GPA at their previous institution in all course work at their previous institution. Applications will not be accepted from students who are within three semesters (fall and spring) of their anticipated graduation date.

Honors students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 with no grades of "D" or "F" in any course to remain in the program. ~~All honors students are required to meet with the associate or assistant director for~~

~~honors programs each semester to monitor progress of honors requirements.~~ Students who maintain a GPA of 3.75 but do not complete honors requirements in a timely manner are subject to removal from the Honors

Program. ~~Program at the discretion of the director of the honors program.~~

Probation Guidelines

Honors Enrollment Exceptions

If students are admitted into the Walton Honors program as first-semester freshmen with the qualifying criteria (3.85 ~~(3.75)~~ minimum HS GPA and 28 ACT/1310 SAT), and have their HS GPA recalculated to be lower than the qualifying criteria after successful admission, those students will be placed on a one-semester probation during their first semester at the University of Arkansas.

First Time on Probation Students

Members of the Walton Honors program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher. Should a student's GPA fall below 3.75, that student will be placed on honors probation for the following semester. During this probationary period, the student will retain the privileges of membership in the Walton Honors Program and Honors College, and they will have the chance to raise their cumulative University of Arkansas GPA to 3.75. If at the end of the probationary semester the student's cumulative GPA remains below 3.75, the student will be removed from the Walton Honors program and the Honors College.

Requirements for Walton Scholars Program:

Complete ISYS 20303 (honors) and 18 ~~24~~ hours of ~~in~~ honors courses with a minimum of 9 hours completed from the following honors business courses: ACCT 201H3, ACCT 202H3, BLAW 200H3, ECON 210H3, ECON 220H3, ISYS 210H3, MGMT 210H3, MKTG 343H3, SCMT 210H3, BUSI 103H3 or FINN 204H3 (excluding BUSI 111H1). The remaining honors hours may be selected from the State Minimum Core. Completing honors courses in the Fulbright College will fulfill this requirement. MATH 25004 may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 18 ~~24~~ required honors hours. Students must complete a minimum of 12 honors hours within the first 30 hours at the Fayetteville campus.

Students must also complete MATH 22003 or MATH 24004 with a grade of "C" within the first 45 hours ~~at the Fayetteville campus~~ prior to taking upper level business classes.

Complete the following honors courses in Walton College:

Two 3-hour colloquium courses chosen from the following: BUSI 300H3 (may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit), ACCT 400H3, ACCT 412H3, ECON 400H3, FINN 400H3, MKTG 400H3, SCMT 400H3, SEVI 400H3, HNRS 300H1, HNRS 301H1, or HNRS 401H3 (or other honors colloquium courses (3000/4000 level only) offered in other colleges with approval). ~~approval of the Honors Director~~. The following courses may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit with prior approval: BUSI 300H3, ACCT 400H3, ECON 400H3, FINN 400H3, MKTG 400H3, SCMT 400H3, SEVI 400H3. At least 3 hours of honors colloquium courses must be from the Walton College. Any course outside the Walton College would ordinarily count toward fulfilling general education electives and would not count toward junior/senior business elective credit.

A three-hour thesis (BUSI 499HV): The thesis is a major independent writing project under the leadership of a Walton College or University of Arkansas faculty member and arises from a research project, experiential program (internship, study abroad ~~business plan, business competition,~~ or other service project). In lieu of BUSI 499HV, students may choose to complete an honors internship course in SCMT 310H3 or ACCT 310HV internship. Complete an alternate honors capstone course SEVI 301H3 Honors Strategic Management, which should be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.

Requirements for the Departmental Scholars program:

Admission to the Honors Program as a departmental scholar will only be offered to current University of Arkansas students who have established a cumulative GPA of 3.75 upon completion of their freshmen year at the University of Arkansas. Transfer students may also apply upon completion of one semester at the University of Arkansas with a GPA of 3.75. All students must complete an application to be considered for acceptance into the departmental scholars program.

Complete ISYS 20303 (honors) and 9 12 hours of honors courses to be selected from pre-business core or State Minimum Core. MATH 25004 may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 9 12 required honors hours.

Students must also complete MATH 22003 or MATH 24004 ~~complete MATH 2554~~ with a grade of "C" or better within the first 60 hours ~~at the Fayetteville campus~~ and prior to taking upper level business courses.

Complete the following courses in Walton College::

Two 3-hour colloquium courses chosen from the following: BUSI 300H3 (May be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit), ACCT 400H3, ACCT 412H3, ECON 400H3, FINN 400H3, MKTG 400H3, SCMT 400H3, SEVI 400H3, HNRS 300H1, HNRS 301H1, HNRS 401H3 (or other honors colloquium courses (3000/4000 level only) offered in other colleges with approval of the Honors Director). The following courses may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit with prior approval: BUSI 300H3, ACCT 400H3, ECON 400H3, FINN 400H3, MKTG 400H3, SCMT 400H3, SEVI 400H3. At least 3 hours of honors colloquium courses must be from the Walton College. Any course outside of the Walton College would count toward fulfilling general education electives and would not count toward junior/senior business elective credit.

A three-hour thesis (BUSI 499HV): The thesis is a major independent writing project under the leadership of a Walton College or University of Arkansas faculty member and arises from a research project, experiential program (internship, study abroad or service project), or project (business competition, business plan, or other project). In lieu of BUSI 499HV students may choose to complete an honors internship course in SCMT 310H3 or ACCT 310HV

~~business competition, or internship.~~ Complete the honors capstone course SEVI 301H3 Honors Strategic Management, which should be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Updated antiquated language (Coop preference, SAKE preference, etc.)	Latin honors change due to enrollment numbers; more than 10% with 4.0, etc.
Modified Latin honors from percentage to GPA	
Edit SAT score conversion	
Updated admission criteria for transfer students	
Add ISYS 20303 (honors - course TBD) to the required	

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hours in honors	
Add MATH 22003 as an option to MATH 24004	
Add ACCT 310HV and SCMT 310H3 as an option to thesis	
Update thesis options	

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Reviewer Comments

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