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WCOB College Honors Requirements

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No Yes

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

Yes No

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 study area.

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 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:

Top 20 percent of students completing the Honors Program: *Summa Cum Laude*

Next 30 percent of students completing the Honors Program: *Magna Cum Laude*

Next 50 percent of students 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 3.00 or has received a "D" or "F" in any course in the last semester. Certain other requirements will be outlined on request by the associate dean for undergraduate studies.

Eligibility for the Honors Program

Admission will be offered to incoming freshmen with a minimum ACT/SAT score of 28/1240 or higher and a high school GPA of 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 2053 Finite Math in their first semester unless they already have AP/IB/dual credit for the course. 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 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 (3.75 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 21 hours in honors courses with a minimum of 9 hours completed from the following honors business courses: [ACCT 2013H](#), [ACCT 2023H](#), [BLAW 2013H](#), [ECON 2013H](#), [ECON 2023H](#), [ISYS 2103H](#), [MGMT 2103H](#), [MKTG 3433H](#), [SCMT 2103H](#), [BUSI 1033H](#) or [FINN 2043H](#) (excluding [BUSI 1111H](#)). The remaining honors hours may be selected from the State Minimum Core. Completing honors courses in the Fulbright College will fulfill this requirement. [MATH 2564](#) may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 21 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 2554](#) 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 3003H](#) (may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit), [ACCT 4003H](#), [ACCT 4123H](#), [ECON 4003H](#), [FINN 4003H](#), [MKTG 4003H](#), [SCMT 4003H](#), [SEVI 4003H](#), [HNRC 3001H](#), [HNRC 3011H](#), [HNRC 300VH](#), [HNRC 301VH](#), or [HNRC 4013H](#) (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 3003H](#), [ACCT 4003H](#), [ECON 4003H](#), [FINN 4003H](#), [MKTG 4003H](#), [SCMT 4003H](#), [SEVI 4003H](#). 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 499VH](#)): 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, business plan, business competition, or internship.

Complete an alternate honors capstone course [SEVI 3013H](#) 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 12 hours of honors courses to be selected from pre-business core or State Minimum Core. [MATH 2564](#) may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 12 required honors hours.

Students must also 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 3003H](#) (May be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit), [ACCT 4003H](#), [ACCT 4123H](#), [ECON 4003H](#), [FINN 4003H](#), [MKTG 4003H](#), [SCMT 4003H](#), [SEVI 4003H](#), [HNRC 3001H](#), [HNRC 3011H](#), ~~[HNRC 300VH](#)~~, ~~[HNRC 301VH](#)~~, [HNRC 4013H](#) (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 3003H](#), [ACCT 4003H](#), [ECON 4003H](#), [FINN 4003H](#), [MKTG 4003H](#), [SCMT 4003H](#), [SEVI 4003H](#). 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 499VH](#)): 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, business plan, business competition, or internship.

Complete the honors capstone course [SEVI 3013H](#) 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
<p>Changing the math requirement for Walton Scholars Honors students. Once implemented, the requirement will be that students must attain a score of 26 ACT or 620 SAT or higher on the math portion of these exams and students are required to take MATH 2053, Finite Math in their first semester unless they already have AP/IB/dual credit for the course.</p>	<p>MATH 1203 College Algebra is considered a remedial course in our curriculum and students who need to start in this class would be a better fit under our departmental honors requirements. The semesters that we offer honors sections of courses are based on students having completed MATH 2053 Finite Math in their first semester. It is a pre-req to many courses that they need in the</p>

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	<p>spring. A student who meets the honors admission requirements but has a lower math score would still have the option to complete MATH 1203 College Algebra in the summer prior to their first semester so that they could start in MATH 2053 Finite Math. They could also attempt the math placement exam over the summer to place into MATH 2053 for the fall. What ever the path, this change requires that students be Finite Math ready in their 1st semester in order to start as a Walton Honors Scholar. If they can't meet this requirement, they can still join Honors after their first year as a Departmental Scholar if they meet those requirements.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/04/23 1:24 pm): Changed SAT score from 600 to 620 to correspond with the Math Placement Criteria, with permission from the college.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/04/23 1:54 pm): Rollback: Unfortunately, with the impact the change has on MATH 2053, this minor change does not qualify for the shortened approval process. Please change the reason to making minor changes and thus, the effective date will need to change to fall 2024.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/05/23 3:36 pm): Changed response to the Interdisciplinary question from yes to no. Also changed the Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School question from no to yes and inserted ARSC, with permission from submitter.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (04/06/23 7:59 am): Updated HNRC 300VH and HNRC 301VH to HNRC 3001H and HNRC 3011H due to approved course number changes.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (10/27/23 3:03 pm): Updated math test score language to include Math Placement Test per Undergraduate Council recommendation.

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