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## Program Deactivation Proposal

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Changes proposed by: nrgreen

End Catalog                      Fall 2025

No new students  
admitted after:

### In Workflow

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

### Approval Path

1. 06/19/24 6:14 pm  
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Dean Initial
2. 06/19/24 8:19 pm  
Jim Gigantino  
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for Provost Initial
3. 09/17/24 4:05 pm  
Lisa Kulczak  
(lkulcza): Approved  
for Director of

- Curriculum Review  
and Program  
Assessment
4. 09/23/24 7:25 am  
Gina Daugherty  
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Registrar Initial
  5. 09/23/24 11:34 am  
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Michelle Evans  
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  8. 01/15/25 12:17 pm  
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  9. 01/15/25 1:30 pm  
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  10. 01/15/25 2:11 pm  
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  11. 01/27/25 10:58 am  
Lisa Kulczak  
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for Undergraduate  
Council

### History

- 1. Apr 18, 2024 by Gina Daugherty (gdaughter)

01/05/2025

Allow students in program to complete through:

Spring 2031

Number of students still enrolled:

841 (all ARSC honors. No numbers available for individual depts)

Courses Deleted as a result of this action:

How will students in the deleted program be accommodated?

Courses in deleted program will still be available to permit students to complete program through spring 2031

How will funds from the deleted program be reallocated?

No funds implicated in deletion of program

Deactivation attachments

Justification for this request

Enhancing quality and sustainability of honors program by replacing departmental honors with a common college honors curriculum.

Submitter:	User ID:	gdaughter	Phone:	5454
Program Status	Active			
Academic Level	Undergraduate			
Type of proposal	Policy			

Effective Catalog Year    Fall 2025

College/School Code      Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code          Department of Biological Sciences (BISC)

Program Code              BIOL Dept Honors

Program Title

    Biology Departmental Honors

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?

No

## Program Requirements and Description

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### Requirements

**Requirements for Departmental Honors in Biology:** The biological sciences honors program is designed to provide students an opportunity to investigate questions in biology through an expanded reading program and research experience. Biological science majors may apply to enter the program between the second semester of the sophomore year and the end of the junior year. Application is made through both Honors Studies (Old Main 517) and the Department of Biological Sciences (Science and Engineering 601). Applicants must have a 3.5 grade-point average. Students should consult with their adviser to identify and contact a potential faculty research mentor. The student's research activities will then be directed by the departmental faculty member who agrees to sponsor the student.

Students may enroll for up to four hours of credit in [BIOL 499HV](#) during the junior year and up to eight hours of credit in [BIOL 499HV](#) during the senior year. A maximum of six of these credits may be applied toward a major. Participants must complete and defend an honors thesis and take 12 hours in Honors Studies, which may include six hours of thesis. The honors thesis is based on an original research project and presented orally before a committee composed of two faculty from the biological sciences, a person from outside the biological sciences, and a representative from the Honors Council. This committee makes a recommendation concerning the award of the honors distinction to the Honors Council. Students who successfully complete the departmental honors program usually graduate as "Departmental Scholar *Cum Laude*." Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in exceptional cases and are based upon the candidate's entire involvement in the honors program. Completion of an honors thesis fulfills the writing requirement in biological sciences, which precludes credit for [BIOL 4987V](#) (Senior Thesis) for the same body of work.

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Reviewer Comments

**Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (09/17/24 4:04 pm):** Honors program deletions do not require off-campus approval; workflow has been adjusted accordingly.

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