

Departmental Honors Requirements

Department Name: Leadership Studies in Education and Organizations

The Departmental Honors Scholar degree designation is awarded through the University Honors Program at Wright State University.

Eligibility Requirements

- Cumulative and/or major GPAs
- Earned credit hours

Junior or senior students, who have maintained a 3.25 cumulative average, a 3.85 cumulative average in department content courses, and are enrolled in the Organizational Leadership (OL) major may apply for the Honors Program in OL. Transfer students are required to maintain a 3.25 cumulative average for the first 30 credit hours of work at Wright State University. Students must apply for the Honors Program prior to the last semester of their junior year.

Proposal and Approval Process

- Requirements for a student proposal
- Details about the department's approval of the proposal

Students will develop a proposed honors project (see the OL Honors Handbook), in concert with students' honor advisor and the honors coordinator. Students will complete and submit an application form, in which outlines the student will describe the type of project he or she will complete in addition to outlining the timeline for completion of the honors project—this application must be completed and approved prior to beginning any work on the project. The honors advisor and the honors coordinator will approve project proposals.

Academic Requirements

- Length, scope, and nature of the research/project/internship/co-op/performance
- Course(s), credit hours (typically 3-6 semester hours), and required grades
- Presentation (if required)

Working under the guidance of a faculty honor advisor, students will complete an honors research project, which may deal with any topic or problem related to leadership. All students who will participate in an Organizational Leadership (OL) Honors Project will be required to complete three credit hours of OL 4990 (a variable credit hour course, one to three credit hours) with a grade of "A" to receive the honors designation. To benefit the student's course load, those three credit hours may all be taken in one semester, or may be apportioned over two consecutive semesters, but no longer than two semesters. Students who choose the latter option will receive an "I" grade until the project is completed; upon completion of the project, the "I" grade will be changed to the final grade for the project. (If a grade of "B" or "C" is earned, the student will receive course credit only.) The OL 4990 final course (completion of the honors project) will culminate in an open-forum presentation of the research project or paper.

Evaluation

- Describe the criterion
- List who will determine satisfactory completion of the departmental honors requirements.

At the time of graduation the student must present:

An overall cumulative average of 3.25;

A cumulative average of 3.75 in professional content courses;

An honors project evaluated with a grade of "A".

The departmental honors coordinator and the faculty honors advisor will determine if the student has met the criteria for completion of the honors project.

Project Oversight

- Detail who will serve as a student's project advisor (a single faculty member, department committee, and/or department chair).

A fully-affiliated OL faculty member will serve as the honors advisor.

Timeline

- Describe the typical timeline for completion of the project, including milestones for when a student should apply to, begin work on, and complete the project.

The prospective honors student must contact the proposed honors advisor and the honors coordinator the semester prior to the anticipated project, typically prior to the last semester of the junior year. The honors project or paper may be completed in the course of one or two semesters and must be completed prior to graduation.

Forms

- Attach any forms a student must complete in conjunction with the departmental honors project (admission, approval, etc.).

See the OL Honors Handbook.