

# HONORS PROGRAM

The Trinity Honors Program is intended to encourage and challenge high-achieving students by stimulating, rewarding, and celebrating academic and scholarly pursuits. It is both a guild and an academic program, so has both a unique culture and a specialized curriculum.

As a guild, the Honors Program has a select membership (based on meeting eligibility and continuance requirements), and it provides structure and support for scholarly and social activities designed especially for its members. Students are selected for the program on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement. To qualify for membership, entering freshmen need an ACT score of 28 or higher and a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA, or an ACT score of 25 or higher and a 3.75 cumulative high school GPA. College transfers must present a cumulative college-level GPA of 3.5 or higher (no ACT requirement) for consideration. Current Trinity students must present a cumulative Trinity College GPA of 3.3 or higher (no ACT requirement) for consideration. Honors Program members must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA or higher and make the satisfactory progress towards completion of honors courses to remain in the program. (Students with a cumulative of 3.3 or higher may under certain circumstances be allowed to enroll in courses with the consent of the Honors Program director.)

As an academic pursuit, the Honors Program is a specialized minor, which can be taken alongside any major(s), with course requirements consisting of selected honors courses and a senior honors project. (For curriculum, see “Honors Program” under “Interdisciplinary Studies” in the “Academic Majors and Minors by Department” section.) For more information, contact the program director.

To graduate as a member of the Honors Program – and to have such recorded on the final transcript and noted in the printed commencement program – a student must complete at least eight honors courses, including a senior honors project. To meet program requirements (i.e. to count toward the total of eight), each of these courses must earn either three or four credits (or at least two graduate credits), and students must achieve a grade of at least “B” in each course. To remain members of the Honors Program, students must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA (in all coursework – not honors courses only) and make satisfactory progress towards completion of Honors course requirements. In preparation for the Senior Honors Project, all members of the Honors Program are expected to attend at least two Senior Honors Project presentations in their sophomore or junior year.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
IDS 180	One Mission, Many Stories	
ENG 106	Critical Thinking and Composition	
PH 180	Introduction to Philosophy (Honors)	
Select one of the following:		3
BRS/HI/PH 359	Topics for Honors Students (Honors)	
BIO/HI 359	Topics for Honors Students (Honors)	
XX 359	Topics for Honors Students	
Select two of the following:		6-8

300- or 400- level course in student’s declared major (or majors if the student is graduating with more than one major) with an in-course honors contract negotiated with the instructor

Select two of the following:	4-8
BRS/HI/PH Topics for Honors Students (Honors) <sup>1</sup> 359	
BIO/HI 359 Topics for Honors Students (Honors) <sup>1</sup> XX 359 Topics for Honors Students <sup>1</sup>	
200-, 300-, or 400-level course with an in-course honors contract negotiated with the instructor	
400-level course outside the students declared major (or majors, if the student is graduating with more than one major)	
5000-, 6000-, or 7000-level graduate course at TGS or TEDS (except introductory language courses)	
Senior honors project	3-4
XX 450 Independent Study in student’s declared major(s)	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>22-29</b>

<sup>1</sup> If not used above

## Honors Program for Transfer or Dual-Degree Students

To graduate as a member of the Honors Program – and to have such recorded on the final transcript and noted in the printed commencement program – a student who transfers 60 or more credits to Trinity (thus entering with at least junior status) or who is enrolled in a dual-degree program must complete at least six honors courses, including a senior honors project. To meet program requirements (i.e. to count toward the goal of six), each of these courses must earn either three or four credits (or at least two graduate credits), and students must achieve a grade of at least “B” in each course. To remain members of the Honors program, students must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA (in all coursework – not honors courses only) and make satisfactory progress towards completion of Honors course requirements. In preparation for the Senior Honors Project, all members of the Honors Program are expected to attend at least two Senior Honors Project presentations prior to the semester in which they prepare and present their own Senior Honors project.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses for Transfer (60+ Credits) or Dual Degree Students (15-23 hours)</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
BRS/HI/PH 359	Topics for Honors Students (Honors)	
BIO/HI 359	Topics for Honors Students (Honors)	
XX 359	Topics for Honors Students	
Select one of the following:		3-4
300- or 400-level course in the student’s declared major (or majors, if the student is graduating with more than one major) with an in-course honors contract negotiated with the instructor		
Select three of the following:		6-12
IDS 180H	One Mission, Many Stories	
ENG 106H	Critical Thinking and Composition	
PH 180	Introduction to Philosophy (Honors)	

BRS/BI/PH Topics for Honors Students (Honors) <sup>1</sup> 359	
BIO/BI 359 Topics for Honors Students (Honors) <sup>1</sup>	
XX 359 Topics for Honors Students <sup>1</sup>	
200-, 300-, or 400-level course with an in-course honors contract negotiated with the instructor	
400-level course outside the students declared major (or majors, if the student is graduating with more than one major)	
5000-, 6000-, or 7000-level graduate course at TGS or TEDS (except introductory language courses)	
Senior honors project	3-4
XX 450 Independent Study in xxx (student's declared major <sup>s</sup> )	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15-23</b>

<sup>1</sup> If not used above