

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

College of Human Ecology Requirements (5/11 rev)

The College of Human Ecology and the University Honors Program welcomes qualified students to join the honors program at any point in their academic career in which they become academically eligible for admission into the University Honors Program. The University Honors Program is intended to recognize the high achievements of outstanding students who go beyond the curriculum requirements for a given degree program to meet the challenges of completing advanced study, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship activities that are embodied in the honors program.

I. University Level7 credit hours

RETREAT for new students prior to fall semester (optional)

DHE 020 Students enroll in program each semester.....0 credit

DHE 189 Introduction to University Honors Program1 credit

Other Requirements.....6 credits

- University honors courses generated by the University Honors Program Director each semester. These courses can be honors sections of required courses or elective seminars (most are 3 credit hours).
- Alternative opportunities (e.g., study abroad) to generate university level honor credit hours must be approved by both the Director of the University Honors Program and the college coordinator (or appropriate college representative). Under no circumstances will students be allowed to arrange for credit after the experience is completed.

II. College of Human Ecology Requirements8 credit hours or equivalent required

Required experiences for all CHE University Honors Program Students:

A. **DHE 300 Conducting Honors Research.....1 credit hour**
Recommended enrollment during Sophomore/2nd year

B. * **DHE 102 Honors Practicum in Research, Teaching, Extension, or Administration ****
0-1 credit hours or equivalent
Recommended enrollment after DHE 300 course

All Honors Program students are required to complete two semesters of *DHE 102 Honors Practicum in Research, Teaching, Extension, or Administration*. This practicum experience is designed to help students learn more about possible options for Honors Projects and academia. When designed with career plans in mind, this experience can also be an excellent opportunity to prepare students for graduate or professional school.

Students will be asked to complete 30 hours each of the two semesters, which is equivalent to about two hours per week. Students may be involved in the same practicum experience across both semesters or may participate in different experiences each semester. Students may or may not be paid or receive academic credit for DHE 102 practicum experiences, depending upon their need for academic credit and faculty/administrators' access to funding. Students will complete a time sheet and description of their DHE 102 practicum experience, which will be included in their final UHP Portfolio. The

course is available for course credit; students who choose not to take the course for credit will receive 1 equivalent credit per semester of completed DHE 102 Practicum.

- C. **Honors Project**2-3 credit hours
Capstone research or creative project - including presentation of findings to faculty and/or students. Requires supervision by a faculty mentor.

Additional optional experiences that can be used to meet UHP College requirements:

- D. **Honors Seminars**..... 1-2 credit hours

- E.* **Professional Development Activities (PDA)**3-5 PDAs
The activities shown in the following list are only intended as examples of ways by which professional development activities may be earned. The Professional Development Activities listed for each example are not intended to be absolute. Final approval of an activity and the PDAs that can be earned for that activity are solely at the discretion of the UHP Director and CHE Honors Program Coordinator. Note that no one activity can be repeated for PDAs.

- International Study Abroad or National Student Exchange (3 PDAs)
- Faculty led study tour (1 PDA)
- Summer professional internship (2 PDAs)
- Semester COOP Experience (3 PDAs)
- Community Service including that organized by the college or university, religious organization mission trip, etc (1 to 2 PDAs)
- Submission of a design or written paper or poster for national student competition (2 PDAs).
- Personally presenting the paper or poster at a national meeting, add (1) PDA. Placing in the top 3 at the national level, add (1) PDA.
- Participation on a departmental or college sponsored student team at the regional or national level (2 PDAs). If the team leader, add (1) PDA.
- Student organization leadership position (local chapter president or vice president or equivalent) (1 PDA)
- CHE Ambassador (1 PDAs)
- Application for Nationally Competitive Scholarship Awards (Rhodes, Marshal, Truman, Goldwater, Udall or equivalent) (2 PDAs)

- F. ***Other Courses**.....1-3 credit hours

These courses are in addition to any courses taken for the University Level Requirements. These courses may include the following:

- Other topics, problems, seminar courses internal or external to the College.
- Other Honors Courses/Sections
- Graduate coursework (700 level or higher graduate credit)
- Modern Languages (200 level or higher of a spoken modern language course such as Spanish, French, German, or other as approved. Does not include literature or history courses)
- Completion of an "Honors Experience" within a regular course (Students may contract with the instructor of any KSU undergraduate course to complete an additional "Honors Experience" within the course beyond the regular course requirements).

* Requires a UHP plan, approved by UHP Director and CHE Honors Program Coordinator, submitted prior to the activity and a follow-up evaluation/self-reflection to be counted as an honors activity.

III. **Total UHP Requirements**.....**15 credit hours or equivalent PDAs required**