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Architecture School and Departmental Honors Requirements

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

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

No

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Honors

Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Honors Program

The Honors Program of the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design is proud to be one of the six individual honors programs partnered with the University of Arkansas Honors College. The Fay Jones School Honors Program is rooted in the best traditions of design education: responsibility and service to the societies and cultures to which we are inextricably connected, and the nurturing of the individual curiosity and capabilities of our students. Honors requirements are the same in all departments (Architecture, Interior [Architecture and](#) Design and Landscape Architecture) and can be found below.

The Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Honors Program provides opportunities for students of superior academic and creative ability to enhance and enrich their professional and liberal education. Students in the Architecture Honors Program are eligible to graduate *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude*. All other students who attain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher will be eligible to graduate with distinction, a classification separate from the *cum laude* awards. The school's Honors Program requires 18 credits of honors coursework.

Admission to the Fay Jones School Honors Program

The Honors College will automatically enroll freshmen who are accepted as honors students before summer orientation in the Fay Jones School Honors Program. At summer orientation, these honors students will fill out the Fay Jones School Honors Program enrollment form.

Freshmen who were not admitted by the Honors College before orientation but who come to orientation with the qualifying 28 composite ACT score and [3.75 3-5](#) high school GPA will also fill out the Fay Jones School Honors Program Enrollment form at orientation. Students who do not present both 28 composite ACT and [3.75 3-5](#) high school GPA, but who subsequently earn and maintain a 3.5 GPA in their coursework at the U. of A., will be invited to enroll in the Fay Jones Honors Program as soon as they attain a 3.5 GPA, provided it is still possible for them to complete all of the Honors program requirements at the time of their enrollment.

~~From the second semester of the third year onward, the Fay Jones School Honors Scholars are required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.33 to remain in the program.~~ Transfer students may be invited to join the Fay Jones School Honors Program if they maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in courses completed at the University of [Arkansas](#).

~~Arkansas by the end of the first semester of their third year of study, and a 3.33 GPA thereafter.~~

Every semester, the school's advising center will apprise the Fay Jones School Honors Program Committee of students who have achieved this level of excellence and are eligible to join the Fay Jones School Honors Program. Invitations are extended to students by the end of the semester in which the candidacy is advanced.

Confirmation of Intent to Complete the Fay Jones School Honors Program

At the end of the first semester of the third year, students will sign a form, confirming their intention to complete the remaining requirements for their honors degree. Students found not to have successfully completed the honors core course(s) needed to satisfy their Honors degree requirements (i.e., sufficient credits in University Core and/or Professional Core Honors courses) will be dismissed from the honors program at this time.

Dismissal from the Fay Jones School Honors Program

The Fay Jones School Honors Program students who fail to maintain a 3.5 ~~or 3.33~~ cumulative GPA, depending on their year level, will receive a one-semester probation period prior to dismissal from the program.

Honors Independent Study Policy

Honors students may take as many regular or honors independent study credits as they deem desirable, but only one three-credit honors independent study course may be substituted for an Honors Professional Elective course.

Furthermore, the substitution will be permitted only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

That the honors independent study course not be taken concurrently with capstone credit studio.

That the honors independent study course not be taught by the student's capstone director.

That honors independent study course be substituted for no more than three credits of a student's required professional electives credits.

It is recommended that students considering this option seek special advising from their faculty mentor. As it is helpful for students to know what is expected of them, the work of the honors independent study (research paper, models, prototypes, etc.) should be determined, and agreed upon, by the professor and student before the student registers for the credits. The school's advising center will register a student for an Honors Special Projects course only upon request of a syllabus or prospectus for the independent study from the student.

Honors Capstone

All honors students will pursue a capstone project during the final year of their undergraduate program. Honors students will invest three credit hours in the development of a capstone project that will articulate research topics identified in the [FJAD 3153H](#) Honors Methods of Design Inquiry course taken spring semester in a students' third year. Guidelines for topic selection and preparation of the honors capstone project are available from the Honors Committee.

All Fay Jones Honors students are held to the highest standard with regard to academic achievement and academic integrity. Students violating the Academic Integrity policy that receive a sanction of ≥ 1.0 at the University of Arkansas will be permanently removed from the Fay Jones Honors Program without the ability to reapply. The student may appeal the decision to the University's Academic Integrity Board; if the sanction is overturned and removed, the student will be reinstated into the Fay Jones Honors Program.

The honors capstone is a student-directed project supervised by a capstone director with expertise in the capstone topic. The capstone director, who must be a faculty member in the Fay Jones School, chairs a capstone committee to be comprised of two other members, typically, a departmental faculty member and a non-departmental faculty member who brings additional fields of knowledge to the project. In rare cases when the capstone director, in consultation with the School's Honors Committee and the student, determines that a non-departmental faculty

member with expertise appropriate to the capstone in question cannot be identified on campus, an extra-disciplinary member from within the Fay Jones School (e.g., faculty in architectural history, technology, or other allied field) may fill the position of the non-departmental member. Any such exceptions to the standard membership of a capstone committee should be infrequent. The point of including non-departmental participation is to help ensure that a student's research is understandable and valid to an informed community outside of the disciplines of architecture, interior design or landscape architecture. Additional faculty, both departmental or non-departmental, as well as non-academic experts, may participate in any honors capstone as non-committee members, if the capstone director welcomes their involvement. Students will complete and present a written prospectus for the Honors Capstone no later than the Friday before summer break in their third year of study. The prospectus will be a product of the [FJAD 3153H](#) Honors Methods of Design Inquiry course. Students shall meet a schedule of interim requirements established by the capstone committee in consultation with the School's Honors Committee.

Requirements for Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Honors Program Scholars

Completion of 18 hours of honors designated courses, to include a minimum of:

Honors elective (any Honors course at the university)	3
Honors Professional Core (any Honors professional core in the Fay Jones School)	3
Honors Professional Electives or upper-level (3000+) university honors courses	6
FJAD 3153H Honors Methods of Design Inquiry	3
FJAD 5143H Honors Capstone	3
Total Hours	18

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
In order to be in line with the Honors College and other units on campus, we raised the cumulative GPA for entry into the honors program from a 3.5 to a 3.75. To remain in the honors program, students must now maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA instead of a 3.33.	To be in line with other honors entry requirements on campus.

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