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Academic Level Undergraduate

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College/School Code  
Walton College of Business (WCOB)

Department Code  
Department of Business Dean (WCBD)

Program Code WCOB Honors

Program Title

### In Workflow

1. WCOB Dean Initial
2. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
3. Registrar Initial
4. Institutional Research
5. WCBD Chair
6. WCOB Curriculum Committee
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8. ARSC Dean
9. WCOB Dean
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13. Faculty Senate
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- 5. May 19, 2020 by  
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- 6. May 21, 2021 by  
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WCOB College Honors Requirements

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

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

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

No

## Program Requirements and Description

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### Requirements

## Honors Program

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Walton College honors program consists of two components: the four-year Walton Scholars Program and the Departmental Scholars Program. Students participating in the honors program will be eligible to graduate *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude*. Students who do not participate in the honors program are eligible to graduate with distinction, a classification separate from the *cum laude* awards. Honors program students will receive priority for participation in the Arkansas Cooperative Education Program, SAKE, the portfolio management class, and financial support for study-abroad programs. They also have access to an honors study area.

## Graduation with Honors

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The bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* (with highest honors), *magna cum laude* (with high honors), or *cum laude* (with honors) may be conferred only upon those students who have successfully completed the Walton College Honors Program. Both Walton Scholars and Departmental Scholars are eligible for these designations. Students whose cumulative grade-point average place them in the top 10 percent of their graduating class but who have not completed the Honors Program are eligible for the designation "With Distinction" on their official transcript. Among those students completing the Honors Program, the designations *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *cum laude* shall be determined as follows:

Top 20 percent of students completing the Honors Program: *Summa Cum Laude*

Next 30 percent of students completing the Honors Program: *Magna Cum Laude*

Next 50 percent of students completing the Honors Program: *Cum Laude*

No honors degree will be conferred upon a candidate who has not completed at least 50 percent of his or her degree work at the University of Arkansas or who, in the last four semesters of attendance, has a cumulative grade-point average of less than 3.00 or has received a "D" or "F" in any course in the last semester. Certain other requirements will be outlined on request by the associate dean for undergraduate studies.

## Eligibility for the Honors Program

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Admission will be offered to incoming freshmen with a minimum ACT/SAT score of 28/1240 or higher and a high school GPA of 3.75. Honors students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 ~~3.50~~ with no grades of "D" or "F" in any course to remain in the program. All honors students are required to meet with the associate or assistant director for honors programs each semester to monitor progress of honors requirements. Students who maintain a GPA of 3.75 ~~3.50~~ but do not complete honors requirements in a timely manner are subject to removal from the Honors Program at the discretion of the director of the honors program.

### Probation Guidelines

#### Honors Enrollment Exceptions

If students are admitted into the Walton Honors program as first-semester freshmen with the qualifying criteria

(3.75 minimum HS GPA and 28 ACT/1310 SAT), and have their HS GPA recalculated to be lower than the qualifying criteria after successful admission, those students will be placed on a one-semester probation during their first semester at the University of Arkansas.

#### First Time on Probation Students

Members of the Walton Honors program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 ~~3.50~~ or higher. Should a student's GPA fall below 3.75, ~~3.50~~; that student will be placed on honors probation for the following semester. During this probationary period, the student will retain the privileges of membership in the Walton Honors Program and Honors College, and they will have the chance to raise their cumulative University of Arkansas GPA to 3.75, ~~3.50~~. If at the end of the probationary semester the student's cumulative GPA remains below 3.75, ~~3.50~~, the student will be removed from the Walton Honors program and the Honors College.

### Requirements for Walton Scholars Program: College, with the following exception. Students whose semester GPA was above 3.75 during their first probationary semester will be granted a single additional probationary semester.

~~If at the end of the second probationary semester the student's cumulative GPA remains below 3.50, the student will be removed from the Walton Honors program.~~ Requirements for Walton Scholars Program: Complete 21 ~~17~~ hours in honors courses with a minimum of 9 hours completed from the following honors business courses: ACCT 2013H, ACCT 2023H, BLAW 2013H, ECON 2013H, ECON 2023H, ISYS 2103H, MGMT 2103H, MKTG 3433H, SCMT 2103H, BUSI 1033H ~~SCMT 2103H~~; or FINN 2043H (excluding BUSI 1111H), WCOB 1033H (excluding WCOB 1111H). The remaining honors hours may be selected from the State Minimum ~~University~~ Core. Completing honors courses in the Fulbright College will fulfill this requirement. MATH 2564 may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 21 ~~17~~ required honors hours. Students must complete a minimum of 12 honors hours within the first 30 hours at the Fayetteville campus.

~~Demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language. This requires 0 to 12 hours of coursework. Students may demonstrate proficiency by completing the 2013-level course in any foreign language. Students whose native language is not English must complete a 2013-level course other than their native language from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish or COMM 2303 and COMM 2323. Students must complete a foreign language or communications course within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.~~ Students must also complete MATH 2554 with a grade of "C" within the first 45 hours at the Fayetteville campus prior to taking upper level business classes.

Complete the following honors courses in Walton College:

Two 3-hour colloquium courses chosen from the following: BUSI 3003H WCOB 3003H (may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit), ACCT 4003H, ACCT 4123H, ~~ACCT 4123H~~ ECON 4003H, FINN 4003H, MKTG 4003H, SCMT 4003H, SEVI 4003H, HNRC 300VH, HNRC 301VH, or HNRC 4013H (or other honors colloquium courses (3000/4000 level only) offered in other colleges with approval of the Honors Director). The following courses may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit with prior approval: BUSI 3003H, WCOB 3003H; ACCT 4003H, ECON 4003H, FINN 4003H, MKTG 4003H, SCMT 4003H, SEVI 4003H, ~~SCMT 4003H~~. At least 3 hours of honors colloquium courses must be from the Walton College. Any course outside the Walton College would ordinarily count toward fulfilling general education electives and would not count toward junior/senior business elective credit.

A three-hour thesis ([WCOB 499VH](#)): The thesis is a major independent writing project under the leadership of a Walton College or University of Arkansas faculty member and arises from a research project, business plan, business competition, or internship.

Complete an alternate honors capstone course [SEVI 3013H](#) Honors Strategic Management, which should be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.

## Requirements for the Departmental Scholars program:

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Admission to the Honors Program as a departmental scholar will only be offered to current University of Arkansas students who have established a cumulative GPA of 3.75 upon completion of their freshmen year at the University of Arkansas. Transfer students may also apply upon completion of one semester at the University of Arkansas with a GPA of 3.75. All students must complete an application to be considered for acceptance into the departmental scholars program.

~~Honors students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 with no grades of "D" or "F" in any course to remain in the program. All honors students are required to meet with the associate director for honors programs each semester to monitor progress of honors requirements. Students who maintain a GPA of 3.50 but do not complete honors requirements in a timely manner are subject to removal from the Honors Program at the discretion of the director of the honors program.~~ Complete 12 9 hours of honors courses to be selected from pre-business core or [State Minimum University](#) Core. [MATH 2564](#) may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 12 9 required honors hours.

~~Students must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by completing a 2003 course in any foreign language. Students whose native language is not English must complete a 2003-level course other than their native language or a third language from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish or COMM 2303.~~ Students must also complete [MATH 2554](#) with a grade of "C" or better within the first 60 hours at the Fayetteville campus and prior to taking upper level business courses.

Complete the following courses in Walton College::

Two 3-hour colloquium courses chosen from the following: [BUSI 3003H](#) [WCOB 3003H](#) (May be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit), [ACCT 4003H](#), [ACCT 4123H](#), ~~ACCT 4123H~~ [ECON 4003H](#), [FINN 4003H](#), [MKTG 4003H](#), [SCMT 4003H](#), [SEVI 4003H](#), [HNRC 300VH](#), [HNRC 301VH](#), [HNRC 4013H](#) (or other honors colloquium courses (3000/4000 level only) offered in other colleges with approval of the Honors Director). The following courses may be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit with prior approval: [BUSI 3003H](#), [WCOB 3003H](#), [ACCT 4003H](#), [ECON 4003H](#), [FINN 4003H](#), [MKTG 4003H](#), [SCMT 4003H](#), [SEVI 4003H](#). ~~MKTG 4003H, SCMT 4003H~~. At least 3 hours of honors colloquium courses must be from the Walton College. Any course outside of the Walton College would count toward fulfilling general education electives and would not count toward junior/senior business elective credit.

A three-hour thesis ([WCOB 499VH](#)): The thesis is a major independent writing project under the leadership of a Walton College or University of Arkansas faculty member and arises from a research project, business plan, business competition, or internship.

Complete the honors capstone course [SEVI 3013H](#) Honors Strategic Management, which should be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
<p>1. Increase the maintenance GPA for students in the Walton College Honors Program from 3.5 to 3.75.</p> <p>2. Increased Honors course requirements from 17 to 21 hours for Walton Scholars (students who join the Honors Program on entering the University) and from 9 to 12 hours for Departmental Scholars (students who enter the Honors Program based on academic performance after entering the University).</p> <p>3. Added ACCT 2023H, FINN 2043H as Business Core honors classes.</p> <p>4. Removed the honors foreign language proficiency requirement.</p> <p>5. Added SEVI 4003H to the list of Walton College departmental honors colloquia.</p> <p>6. Changed University Core to State Minimum Core.</p>	<p>1. The percentage of students in the Walton College Honors Program has increased in recent years and is above the desired level. Increasing the maintenance GPA will make remaining in the honors program more challenging and ensure that only our best students graduate with honors.</p> <p>2. As additional Honors course options have been added to the Walton College Business Core, the number of required hours to qualify for honors has been increased for both Walton Scholars and Departmental Scholars.</p> <p>3. ACCT 2023H and FINN 2043H have been added as Business Core honors classes.</p> <p>4. The foreign language proficiency requirement was removed based on benchmarking information that showed that other peer and aspirant business school honors programs do not have a foreign language requirement. After reflecting carefully on available options, the requirement was removed and students will be encouraged to consider a broader range of opportunities (language, study abroad, other courses) to extend their cultural understanding.</p> <p>5. SEVI 4003H was added as the SEVI Department honors colloquium.</p> <p>6. Updated University Core to State Minimum Core to reflect the current terminology.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/01/22 10:28 am):** Swapped WCOB courses with BUSI courses to remove the red error box. College is encouraged to review all BUSI courses to confirm the correct classes were selected.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/01/22 10:50 am):** Changed University Core to State Minimum Core in item 1 of Departmental Scholars.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/02/22 8:36 am):** Rollback: Rolling back per college's request.