

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM ADVISING SYLLABUS

Fall 2019

University Honors Program advisors supplement, but do not replace students' major advisors. Our program advisors work collaboratively with students' major advisors in their colleges to help students maximize their academic success. Each Honors Program student is an individual; knowing this, we advise accordingly.

Generally speaking, Honors Program professional staff who academically advise honors students assist with information related to program and university policies and procedures as well as Honors Program completion requirements; they promote students' participation in high-impact opportunities, such as research, scholarship, creative activities, study abroad, service-learning, internships, living-and-learning communities, etc.; they assist students in discovering academic resources for success; and they empower students to take ownership of their academic and intellectual goals, decisions, and achievements.

Honors academic advising student learning outcomes:

- Students learn about and understand Honors Program requirements and pathways to program completion and/or levels of distinctions, including honors courses, Honors "Course Adjustment Contracts," and the Honors Thesis option.
- Students commit to maintain Honors Program academic standards, including the semester UI cumulative GPA requirement and progress towards honors credits to maintain active membership in the program (for program requirements and levels of distinction see here <https://www.uidaho.edu/academics/university-honors-program/academics/requirements-distinction>).
- Students learn about and engage in a variety of high-impact activities including, but not limited to the new Honors "Academic and Experiential Points Contract."
- Students learn about external competitive scholarship opportunities through making an appointment with the faculty fellow Distinguished Scholarships Program.
- Students learn about and participate in Honors Program events, programming and organizations.
- Students understand how participation in high-impact activities and Honors Program academic and extracurricular opportunities impacts students' goals and future success.

Expectations of Honors Program students related to academic advising:

- Review your academic degree requirements and your Honors Program requirements and academic progress prior to your advising appointment.
- Reflect on your academic and career goals, expecting to discuss your thoughts and ambitions with your advisor.
- Work to become increasingly knowledgeable of Honors Program resources and opportunities (e.g., courses, student organizations, scholarship advising).

- Take responsibility for your education and goals.
- Recognize that you need to take an active role in advising.
- Schedule regular advising appointments in order to track your Honors Program goals and requirements.

Year-by-year Honors Program advising:

Year 1, fall semester: Transition into college life

Student checklist/to do:

- Attend the new student orientation session on Friday before classes start.
- Take your first honors course to make progress towards program requirements.
- Meet with Honors Program advisor Cory Chambers to gain more understanding of Honors Program requirements and opportunities, and to discuss your educational goals and resources on campus.
- Participate in at least two FREE Honors Program academic activities. Choose two from this list between August and December 2019:
 - Attend one “Fireside Chat,”
 - Attend one “HONORS@theLibraries” workshop,
 - Submit an article or essay to the Honors Program` publication *The Looking Glass*,
 - Apply to be part of the Honors Program Peer Mentor Program as a mentee.
- Participate in at least one FREE cultural/social event between August and December 2019 such as:
 - Attend one Auditorium Chamber Music Series concert,
 - Attend one guest lecture promoted by the Honors Program,
 - Attend one Honors Program student club event,
 - Attend one Honors Program “Welcome Week event (Honors Movie Night, Honors Swim Night).
- Meet with Honors Program academic advisor Cory Chambers to create a course plan for spring 2020 and to clarify any questions you may have about the program and program opportunities or best major to fit your goals.
- Register for Honors Program courses for spring 2020 in October 2019.
- Attend Distinguished Scholarships Program workshops offered by faculty fellow Distinguished Scholarships Program, Professor Dilshani Sarathchandra, or make an appointment with her for national scholarship advising at dilshanis@uidaho.edu or via Vandalstar.
- Prepare for final exams!

How to make an appointment with Honors Program Academic Advisor Cory Chambers:

1. Use her Vandalstar link
2. Email honors@uidaho.edu
3. Drop by her office in Idaho Commons 321.