

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To complete the Honors Program, an Honors student must earn University of Nevada, Reno degree, satisfy all major and Honors Program requirements, and remain in good standing throughout the student's college career. An Honors student must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25 each semester and achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the time of graduation; complete a minimum of two Honors courses each year; demonstrate significant contributions to Honors academic and social activities; meet with an Honors advisor once a year; complete thirty credits of Honors coursework; and complete an Honors Thesis/Project and an oral defense.

Graduating with Honors - Graduating with Honors requires the successful completion of all Honors Program requirements.

- **Completion of 30 Credits in Honors** - As outlined above, students must complete 30 credits of coursework throughout the college career. To receive Honors credit for a course, an Honors student must complete each Honors class with a grade of B- or higher. Up to six Honors points may replace Honors course credit.
- **Completion of a Senior Honors Thesis/Project** – All Honors students must complete a Thesis/Project in their major during their senior year. The Senior Honors Thesis/Project is the development of an independent, original scholarly or creative topic of interest to the student in the major. It is completed in the student's major field and represents the culminating experience of an undergraduate education. The thesis/project is not expected to be graduate-level work, but superior undergraduate performance is expected; the thesis/project demonstrates greater depth and a more thorough understanding of a specific, focused topic in the major field. The thesis/project is directed by a faculty member who agrees to work with the Honors student for two semesters or six semester hours of credit. Once the thesis/project is completed and the manuscript is written, the student orally defends his/her thesis.
- **Application to Graduate in the Honors Program** - If an Honors student has completed the requirements of the Honors Program and plans to graduate in the Honors Program in the next year, the student should complete the *Application to Graduate in the Honors Program* form online. If the student plans to graduate in December, he/she submits this form by September 15; if the student plans to graduate in May, he/she should submit this form by February 15.
- **Exit Interview** - Honors students must make an appointment with the Honors Program Office within the first two weeks of the semester in which they expect to graduate in order to submit the *Application to Graduate in the Honors Program* form, discuss the student's DARS report, and to verify Honors requirements. At least two months prior to the graduation date, each student must make another appointment with the Honors Program for an exit interview. During this time, the student must submit a completed *Honors Program Exit Survey* (available on line) evaluating his/her college experience, review transcripts, and re-verify Honors requirements. The Honors Program is always interested in students' academic

achievements and awards. The Honors Program requests that students bring copies of any scholarships, travel activities, leadership roles or positions, or other significant accomplishments or awards in order for the Honors Program to recognize its graduates and publicize outstanding student achievements.