



Schedler Honors Program

Student Handbook

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About the Schedler Honors Program

Established in 2018, by Honors College Dean, Patricia Smith, and University President, Houston Davis and in conjunction with the University Honors Council, the Schedler Honors Program (originally the University Scholars Program) at UCA provides enhanced educational opportunities in a living/learning environment designed to develop socially responsible leaders. Admitted through a highly competitive application process, Honors Program students benefit from a curriculum that emphasizes social responsibility and disciplinary expertise. Honors Program students are empowered to be leaders within the community and beyond by honing their skills in communication, critical inquiry, and academic research while engaging in opportunities to practice ethical decision-making.

Vision

The Norbert O. Schedler Honors College strives to prepare students to serve as global leaders ready to confront the complex challenges of our modern world. We aim to do this by building a community in which every person is valued, included in the conversation, and prepared for discussions of the salient problems of our time. We aspire to be known both locally and nationally for innovation and excellence in higher education.

Values Statement

We live in a world where the nature of the problems we face requires a variety of skills, approaches, experiences, and perspectives. To this end, the Honors College values **INTERDISCIPLINARITY**: the integration of knowledge that allows us to recognize bias, transcend disciplinary borders, and construct meaningful context. In order to promote human flourishing for all, we seek to create an **INCLUSIVE** environment in which we respect the similarities and differences in our community. We value **CURIOSITY**, through which we come alive to ourselves and what is around us; we take up the questions that are in the never-ending **CONVERSATION** among people past, present, and future, and shape them carefully so they point to routes of **INQUIRY**. This process demands of us

persistence and **COURAGE** to take intellectual risks, to explore our discomfort, and to stay in the conversation. We value **EXCELLENCE**, striving to be our best selves, individually and collectively. These values nurture a community that encourages informed and responsible action.

Mission

The Norbert O. Schedler Honors College identifies highly motivated students, immerses them in a learning community where they can examine who they are and practice who they want to become, and challenges them with opportunities for growth. The Honors College equips students from across disciplines with the tools and skills to lead flourishing lives and develops them as conscientious citizen-scholars prepared to make a difference.

Guiding Principles

Inclusion Statement

The Norbert O. Schedler Honors College upholds that diversity fuels the scholarly advancement of knowledge. In order to foster excellence and prepare culturally competent leaders, we seek to create an environment of inclusiveness and respect for the similarities and differences in our community. Through thoughtful conversation about ethnicity, race, socio-economic class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, and ability, we expand our minds and move beyond raising awareness toward creating sustainable social change.

Interdisciplinarity Statement

The Norbert O. Schedler Honors College provides an interdisciplinary forum through which the integration of knowledge allows one to recognize bias, transcend disciplinary borders, and construct meaningful context. Interdisciplinary understanding entails seeing an issue from an array of perspectives and recognizing how alternative approaches influence one another, which leads to a holistic understanding of complex issues.

Leadership Statement

The Norbert O. Schedler Honors College provides a constructive forum that fosters the cultivation of knowledge, skills, and behaviors that develop capacity to effectively communicate and interact with others in order to accomplish a goal in a manner that is as free as possible from prejudice and presupposition and that reflects high ethical standards.

Goals for Student Development

The goal of the Schedler Honors Program is to develop socially responsible leaders, capable of carrying out research, and collaborating with others in order to be prepared to take action in their profession and community.

The following goals for student development guide this process:

- Social Responsibility—addressing social and environmental challenges and finding ethical solutions, a process that culminates in individual and collective interventions; and
- Disciplinary Expertise: The ability to articulate a relevant research or creative agenda, to utilize established knowledge in the discipline, to develop clear research questions or goals, and identify and demonstrate appropriate methodologies in a project of one's own design.

Learning Objectives

The Schedler Honors Program is a learning laboratory, furthering our institutional mission by developing talented students with developmental yet challenging instructional techniques. Student success in contemplating important questions and in acquiring the fundamental skills of working with and generating knowledge requires innovative, skill-driven pedagogies. As such, the Schedler Honors Program has these Learning Objectives for its curriculum:

Social Responsibility Objectives

- **Ethical Decision-Making:** The ability to address real-world problems and find ethical solutions for individuals and society.
- **Personal Responsibility:** The ability to take informed and responsible action to address ethical, social, and environmental challenges and evaluate the local and broader consequences of individual and collective interventions.

Disciplinary Expertise Objectives

- **Communication:** The ability to develop and present ideas logically and effectively in order to enhance collaboration and communication with diverse individuals and groups.
- **Critical Inquiry:** The ability to analyze new problems and situations to formulate informed opinions and conclusions.
- **Integrative Scholarship:** The ability to organize and synthesize information from diverse and appropriate sources to form a clear and articulate argument and to express insight and originality through disciplinary or multidisciplinary methodologies.

Schedler Honors Program Course Descriptions

The curriculum for the Schedler Honors Program was developed by a team of faculty from across all academic colleges at UCA. Honors Program students participate in a specially designed curriculum that focuses on developing skills in the areas of personal and social responsibility as well as disciplinary expertise. The Schedler Honors Program embraces both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to delivery of its curriculum. All students will participate in small-group classes that integrate the best practices used within higher education today.

Honors Program Core

Courses in the Honors Program Core offer students credit that satisfy University Core requirements. Students will enroll in four honors-sections of Core classes within their first two years at UCA. These classes will have smaller enrollments, be

discussion-based, and will focus on developing a specialized skill set. The first of these classes is the gateway course, "The Search for Meaning." The remaining courses are chosen from a variety of disciplines, depending on student course needs.

The Search for Meaning (HONP 1300)

Taken in the fall semester of the freshman year, "The Search for Meaning" is a gateway course to the Schedler Honors Program. The goal of the course is to explore areas of social responsibility and disciplinary expertise. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students learn to identify and evaluate sources of information, understand ethical frameworks, frame arguments, and provide evidence. This course draws on material from multiple traditions and prepares students to areas apply what they learn to their personal journeys. HONP 1300 fulfills the FYS, HUM, and Responsible Living requirements of the lower-division UCA Core.

Honors Program Courses

For the completion of the Honors Program Core, students must complete three additional university courses with the Honors Program Seminar (SHP) designation, including honors sections of lower division Core classes, Leadership Colloquium courses, honors seminars, and contract classes. These courses are offered every semester and in a variety of disciplines. The courses allow students opportunities to practice the skills that are introduced in the "The Search for Meaning" throughout the remainder of the Core Program and move them toward proficiency of these skills while preparing them to undertake the Honors Program Capstone Project.

Honors Program Capstone Project

The goal of disciplinary expertise remains critical to the mission of the junior and senior curricula, through which students complete an Honors Capstone Project within their major. They are required to complete two courses dedicated to the completion of the Capstone Project, during which a student completes a project of their own choosing rooted in undergraduate research or creative work.

Research Methods, HONP 3320

Research Methods fulfills the first of two required courses for completion of the Honors Capstone Project. It is designed to help students look critically at evidence, understand

research ethics, develop research questions, try out arguments, and learn processes of scholarly inquiry. Research Methods should help students to not only synthesize information and respond critically to their sources, but also to master the facts and evidence upon which their responses are based. The course goal is for each student to develop a proposal and plan for their Capstone Project and to complete a substantial portion of the literature review before the end of the term. The student will identify a Capstone mentor with whom the student will meet weekly until the project is completed. Research Methods is taken in the spring semester of either the sophomore or junior year. Research Methods satisfies both the Communication (C) and Critical Inquiry (I) requirements for the Upper Division (UD) Core.

Honors Capstone, HONP 4320

Honors Capstone is designed to support students as they develop, write, and present the Honors Capstone Project. Its most important function is to ensure that each student contributes new knowledge through completion of the project. The heart of the course will be the workshop, which will consist of writing, sharing, reading, and commenting on one another's work. By the conclusion of this course, students should demonstrate proficiency in integrative scholarship, written and oral communication, and critical inquiry and analysis. Honors Capstone may be taken in fall or spring of the senior year. Honors Capstone satisfies the UD Core Capstone (Z) requirement.

Schedler Honors College Track II

Schedler Honors Program students who are interested in applying for the Schedler Honors College Track II program may do so during the first year. Track II applications are typically due on April 1. Selected applicants will participate in Track II Inform & Interview Day before the end of the semester. If offered a position in the Schedler Honors College Track II program, former SHP students will be required to take Honors Core I (HONC 1300) and HONC II (HONC 1320) and complete the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies minor. Track II students are not required to take Honors Core III and Honors Core IV.

Learning Environment

Student Commitments

As a participant in the Schedler Honors Program, you are asked to commit to:

- Co-creating a learning community that supports its members in their growth and action;
- Openly examining values, beliefs, and assumptions you hold about yourself and others;
- Engaging as a scholar, expanding your imagination by conversing with others and integrating diverse knowledge, perspectives, and skills;
- Participating in reflective civic action, gaining skills to solve real-world problems; and
- Growing as a responsible leader, working with others for the common good.

Guidelines for Class Discussions

Our primary commitment is to learn from each other. We acknowledge differences amongst us in backgrounds, skills, interests, and values, but we realize that these differences will increase our awareness and understanding. To facilitate discussion in the small group setting, we observe the following guidelines:

1. Be courteous. Don't interrupt or engage in private conversations while others are speaking. Keep confidential any personal information that comes up in class. Be aware of the fact that tone of voice and body language are powerful communicators. While some postures or facial expressions (e.g., crossed arms, eye rolls, loud sighs) can silence, provoke, or intimidate, others (e.g., facing and looking at the speaker, staying quiet, nodding) can show you are listening respectfully.
2. Listen. Pay careful attention to what others are saying even when you disagree with what is being said. Comments that you make (asking for clarification, sharing critiques, expanding on a point, etc.) should reflect that you have paid attention to the speaker.
3. Challenge the idea and not the person. Respect others' rights to hold opinions and beliefs that differ from your own. If you wish to challenge something that has been said, challenge the idea or the practice referred to, not the individual sharing it.

4. Support your statements. Use evidence and provide a rationale for your points. Share briefly from your own experiences when appropriate, rather than simply your positions.
5. Step Up, Step Back. Allow everyone the chance to talk. If you have much to say, try to hold back a bit; if you are hesitant to speak, look for opportunities to contribute to the discussion and empower yourself to speak up.
6. Speak your discomfort. If you are offended by something or think someone else might be, speak up and don't leave it for someone else to respond to it.

Co-Curricular Programming

First Year Student Summer Reader

The purpose of the summer reader is to create a common intellectual experience for incoming honors students and introduce them to the academic values, expectations, and learning outcomes of the Schedler Honors Program. Traditionally non-fiction, the summer reader also serves to connect the values and learning outcomes to the Schedler Honors Program directly to Challenge Week in an effort to strengthen the connections between curricular and co-curricular activities.

Community Service Hours

All Honors Program students are required to dedicate three hours each semester to service projects organized by the Schedler Honors Program. These service projects are intentionally chosen to advance the Program objectives related to Social Responsibility:

- **Ethical Decision-Making:** The ability to address real-world problems and find ethical solutions for individuals and society.
- **Personal Responsibility:** The ability to take informed and responsible action to address ethical, social, and environmental challenges and evaluate the local and broader consequences of individual and collective interventions.

Another driving purpose of the service hour requirement is to promote inter-cohort interaction amongst Schedler Honors Program students and to encourage Program

students to remain connected to honors during the semesters they are not taking honors courses.

One hour each semester may be earned through supporting the Bear Essentials Food Pantry by donating ten (10) items or \$10 for the pasta/pasta sauce shelf, which the Schedler Honors Program has committed to sponsoring. Payment can be made to the Honors Center Society cashapp account, \$honorscentersociety, and should be documented in GivePulse.

Other service projects will vary from semester to semester and will always include a variety of options – inside and outside, as well as different days and times – to accommodate student schedules. SHP students who serve as honors mentors, honors ambassadors, and on honors council may use hours from their service in those roles to fulfill their required SHP hours each semester. Students will document their service hours in GivePulse.

Failure to complete the required service hours will result in being placed on probation for the next semester. Failure to complete the required service hours during the probation semester may result in dismissal from the Schedler Honors Program. Upon completion of the Schedler Honors Program, graduating students will be required to complete the SHP Service Reflection, which is intentionally designed to help students reflect on the SHP program outcome of Social Responsibility and connect their growth in that area back to their service experiences.

Challenge Week

Challenge Week is a weeklong event each Fall that brings to campus nationally known thinkers to engage the community in a reflective interchange of ideas. Speakers present compelling arguments to UCA students, faculty and staff, and to the broader community, in an effort to inform, educate, and thoughtfully address contemporary problems and concerns. All events take place on the UCA campus and are free and open to the public. Challenge Week serves as an opportunity for the Honors College to engage the larger community in issues that impact our society.

First year students are required to attend at least two Challenge Week events; after the first year, students are required to attend at least one Challenge Week event.

Issues in the Public Square

Issues in the Public Square is a symposium-style event held each Spring to provide an opportunity for students, faculty and staff, and the broader community to share research that impacts our society. Sophomore Lectures take place at Issues in the Public Square and, as scholars, all students in the Honors College are encouraged to submit proposals to share their research in order to begin a meaningful dialogue and to help advance our understanding of issues of public concern. Each year a theme and keynote speaker are selected to represent a critical issue being faced at present within our society.

Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat is an event held for incoming students each year (typically on move-in weekend) where the faculty and student leaders join all incoming students for a retreat dedicated to team building and academic preparation for the upcoming semester.

Schedler Scholars in Residence

The Norbert and Carol Schedler Scholars in Residence program supports bringing noted scholars to the UCA campus to provide a public lecture and spend time with students in formal and informal settings. This program is co-hosted by the Schedler Honors College and the Department of Philosophy and Religion.

Experiential Learning

The express purpose of our experiential learning programs is to enlarge the scope of the undergraduate experience, to better prepare Norbert O. Schedler Honors College students for post-baccalaureate training, and to make tangible international contact that has begun to characterize the globalization of intellectual labor. These programs have a corollary benefit in that they enable many Norbert O. Schedler Honors College students to participate in programs, internships, and research projects across the campus, thereby benefiting faculty and programs in other UCA colleges and disciplines.

Eligibility to Apply for Funding

To be eligible to apply for funding, students must meet the following criteria:

- be a Norbert O. Schedler (NOS) Honors College student in good standing at the Sophomore level or higher, having completed a minimum of at least one course prior to being awarded
- have a cumulative UCA grade point average of 3.500 or higher
- have at least one semester of university and Honors coursework remaining upon the completion of the proposed experience.

Application

In order to apply for funding, students complete an application that is available within the Honors student portal at <http://honors.uca.edu/student>. The application requires the student to write a proposal that includes a rationale stating the educational benefits, a budget, an itinerary or study plans, and whether course credit is sought. Winter and Spring proposals must be submitted by October 15th, and Summer proposals by November 15th. Fall proposals are available as needed.

Travel Abroad Grants (TAG)

The NOS Honors College supports students who seek to study abroad. Scholarships are awarded under the auspices of the Travel Abroad Grant Program (TAG). Through TAG, the NOS Honors College supports students interested in participating in trips organized by UCA's study abroad office, spending a semester abroad at one of UCA's many partner schools, or designing their own unique adventure. Awards are competitive; TAG Applications are reviewed by the Honors College administration and funds are granted based on the quality of the proposal.

Undergraduate Research Grants for Education (URGE)

The NOS Honors College has Undergraduate Research Grants for Education (URGE) funds available to support students who wish to pursue undergraduate research through a research assistantship or independent research. URGE funds may also be used as funding support for research conference participation. Awards are competitive; the

Honors College administration reviews proposals and awards grants based on the quality of the proposal.

Experiential Learning Funds (ELF)

The NOS Honors College offers Experiential Learning Funds to support opportunities to participate in internships, creative endeavors, or service projects. These experiences allow students to gain practical understanding in order to prepare them to engage in real-world issues. Awards are competitive; the Honors College administration reviews proposals and awards grants based on the quality of the proposal.

Living and Learning Community

Jefferson D. Farris, Jr. Honors Hall

Since 1993 the Honors College has maintained residential space, and today it is located in Jefferson D. Farris Jr. Honors Hall. Students there form a unique living-and-learning community, housed in private rooms arranged in two-, three-, or four-bedroom suites. Suite-style living features private rooms, a shared bathroom, access to a community kitchen and a community area on the first floor for student activities. The Schedler Honors Program awards a private-room upgrade scholarship to pay for the additional cost of single rooms for its eligible students residing in Farris Honors Hall. Additional private bedroom honors housing options are available to upper-class honors students.

Honors students are highly encouraged to live in Farris Honors Hall during their freshman year, and residing in one place makes possible significant first-year enrichment programs. These programs include Freshman Mentors, Peer Coaches, and Pedagogical Assistants.

Citizenship Contract

Members of the Schedler Honors Program must agree to make positive academic, social, and civic contributions that reflect their commitment to intellectual and educational inquiry, their willingness to foster a living/learning environment of inclusiveness, and their pledge to respect others' ideas and lives. As such, the Schedler Honors Program requires all students to sign a citizenship contract upholding these

values and agree that the Schedler Honors Program and the Department of Housing and Residence Life hold the right to remove the student from the Honors Living/Learning environment if it is deemed that their presence causes a disruption to that learning environment.

Online Community Guidelines

The Norbert O. Schedler Honors College has multiple group chats, currently housed on the GroupMe app. All students are added to at least two honors group chats when they accept their offer to join honors: the cohort chat for their cohort and the Honors Announcements chat. Students are expected to abide by the following Online Community Guidelines when posting and interacting in honors online spaces.

1. Remember the human: There is a human being with feelings and intentions behind everything that happens online.
2. Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you follow in real life: If you wouldn't say it in your Honors classroom, don't say it here. (refer to page 14)
3. Help keep flame wars under control: Don't perpetuate hostility. Be a peacemaker or, if necessary, a discussion-ender.
4. Respect other people's privacy: Don't post gossip or betray confidences.
5. Be forgiving of other people's mistakes: We are all newbies once. If someone makes an error in fact, judgment, or netiquette, send them a private message with a gentle correction. Assume the best intent, not the worst.

Student Leadership Programs

Freshman Mentor Program

Honors Program Mentors live with the freshmen in Farris Hall. All mentors are carefully selected for their leadership skills and act as academic and civic role models to each incoming class of students. Mentors also work with Resident Assistants to conduct programs designed to build community. Mentors are trained in a variety of areas in order to become familiar with student needs, satisfaction, and retention. They serve as advocates for student issues and foster a spirit of open communication, honesty, trust, and mutual respect among all students.

Each year new mentors are sought to develop and lead community-building events, academic and technical programs, and public scholarship activities. The selection process includes an application, faculty recommendation, group interview, and individual interview. Mentors must attend training and regular coordinated meetings with the faculty supervisors of the program.

Peer Coaches

Peer Coaches hold regular hours in Farris Hall in order to be available to students who may need to talk about the typical stressors of college life. Their purpose is to provide honors students with an affirming and welcoming environment through which they can receive information and skills related to holistic wellness. Peer Coaches offer support and guidance in order to help Honors College students adjust to the academic rigors of campus life at UCA. The Peer Coach program is offered in partnership with the UCA Office of Student Success. The process of being selected to serve as a Peer Coach requires an application, faculty recommendation, and interview. Peer Coaches must attend weekly meetings with Peer Coach faculty advisor, hold weekly office hours, and collaborate with other Peer Coaches on hosting Active Hours for the Honors College community.

***The Search for Meaning* Pedagogical Assistants**

The aims of this program are to provide upper-division students with teaching opportunities and mentoring from a faculty member and to increase the amount of instructional contact for first-year students. The role of a PA might include leading occasional discussions, reading and responding to journals/discussion boards, or providing feedback on papers. Instructors work out the PA's duties in consultation with the particular PA every semester, as part of the mentoring process that seeks to provide the PA with experience that will be valuable to him or her. PAs may receive Special Topics course credit or receive an experiential learning stipend. Students must complete an application in order to be eligible to serve. PAs are selected by the *The Search for Meaning* in the spring semester for the following fall. PAs will meet weekly with their instructor, who will provide them ongoing development, and they must also attend *The Search for Meaning* class meetings.

Honors Council

The Honors Council is comprised of equal numbers of cohort representatives from both the Schedler Honors College and Schedler Honors Program and serves as the elected officers of the Honors Center Society, a Recognized Student Organization (RSO) on the UCA campus. The council is co-chaired by an upperclassman representative from each honors program. The purposes and objectives of the Honors Council are:

- organizing and promoting curricular and co-curricular activities among members,
- working with the Honors College faculty and staff in the organization and implementation of honors events,
- coordinating with faculty and staff in the development and the enforcement of policies regarding the use of the Schichtl Honors Center and other Honors community facilities,
- and working with the Honors College administration, faculty and staff in advising curricular development and the borrowing of exceptional faculty from other departments.

Honors Ambassador Program

The UCA Honors Ambassador Program's goal is to recruit prospective students for the Schedler Honors College and Schedler Honors Program and assist these students with their interests in the programs of the Honors College.

The program consists of members from the Schedler Honors College and Schedler Honors Program who complete the Honors Ambassador application and are selected by the Honors Administration Team.

Ambassadors assist with recruiting prospective students through the following ways:

- Send letters and Honors College brochures to the high schools throughout the state, including those from which they graduated.
- Attend College Fairs hosted around the state.
- Attend Distinguished Scholars Day and Bear Facts days.
- Assist on I-Squared Days when applicants are on campus.

- Send postcards to students who have started applications encouraging them to complete their applications by the application deadline.
- Meet with prospective students visiting campus.

Ambassadors are encouraged to dedicate at least ten (10) hours per semester to the above activities and receive Ambassador-specific honors apparel and a service cord to wear at graduation.

Retention Requirements

Annual Renewal Requirements

Each academic year, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.250 or better to remain in good standing and to have their scholarship renewed for the following year. Students are required to enroll in 15 hours each semester, including the fall and spring of the freshman year, but the scholarship will be renewed if students complete at least 27 credit hours in the freshman year and 30 credit hours each subsequent academic year (Fall semester through Summer I). May intersession, 8-week Summer Session, and Summer I classes can be used to raise the annual GPA or total hours to this minimum. Scholarship renewal requirements are based on UCA credit hours. In order to have the scholarship continued from the first fall semester to the following spring semester, a student must earn 11 credit hours or above with a 2.50 cumulative GPA. For any following semester, a student must earn a 3.25 cumulative GPA and be in good academic standing.

Additionally, maintaining good standing in the Schedler Honors Program requires:

- For first-year students: Attendance at a minimum of 2 Challenge Week events
- For students beyond the first year: Attendance at a minimum of 1 Challenge Week event.
- Earning at least three (3) service hours through participation in Honors Program service projects

Matriculation Eligibility

During the spring semester of the sophomore year, students wishing to continue to the Schedler Honors Program must successfully complete a sophomore lecture based on a topic of their choosing. The student must have completed 60 hours of course credit and meet a 3.25 overall cumulative GPA requirement as well as a grade of A in the Research Methods course, HONP 3320, or a 3.50 GPA in their honors courses to continue in the Schedler Honors Program.

Sophomore Check-In

In the fall of the sophomore year, students will attend a Sophomore Check-In session conducted by the Honors College Undergraduate Research Coordinator. The Check-In session will explain the Schedler Honors Program capstone process, what students need to do to be prepared to take Research Methods, and what is expected of students between completing Research Methods and taking Scholars Capstone, HONP 4320.

Sophomore Orientation

In order to continue into the junior and seniors years, SHP students must take part in a sophomore matriculation process. At the Sophomore Orientation Session, students are given a detailed description of matriculation and are also told what will be expected of them at the time they deliver their sophomore lecture.

Sophomore Lecture

Sophomore lectures are usually delivered on a Saturday in the Spring semester as part of Issues in the Public Square. Sophomore lectures are typically no more than 10 minutes long and are attended only by the other students assigned to that moderator. Students will be provided with a rubric prior to the lecture and will receive a pass/fail ranking at the completion of their lecture. Students who fail will be given an opportunity to re-present their lecture.

In-Between Meeting

In the fall semester following completion of Research Methods, students will meet with the Undergraduate Research Coordinator. The purpose of this meeting is to reiterate the program completion guidelines and the timeline for students' capstone projects. In

the senior year, if students are not currently enrolled in Scholars Capstone, they will attend the In-Between Meeting to make sure they are on track for completing their capstone the next semester. Ultimately, the goal of these meetings is to remind students of the support resources available to them both within the NOS Honors College and across the university.

Junior/Senior Year Retention Requirements

After completing Research Methods, HONP 3320, SHP students are not required to take another honors course until they enroll in Honors Capstone, HONP 4320. In those semesters, all SHP students are required to turn in their Mentor-Mentee Agreement by the end of the third week of each semester and complete their 3 SHP service hours in order to remain in compliance and continue to receive their SHP stipend and Honors Private Room Upgrade, if living in honors housing. Two weeks after the Mentor-Mentee Agreement deadline, we will conduct an audit. SHP students who have not submitted their Agreements may be dismissed from the program, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Honors Administration. Dismissal from the program will result in any Honors scholarships being removed and charged back to the student's account.

Graduation Requirements and Traditions

Applying for Graduation

Prospective graduates must meet the university deadlines to apply for graduation. The graduation checklist is provided on the Registrar's Office webpage. Graduation applications may be submitted once a student has completed 90 hours and students will receive email updates on their graduation status from the Registrar's Office.

Schedler Honors Program Capstone Requirements

To complete the Schedler Honors Program, students must take Research Methods, HONP 3320, and Honors Capstone, HONP 4320.

Capstone Presentations

Capstone students will be assigned a time for their presentation on Capstone Presentation Day, which takes place on Study Day, the Friday of the week before final

exams, during the semester they are enrolled in Honors Capstone. See the Honors Program Capstone Handbook for additional information.

Senior Reflection on Social Responsibility and Ethical Decision-Making

Graduating seniors will be required to reflect on their service experiences during their time in the Schedler Honors Program. The service hours requirement each semester is intended to further the Schedler Honors Program learning outcome of Social Responsibility. Therefore, graduating students are asked to critically reflect on their service experiences. Reflection an important part of helping students to make meaning out of their experiences, to internalize the experience and lessons learned, and to demonstrate how effectively the Honors College has helped students develop proficiency of the aforementioned outcomes. Furthermore, students are invited to provide input on the service hour requirement and the delivery of the opportunities within the context of their purpose, as outlined above.

Class Photo

The graduating class gathers with faculty and staff for an official class photo prior to the senior banquet. A high-resolution copy of the class photo is emailed to all members of the graduating class.

Senior Banquet

The final event is the Senior Banquet. Graduating seniors, their families and guests, and Honors Program faculty and staff come together for this celebration of the graduates' years in the program. Students who have served the NOS as honors mentors, peer coaches, ambassadors, council members, student workers, and pedagogical associates receive a silver and green service cord honoring their service to the honors community. All graduates are awarded their official certificates and given a medallion to wear at their University commencement. Seniors selected by the faculty give student addresses and serve as masters of ceremony.