Honors Completion Plan  
ACES James Scholars

Introduction

The Honors Completion Plan (HCP) is a roadmap for successful completion of the ACES James Scholar Honors Program during the junior and senior years. The HCP needs to be received at the Honors Desk by the second Monday in November of the junior year (or at least three semesters before you plan to graduate, whichever comes first).

Please type or print clearly. For detailed descriptions and explanations of the Milestones of Achievement listed on the HCP, please refer to the current edition of the ACES Honors Handbook (http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/honors/handbook).

General Information

Full Name (First, Middle, Surname): __________________________________________________________________________

UIN: __________________________ Email Address: __________________________________________________________________________

ACES Department and Major: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Double Major or Dual Degree (if any): ________________________________________________________________________________

Approved Minor or Minors (if any): __________________________________________________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date: ___________________ Circle One: Original HCP Revised HCP  
(Month and Year)

Milestones of Achievement

1. The capstone experience for all ACES James Scholars is conducting an Undergraduate Research Project – such as a bachelor’s thesis, laboratory project, or design project – with a Faculty Mentor in the College of ACES. (Enrollment in a 300-level Undergraduate Research course is optional but highly recommended.)

Anticipated Research Project Title and Faculty Mentor’s Name:

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2. Present a poster display based on item #1 at ExplorACES in March, the Undergraduate Research Symposium in April, or a professional conference approved in advance by the Honors Dean.

Anticipated Event and Date (Month and Year) for Displaying Research Poster:

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3. Complete four courses with honors credit (i.e., with an H following the standard letter grade) before graduation. (A grade of B- or higher is needed to obtain honors credit in any course.)

Courses with Honors Credit Already Completed or in Progress:
Courses with Honors Credit to Be Taken Before Graduation:

4. Complete four 400-level courses with a standard letter grade of B- or higher. These courses may be taken in any department on campus.

400-Level Courses Already Completed, in Progress, or Anticipated:

4. Complete one 500-level course (or a 400-level course carrying graduate credit) with a standard letter grade of B- or higher. This course may be taken in any department on campus.

500-Level or Graduate-Credit Course to Be Taken: 

Memorandum of Understanding
Please initial next to each number and sign below as indicated.

1. _____ I understand that by signing my HCP, I am declaring my intention to graduate from the College of ACES with James Scholar Distinction.

2. _____ I understand that I will need to fulfill all the Milestones of Achievement listed on my HCP, along with maintaining an overall GPA $\geq 3.40$, in order to graduate from the College of ACES with James Scholar Distinction.

3. _____ I understand that I can modify my HCP, with the approval and signature of my Departmental Honors Coordinator, at any time before I graduate.

4. _____ I understand that I may resign from the ACES James Scholar Honors Program at any time without academic penalty.

5. _____ I understand that my James Scholar status may be subject to review if I do not make steady progress toward fulfilling the Milestones of Achievement during my junior and senior years.

Signatures and Approvals

ACES James Scholar’s Signature ____________________________ Dept. Honors Advisor’s Signature ____________________________

Date Signed by ACES James Scholar ____________________________ Date Signed by Dept. Honors Advisor ____________________________

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