

Welcome to the IU Indianapolis Honors College

The [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) supports and challenges high-achieving students from diverse backgrounds and all academic disciplines through innovative curricular and co-curricular experiences. Dynamic faculty and dedicated staff prepare honors scholars to communicate effectively, solve problems, and make a difference in their communities.

The IU Indianapolis Honors College provides scholarships, honors housing, student organizations, an honors curriculum and advising, international activities, research opportunities, leadership activities, and the experience of belonging to a community of scholars.

Motivated and creative honors students work together—and challenge each other—to make an impact on the IU Indianapolis campus, the Indianapolis community, and the world. The college is a close-knit community with high expectations and boundless opportunities. Students will find meaning and discovery in and outside of the classroom, preparing them for a lifetime of learning and engagement.

Honors scholars are encouraged to engage in the following learning activities to prepare them to make an impact:

- Engage in cutting-edge research
- Explore their world as global citizens
- Offer their time and energy in service to others
- Seek out real-world work experiences in their fields

Contact Information

Please visit the [IU Indianapolis Honors College website](#) and [the staff directory](#) for current contact information.

Location

The [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) space in the lower level of University Library is designed to accommodate honors scholars and staff. Interactive technology provides collaborative study space as well as individual study space. Sustainable design features promote energy conservation and recycling.

Overview

The [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) is a beacon of academic excellence, inspiring an enduring spirit of inquiry and discovery. Our promise is a transformative honors experience that is challenging, engaging, meaningful, relevant, and one that builds a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning and engagement.

Honors Advising

Advising is an integral part of the [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#). Honors advising complements the academic advising that students receive from their advisors in their academic schools. Honors advisors help ensure that honors scholars meet the requirements of the IU Indianapolis Honors College and their scholarships and

offer career advising, programming for co-curricular activities, and professional and personal development.

During the first year, honors advisors focus on developing strong relationships with students by providing time for individual meetings and developing a working four-year plan for each student. As students move forward in their degrees, honors advisors continually challenge students to intentionally plan their college experience by engaging in all types of opportunities—research, study abroad, service, and experiential endeavors—in addition to student involvement and leadership opportunities that will enhance their degrees and lead to greater career opportunities.

Honors advisors also serve as career advisors by helping students prepare for their plans after graduation, whether it is employment, service, or graduate/professional school.

Admission and Academic Policies

The [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) offers high-achieving incoming freshmen with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher the opportunity to apply for admission and one or more of our [four competitive scholarships](#). Prospective honors students may apply for admission to the IU Indianapolis Honors College and honors scholarships after they have been admitted to IU Indianapolis. Interested students should check the Honors College website for additional information regarding how to apply.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on a variety of factors, such as strength of the academic curriculum in high school, grade trends, scholarship resume and essay(s), academic work sample, references, and qualities specified in each scholarship program.

The deadline to submit all application materials for the Bepko, Presidential, and Plater Scholarships is November 15. The deadline for the Chancellor's Scholarship is the same as the scholarship application deadline for IU Indianapolis. For more information about the admission process and scholarships, please visit [our website](#).

The IU Indianapolis Honors College holds orientation for incoming freshmen during the summer. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the IU Indianapolis Honors College and requirements, meet with their honors advisor as well as their school advisors, get to know other honors scholars, and register for classes for the upcoming semester.

All IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars are required to complete one honors course or experience every fall and spring semester. They may complete a maximum of two honors courses or experiences during each fall and spring semester and one in each summer session. While earning honors credit is a requirement during fall and spring semesters, summer honors credit is optional. Scholars are required to complete a total of 24 honors credits with a minimum honors and cumulative GPA of 3.3 to graduate with honors. For students admitted in fall 2022 and later, these 24 credits must include HON-H 200 Introduction to Honors and HON-H 496 Honors Senior ePortfolio.

IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars who are admitted as incoming freshmen on an IU Indianapolis Honors College scholarship are also required to complete a

minimum number of documented in-person volunteer hours each academic year. The IU Indianapolis Honors College follows the community service guidelines established by the Indiana University Human Resources Administration that states volunteer service cannot promote religion, influence legislation or policy, or influence election to public office. In addition, students cannot receive monetary compensation or academic credit for their volunteer service.

Continuing and transfer students may be admitted to the IU Indianapolis Honors College through admission to their school honors program. Admission must be granted no later than the beginning of the junior year to have adequate time to complete the 24 hours of honors coursework required for graduation with honors. In addition, students must have at least four semesters remaining at the university following their semester of admission to honors. The IU Indianapolis Honors College holds an orientation session in late August for all IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars who are entering the college through an academic school's honors program.

Scholars who meet all of the requirements to graduate with honors at the end of their senior year are invited to attend the IU Indianapolis Honors College graduation celebration where they will receive honors cords and a medallion to wear at commencement.

IU Academic Standing

The philosophy underlying academic probation and the academic contract is one of support for the scholars to return to good standing. The honors advisor serves as a resource for scholars to succeed in both the [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) and the university as a whole.

The following policies apply to all students who are admitted to the IU Indianapolis Honors College as incoming freshmen as a Bepko Scholar and Fellow, Adam W. Herbert Presidential Scholar, Plater International Scholar, or Chancellor's Scholar. Students admitted to the IU Indianapolis Honors College through admission to their school honors program will follow their school's policies.

- IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars who do not maintain the minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 in coursework taken for honors credit will be placed on warning until the requirement is met.
- IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars who are not first-year students and whose semester GPA falls below 3.3 will be placed on academic probation and will be required to meet with an IU Indianapolis Honors College advisor to develop an academic contract for the next semester. Any non-first-year IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars whose GPA is below 3.3 for two consecutive semesters and whose cumulative GPA is below 3.3 will have their scholarships revoked.
- First-year scholars whose first-semester GPA is below 2.0 will have their scholarships revoked at the end of the first semester.
- A first-year scholar whose first-semester GPA is below 3.3 will be placed on academic probation. If the student's second-semester GPA is again below 3.3 but the cumulative GPA is above 3.0, the student will remain on probation. If the student's

third-semester GPA is again below 3.3, the student's scholarship will be revoked.

- First-year scholars who have two consecutive semesters below a 3.3 and a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will have their scholarships revoked at the end of the first year.
- Failure to attend required advising meetings may result in scholarship revocation.
- A review of volunteer hours will occur every May. Scholars who do not meet the minimum volunteer requirement for their scholarship will be placed on IU Indianapolis Honors College probation. Failure to meet the volunteer requirements for two consecutive semesters will result in scholarship revocation.
- Honors scholars who complete less than 12 credit hours during a regular semester will be placed on probation. Failure to complete 12 or more credit hours in two consecutive semesters will result in scholarship revocation.
- Scholars on probation or warning are required to meet with their IU Indianapolis Honors College advisor and sign a contract regarding their status with the college. Violation of the contract will result in revocation of the student's honors scholarship and status.
- If scholars do not meet with their honors advisor regarding their probation or warning status, their scholarships will be revoked.

Honors Research Microcredentials

The [Honors Research Microcredential](#) is an opportunity to earn a credential after a minimum of three semesters of documented honors research activity. A microcredential is a way to showcase research skill development to a prospective employer, internship supervisor, or graduate or professional school admissions committee. Upon earning the microcredential, the student will be able to display it in their ePortfolio as well as their LinkedIn page and resume.

Honors Credit

Students have the following options for [earning honors credit](#): complete an honors course; complete an honors contract; engage in research, independent study, or an experiential endeavor such as an internship; or take a graduate course as an undergraduate student. In addition, students may receive honors credit for participating in a credit-approved study abroad experience; the [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) provides a onetime stipend to all IU Indianapolis Honors College scholars who choose to study abroad for credit. Students must complete and submit the appropriate online application on the IU Indianapolis Honors College website to earn honors credit for all options other than an honors course. All students must contact the IU Indianapolis Honors College assistant dean of academic affairs to obtain authorization to register for an honors course with the exception of business and chemistry courses. Students should contact the appropriate school or department to request authorization for those courses.

Honors courses are offered with limited enrollment and are designed specifically for honors students to facilitate more substantive interaction between students and faculty members. Course offerings vary from semester

to semester. A current list of available courses may be found on the IU Indianapolis Honors College website and Canvas site.

There are two honors courses required of all honors students admitted for fall 2022 and thereafter. These are HON-H 200 (1 credit) and HON-H 496 (0–1 credits). These courses must be completed for the student to graduate with the IU Indianapolis Honors College notation on their transcript and diploma.

HON-H 200 Introduction to Honors is a 1 credit hour course designed to introduce students to the IU Indianapolis Honors College community. This course will help students develop their identity as an IU Indianapolis Honors College student; provide opportunities to form connections with honors peers, faculty, and staff; think intentionally about planning their experience as an IU Indianapolis Honors College student to meet their academic and personal goals; and introduce them to their required senior honors ePortfolio. Students admitted as continuing students through their academic school honors program must complete HON-H 200 prior to earning 9 credit hours in honors and prior to requesting the honors study abroad stipend.

Students admitted to the IU Indianapolis Honors College as a continuing student through their academic school's honors program should enroll in HON-H 200 the first fall semester after being admitted to honors.

Students who are first-year IU Indianapolis Honors College students receiving the Chancellor's, Bepko, Plater, or Presidential Scholarships should enroll in HON-H 200 in the spring semester of their first year.

In HON-H 496 Honors Senior ePortfolio, students curate their final ePortfolio to demonstrate their honors learning in areas that correspond with the IU Indianapolis Honors College learning goals. The ePortfolio will consist of at least three artifacts, a summary of those artifacts, and a reflection on what those artifacts demonstrate about how students have grown as an honors scholar.

All students enrolled in the IU Indianapolis Honors College are required to complete a senior ePortfolio that demonstrates their honors learning. Students were introduced to the requirement in HON-H 200 and built an initial ePortfolio as an assignment in that course.

All honors scholars have been encouraged in their advising modules on Canvas to populate their ePortfolio every semester. HON-H 496 asks students to review their ePortfolio and curate an honors showcase and reflection that is representative of what they have become as an IU Indianapolis Honors College graduate.

Honors contracts may be completed by an honors scholar and their faculty member to create a special honors section for a regular course. The honors contract, the most common method for earning honors credit, enables qualified students to engage in honors work in regular courses by working with the faculty member to create a special honors project. The student who enters into an honors contract with a faculty member will engage in work beyond what is required for a regular undergraduate course, and the course will be designated as taken for honors credit on the student's transcript. Honors credit forms must be submitted to the

IU Indianapolis Honors College no later than the end of the third week of classes during fall and spring semesters for full-semester courses and by the end of the first week of classes during summer sessions. For courses that are eight weeks or less, contracts are due one week after the class begins. Students may complete a maximum of two honors courses or experiences per semester and one each summer session.

For more information about all of the options for earning honors credit each semester, please visit the [IU Indianapolis Honors College website](#).

Current students who are not in the IU Indianapolis Honors College but have at least a 3.5 GPA may be allowed to complete an honors course or experience with permission from the IU Indianapolis Honors College. However, only students admitted to the IU Indianapolis Honors College are eligible to graduate with honors. Interested students should discuss this option with their academic advisors and then contact the IU Indianapolis Honors College assistant dean of academic affairs for authorization prior to registration.

Honors Minors

The IU Indianapolis Honors College offers [three minors](#) that can enhance and complement any major. Students must pursue the honors version of the minor or complete an honors contract for each non-honors course and submit it to the IU Indianapolis Honors College for approval.

Minor in Leadership

The [O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs](#) offers a 15 credit honors minor in leadership, providing exposure to current theory and practice designed to prepare students for future leadership roles. This minor benefits students seeking leadership opportunities and careers in leadership.

Minor in Public Health

The [Fairbanks School of Public Health](#) offers a 15 credit honors minor in public health, highlighting the social, economic, behavioral, and environmental influences that measurably improve the health of entire populations. This minor best serves students who major in the basic sciences, social sciences, and liberal arts.

Minor in Philanthropic Studies

The [Lilly Family School of Philanthropy](#) offers a 15 credit honors minor in philanthropic studies, exploring the cultural traditions of voluntary action through a variety of disciplinary perspectives and course options. This minor will complement other bachelor's degrees and assist students seeking entry-level positions in philanthropy and nonprofit organizations, as well as roles in the business and government sectors. The minor in philanthropic studies is well suited for students who want to integrate their commitment to working with others into their work or career.

Honors Housing

When students choose to live in an [Honors Residential-Based Learning Community](#), they are living among students who are goal oriented and academically charged. They can also advantage of unique events and

leadership opportunities year-round, organized by a specific honors council for their community. The resident assistants in both of our communities are upper-class honors students who are available to act as mentors and guides.

First-year scholars live in University Tower in triple rooms with attached bathrooms, air conditioning, and contemporary furnishings. The Tower features a traditional dining center, fitness center, lounge areas, and resident computer lab. There is also an honors lounge for students residing in the honors community. A student must be an incoming member of the IU Indianapolis Honors College to be eligible for this community.

Upper-class honors students reside in the Riverwalk Apartments Honors House, which is open to scholars after completing their first year.

Student Organizations

Honors College Student Council

The Honors College Student Council is the student voice for all honors scholars. It connects and supports the development of [IU Indianapolis Honors College](#) student organizations to develop a collaborative community of students in the IU Indianapolis Honors College. Executive officer positions, class representatives, and honors student organization representatives comprise the general assembly and working body of the student council.

Honors Tower Council

The Honors Tower Council provides opportunities for first-year students living in the honors residential community at University Tower to practice leadership skills among their peers. The Honors Tower Council designs and promotes community building and educational events and helps connect residential students to the IU Indianapolis Honors College community and the campus community at large.

Honors Housing Council

The Honors Housing Council provides leadership opportunities and serves students living in the honors section of the Riverwalk Apartments. The Honors Housing Council facilitates community building and educational and social events for students living in the honors apartments. The IU Indianapolis Honors College maintains an on-site office for resident assistants to provide support for honors residents.

Honors Adventure Club

The Honors Adventure Club (HAC) takes students out of the classroom to explore exciting activities around Indianapolis. The HAC is a student-run organization designed to provide honors students opportunities to participate in low-cost and free events such as skating, hiking, the Escape Room, SkyZone, Climb Time Indy, and much more!

Honors Arts and Culture Society

The Honors Arts and Culture Society coordinates adventures to explore the diverse cultural experiences Indianapolis has to offer. Museum visits, international cuisine, symphony performances, and cultural festivals are some of the activities offered by the society. This group is open to all students.

Academics for Civic Engagement

The mission of Academics for Civic Engagement (ACE) is to provide leadership and to inspire action in the area of volunteerism for the IU Indianapolis Honors College. ACE partners with organizations in the Indianapolis community to plan monthly service opportunities. Participation in ACE is open to all honors scholars, and leadership opportunities are available.

Honors College Courses

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