HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program in the Sam M. Walton College of Business is offered to high-achieving students who exemplify academic excellence, extraordinary leadership potential, and a sense of civic duty to their community. Honors courses within the Walton College are small in size, centered on application based learning and are led by the college’s most distinguished faculty members. Students in the Walton College Honors Program have the opportunity to further develop their skills outside of the classroom through study abroad, internships, networking opportunities and extracurricular activities offered by the Walton College and throughout the University of Arkansas. Upon completion of all honors requirements, students will be eligible to graduate Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude.

Eligibility for the Honors Program

Admission will be offered to incoming freshmen with a minimum ACT/SAT score of 28/1240 or higher and a high school GPA of 3.75. Honors students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 with no grades of “D” or “F” in any course to remain in the program. All honors students are required to meet with the Assistant Director for Honors Programs each semester to monitor progress of honors requirements. Students who maintain a GPA of 3.50 but do not complete honors requirements in a timely manner are subject to removal from the Honors Program at the discretion of the Director of the Honors Program.

Requirements for Walton Scholars Program

1. Complete 17 hours in honors courses with a minimum of 8 hours completed from the following honors business courses ECON 2013H, 2023H, WCOB 1012H, 1023H, 1033H, 2013H, or 2033H (excluding WCOB 1111H). The remaining honors hours may be selected from the University Core. MATH 2564 may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 17 required honors hours. Students must complete a minimum of 12 honors hours within the first 30 hours at the Fayetteville campus.
2. Students must also complete MATH 2554 with a grade of “C” within the first 45 hours at the Fayetteville campus and prior to taking upper level business classes.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language. This requires 0 to 12 hours of course work. Students may demonstrate proficiency by completing the 2013-level course in any foreign language. Students whose native language is not English must complete a 2013-level course other than their native language from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish or COMM 2303 and 2323. Students must complete a foreign language or communications course within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.
4. Complete the following honors courses in Walton College:
   a. Two three-hour honors colloquium courses chosen from the following: WCOB 3003H (May be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit) ACCT 4003H, ECON 4003H, FINN 4003H, MGMT 4003H, ISYS 4003H, MKTG 4003H, SPCM 4003H or other business honors colloquium courses offered irregularly. One three hour honors colloquium must be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.
   b. A three-hour thesis (WCOB 4993H): The thesis is a major independent writing project under the leadership of a Walton College or University of Arkansas faculty member and arises from a research project, business plan, business competition, or internship.
5. Complete the honors capstone course WCOB 3016H Honors Business Strategy and Planning, which should be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.
Eligibility for the Departmental Scholars Program

Admission to the Honors Program as a departmental scholar will only be offered to current University of Arkansas students who have established a cumulative GPA of 3.75 upon completion of their freshmen year at the University of Arkansas. Transfer students may also apply upon completion of one semester at the University of Arkansas with a GPA of 3.75. All students must complete an application to be considered for acceptance into the departmental scholars program.

Honors students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 with no grades of “D” or “F” in any course to remain in the program. All honors students are required to meet with the Assistant Director for Honors Programs each semester to monitor progress of honors requirements. Students who maintain a GPA of 3.50 but do not complete honors requirements in a timely manner are subject to removal from the Honors Program at the discretion of the Director of the Honors Program.

Requirements for the Departmental Scholars Program

1. Complete nine hours of honors courses to be selected from pre-business core or University Core. MATH 2564 may be used as honors credit towards completion of the 9 required honors hours.
2. Students must also complete MATH 2554 with a grade of “C” or better within the first 60 hours at the Fayetteville campus and prior to taking upper level business courses.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by completing a 2003 course in any foreign language. Students whose native language is not English must complete a 2003-level course other than their native language or a third language from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish or COMM 2303.
4. Complete the following honors courses in Walton College:
   a. Two three-hour honors colloquium courses chosen from the following: WCOB 3003H (May be repeated for up to 6 hours of credit) ACCT 4003H, ECON 4003H, FINN 4003H, MGMT 4003H, ISYS 4003H, MKTG 4003H, SPCM 4003H or other business honors colloquium courses offered irregularly. One three hour honors colloquium must be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.
   b. A three-hour thesis (WCOB 4993H): The thesis is a major independent writing project under the leadership of a Walton College or University of Arkansas faculty member and arises from a research project, business plan, business competition, or internship.
5. Complete the honors capstone course WCOB 3016H Honors Business Strategy and Planning, which should be completed within the first 90 hours at the Fayetteville campus.