

Honors Completion Plan for ACES James Scholars

Please complete and return to the Honors Desk in 128 Mumford Hall.

Introduction

The Honors Completion Plan (HCP) is a roadmap for successful completion of the ACES James Scholar Honors Program. The HCP needs to be received at the Honors Desk by **the third Monday in November of your junior year**. James Scholars who are planning to study abroad or do an off-campus internship during the fall semester of their junior year should submit their HCP to the Honors Desk by **the third Monday in April of their sophomore year**.

Please type or print clearly. For detailed descriptions and explanations of the **Milestones of Achievement**, please refer to the *ACES Honors Handbook* (<https://publish.illinois.edu/aces-james-scholars/resources/>).

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): _____

Current Honors Program Affiliations (Please check all that apply): Chancellor's Scholar (CHP) JBT Scholar

Other Honors Programs (Please list here): _____

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

Post-Graduation Plans (Please Circle as Appropriate):

Graduate School Professional School Entry-Level Position Uncertain at This Time

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 Research Mentor in the College of ACES. (Enrollment in a 300-level Undergraduate Research course is optional but highly recommended.)

Anticipated Project Title and Faculty Research Mentor's Name:

2. Present a poster display based on item #1 at the ACES Undergraduate Research Day (in April), 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:

- 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 earn honors credit in any course. **Undergraduate Research courses with honors credit (i.e., 396 or 398) can only be used once to complete this requirement.**

Courses with Honors Credit Already Completed, in Progress, or Anticipated:

- 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:

- Complete one 500-level course (or a specially designated 400-level course approved by your Departmental Honors Advisor) with a standard letter grade of **B-** or higher. This course may be taken in any department on campus. **Please note that this course cannot be identical with any of the courses listed above in fulfillment of item #4.**

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

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

- I understand that by preparing and signing my HCP, I am declaring my intention to graduate from the College of ACES with James Scholar Distinction.
- I understand that I will need to fulfill **all** the **Milestones of Achievement** listed on my HCP, along with maintaining an overall GPA ≥ 3.40 , in order to graduate from the College of ACES with James Scholar Distinction.
- I understand that I can modify my HCP, with the approval and signature of my Departmental Honors Advisor, at any time before I graduate.
- I understand that I may resign from the ACES James Scholar Honors Program at any time without academic penalty and that my resignation will not be noted on my transcript.
- I understand that my James Scholar status will be subject to review if I do not make satisfactory progress toward fulfilling the **Milestones of Achievement** during my junior and senior years.

Signatures and Approvals

ACES James Scholar's Signature

Departmental Honors Advisor's Signature

Date Signed by ACES James Scholar

Date Signed by Departmental Honors Advisor

For Office Use Only

Date Received at Honors Desk

Date Scanned and Uploaded

Uploader's Initials