**Visual Timeline of the ACES James Scholar Honors Program: A Year-by-Year Synopsis**

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**I. The First Year**

* **Have at least thirty (30) credit hours earned by the end of the academic year, with an overall GPA > 3.40 (for ABE majors, > 3.50).**
* **Complete your first course with honors credit by the end of the academic year.**

**II. The Sophomore Year**

* **Have a total of at least sixty (60) credit hours earned by the end of the academic year, with an overall GPA > 3.40 (for ABE majors, > 3.50).**
* **Complete your second course with honors credit by the end of the academic year.**
* **Submit your Honors Completion Plan by the last Friday in April (spring 2023 onward).**

**III. The Junior Year**

* **Submit your Honors Completion Plan by the second Friday in November (fall 2022 only).**
* **Have a total of at least ninety (90) credit hours earned by the end of the academic year, with an overall GPA > 3.40.**
* **Complete your third course with honors credit by the end of the academic year.**
* **Begin your Capstone Experiential Learning Project under the guidance of your Faculty Mentor.**
* **Start taking upper-level coursework as listed on your Honors Completion Plan.**

**IV. The Senior Year**

* **Finish all degree requirements with an overall GPA > 3.40.**
* **Complete your Capstone Experiential Learning Project with your Faculty Mentor before graduation.**
* **Present a poster display based on your Capstone Experiential Learning Project at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, a departmental meeting/seminar, or a professional/scientific conference.**
* **Have a total of four (4) 400-level courses completed before graduation (with grades > B-), as listed on your Honors Completion Plan.**
* **Have one (1) 500/graduate-level course completed before graduation (with a grade > B-), as listed on your Honors Completion Plan.**
* **Complete your fourth course with honors credit by the end of the academic year.**