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, an overall GPA ≥ 3.50).
- Complete your first course with honors credit (or an equivalent activity, as specified in the Honors Almanac) 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, an overall GPA ≥ 3.50).
- Complete your second course with honors credit (or an equivalent activity, as specified in the Honors Almanac) by the end of the academic year.
- If you are planning to be off-campus during the fall semester of your junior year (for study abroad or an internship), submit your Honors Completion Plan by the designated deadline in mid-April (as specified in the Honors Almanac).

III. The Junior Year
- Submit your Honors Completion Plan by the designated deadline in mid-November (as specified in the Honors Almanac).
- 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 (or an equivalent activity, as specified in the Honors Almanac) 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, the ACES Undergraduate Research Day, a departmental meeting/seminar, and/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 (or an equivalent activity, as specified in the Honors Almanac) by the end of the academic year.