

## 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  $\geq 3.40$  (for ABE majors, an overall GPA  $\geq 3.50$ ).
- 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  $\geq 3.40$  (for ABE majors, an overall GPA  $\geq 3.50$ ).
- 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  $\geq 3.40$ .
- 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  $\geq 3.40$ .
- 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  $\geq B-$ ), as listed on your Honors Completion Plan.
- Have **one (1) 500/graduate-level course** completed before graduation (with a grade  $\geq B-$ ), 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.