Introduction

The Honors Completion Plan (HCP) is an academic roadmap for your successful completion of the ACES James Scholar Honors Program. Junior ACES James Scholars need to submit their HCP to aces-jshp@illinois.edu by the designated deadline in mid-November. Sophomores who are planning to be off-campus during the fall semester of their junior year need to submit their HCP to aces-jshp@illinois.edu by the designated deadline in mid-April. The HCP can be revised and resubmitted at any time prior to graduation, with the approval and signature of your Departmental Honors Advisor.

Please type or print clearly. For detailed descriptions and explanations of the Milestones of Achievement, please refer to https://publish.illinois.edu/aces-james-scholars/resources.

General Information

Full Name (First, Middle, Surname): 

UIN: ___________________________ University of Illinois Email: ___________________________

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 for All ACES James Scholars

1. The Capstone Experiential Learning Project (CELP) can take the form of a bachelor's thesis, an individual research or scholarly project, a design project, or a research internship. The CELP is conducted under the guidance of a Faculty Mentor, who will certify that the CELP has been completed satisfactorily at its conclusion.

Anticipated CELP Title and Faculty Mentor's Name: ___________________________

2. Present a poster display based on the CELP at the Undergraduate Research Symposium (in April), the ACES
Undergraduate Research Day (in April), a departmental meeting/seminar, or a professional/scientific conference.

**Anticipated Event and Date (Month and Year) for Displaying CELP Poster:**

3. 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. **Experiential learning courses with honors credit (i.e., 396 or 398) can only be used once to complete this requirement.**
   - Earning an Illinois Leadership Certificate ([https://leadership.illinois.edu/certificate](https://leadership.illinois.edu/certificate)) may be substituted for one course with honors credit.
   - Earning an Undergraduate Research Certificate ([https://undergradresearch.illinois.edu/students/research-certificate.html](https://undergradresearch.illinois.edu/students/research-certificate.html)) may be substituted for one course with honors credit.

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

4. Complete four 400-level courses with a grade of B- or higher. These courses may be taken in any department on campus.

**400-Level Courses Already Completed, in Progress, or Anticipated:**

5. Complete one 500-level course (or a 400-level graduate course approved by your Departmental Honors Advisor) with a 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:**

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**Memorandum of Understanding and Signatures of Approval**

**Please initial next to each number and add signatures below as indicated.**

1. ______ 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.
2. ______ 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.
3. ______ I understand that I can modify my HCP, with the approval and signature of my Departmental Honors Advisor, at any time before I graduate.
4. ______ 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.
5. ______ I understand that my James Scholar status will be subject to reevaluation if I do not make satisfactory progress toward fulfilling the **Milestones of Achievement** listed above.

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ACES James Scholar’s Signature  Departmental Honors Advisor’s Signature

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Date Signed by ACES James Scholar  Date Signed by Departmental Honors Advisor