

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Proposed effective term:

Semester

Spring ▼

Year

2012 ▼

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program

Undergraduate Degree Program ▼

Name of New or Existing Program

* Honors College Designation

Select Category

Emphasis ▼

Degree Type

Select Action

New ▼

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request * (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The Honors Designation allows students to receive a transcribed designation of Honors by completing 15 credit hours, some of which can be satisfied by completing Honors coursework in a discipline. This Honors path allows students who major in disciplines that allow for few electives to participate in Honors. This request follows from the Honors College proposal adopted by the Faculty Senate in March, 2012.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications. *

[Justification and Impacts of Honors Designation.doc](#)

Honors College Designation

The Honors College Designation is to be awarded to high-achieving students who do not earn a major or minor in the Honors College, but who gain an Honors experience by completing a program of Honors coursework. Students who complete the requirements for the Designation will be expected to produce work that integrates ideas and methods from different disciplines, to analyze and evaluate foundational and primary works and to demonstrate strong skills in written and oral communication. These expectations form the Designation's learning outcomes and will be the basis for program assessment.

Requirements:

- Admission to the Honors College,
- Maintenance of a 3.20 GPA, and
- The successful completion of 15 credit hours in Honors classes to include
 - A minimum of 3 credit hours in 100 level Honors College courses;
 - A minimum of 3 credit hours in 200 level Honors courses; and
 - A minimum of 6 credit hours in 300/400 level Honors courses.

At least 9 credit hours must be completed in Honors College courses. Up to 6 credit hours in Honors courses offered by other units may be used to satisfy Designation requirements.

Justification and Impacts of Honors Designation

The University Honors Program historically offered a transcribed designation of participation in Honors upon completion of 24 credit hours, including a capstone requirement. Many students were unable to accommodate that credit load into their degree requirements. They chose to forego the Honors Program and instead completed Honors in their majors.

The Honors College intends to accommodate more students by offering multiple pathways to Honors participation. The Designation pathway is designed primarily for students who complete some of their Core Curriculum coursework in Honors but who do not complete a Minor or Major in Honors. By allowing up to six credit hours in disciplinary Honors to count toward completion, the Designation path accommodates students seeking depth in their major field while gaining the interdisciplinary exposure of the Honors College as part of their Core Curriculum requirements.

This Designation will not require more faculty or increased workloads. Honors students are already required to enroll in Honors Legacy courses (the 100-level offerings) and will enroll in the Core Curriculum courses in the ordinary course of UNM completion. Many are already completing disciplinary Honors or Honors Program capstones. This Designation will formally recognize these efforts by these students.