CV Program Requirements

Graduating with Collegium V Honors

Please see our Guidebook for Graduating with CV Honors. Successful completion of the CV Honors Program is noted on the graduate’s diploma and transcript. To earn CV Honors, students are required to graduate with a 3.500 GPA and earn 24 credit hours in honors related work by graduation. A minimum of 12 hours of Collegium V credit must be earned from Collegium V classes. Up to 12 hours may be earned through approved honors level work, including undergraduate honors classes, graduate classes, research or internship projects taken as independent studies, university accredited travel abroad class work, and "contract" courses. Students must successfully complete and present an approved honors thesis.

Continuing Eligibility Requirements

Students must make progress each year towards completing the 24 credit hour requirement and maintain a minimum grade point average to continue their participation in the honors program and remain eligible for graduation with Collegium V honors. Students must meet the following minimum CV course credit hours and GPA standards:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>GPA</th>
<th>CV Course Credit Hours</th>
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<td>End of Freshman Year</td>
<td>3.200</td>
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<td>End of Sophomore Year</td>
<td>3.300</td>
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<td>End of Junior Year</td>
<td>3.400</td>
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<td>Graduation</td>
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* Students must have a semester by semester plan in place with their CV advisor if they have not completed 12 hours of CV course credit by end of junior year.

Senior Capstone Project

Successful completion of the CV Honors Program is noted on the graduate’s diploma and transcript. To earn CV Honors, students are required to graduate with a 3.500 GPA, earn 24 credit hours in honors related work by graduation, and successfully complete and present an approved honors capstone project. The following guidelines and templates are designed to assist students with this final requirement.

Getting Started

The Collegium V Honors capstone project requirement is designed to be flexible in order to maximize its relevance to the individual student. Engineering and Computer Science students can satisfy this requirement with their Senior Design Project. Arts and Technology students can satisfy this requirement with the capstone required for their major. Students completing a senior thesis to graduate with major honors in their academic discipline can use that thesis to satisfy the Collegium V honors capstone project. You can also select a topic of interest, within or outside your major, ask a UT Dallas faculty to oversee it, and have it approved by an honors faculty before the start of the semester you intend to graduate. Students are encouraged to explore academic
topics of personal interest, even if unrelated to a student’s major or professional career.

**Poster and Presentation Guidance**

All students are required to present a poster summarizing their capstone project. This capstone flowchart and checklist will help you understand the processes for completing your capstone requirement. The resources below will help students with drafting, editing, and presenting components of their project.

**CV Honors Capstone Poster Templates**

The templates below should serve as a starting point for a senior poster. All posters are 24x36 in size and horizontal.

- Poster Template 1
- Poster Template 2
- Poster Template 3
- Poster Template 4

**Creating Posters**

- Poster Presentation Tips – University of New Hampshire
- Checklist Before Printing – University of New Hampshire
- Building a Poster Using PowerPoint – University of New Hampshire

**Presentation Tips**

- Public Speaking – The University of Texas at Dallas
- Presentation Planning: Penn State University