CV Program Requirements

Graduating with Collegium V Honors

Please see our Guidebook for specifics on the requirements and 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 capstone or 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>
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<td>End of Junior Year</td>
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* Students must have a semester by semester plan in place with their CV Honors Program Specialist if they have not completed 12 hours of CV course credit by end of junior year.

Senior Honors Capstone Project

A capstone is a multifaceted project that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. Capstone projects may take a wide variety of forms, but most are investigative projects that result in a presentation. Capstone projects are generally designed to encourage students to think critically, solve challenging problems, and develop skills such as public speaking, research skills, media literacy, planning, self-sufficiency, or goal setting—i.e., skills that will help prepare you for careers and adult life. In many cases, the projects are interdisciplinary, in the sense that they require students to apply skills or investigate issues across many different subject areas or domains of knowledge.

Getting Started

Collegium V requires all graduating students to complete an Honors Capstone Project. The scope of the project will depend on your major and interests and is not required to be within your major. The Collegium V Honors capstone project requirement is designed to be flexible in order to maximize its relevance to the individual student.
Students are encouraged to explore academic topics of personal interest, even if unrelated to a student’s major or professional career.

The steps for the Honors Capstone Project are detailed in the Collegium V eLearning student group. For details about projects that are pre-approved or how to gain approval for your project please review the [Collegium V Capstone Expectations & Agreement forms](https://honors.utdallas.edu/cv/program-requirements/makepdf).

**Poster and Presentation Guidance**

All students are required to present a poster summarizing their capstone project. 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. Green Fellowship and ECS Senior Design posters can be used for your Capstone Presentation.

- [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](#)