

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES HONORS

REQUIREMENTS

The Honors in Research track requires students to complete two research projects, an introductory project and a senior thesis project. Students work under the guidance of a faculty mentor for both projects.

In the course of this program, it is expected that the student will: (i) learn the background and methods of the discipline; (ii) identify an interesting and tractable problem or question for study; (iii) learn to draft a proposal defending the relevance and appropriateness of specific research efforts; (iv) demonstrate appropriate skills in working on that problem in a manner appropriate to a professional in the discipline; (v) analyze and interpret the results of their efforts; and (vi) present these results as a thesis and in an approved public forum.

To earn Honors in Research, students must first be admitted to the college's Honors Program. Students must then make satisfactory progress toward the program requirements listed below and maintain a 3.25 GPA. Failure to maintain this progress will result in removal of the student from the Honors Program.

Program requirements:

- Identify a research mentor
- Complete introductory (one-semester) research project and presentation
- Complete three seminar courses (one credit each)
 - INTER-AG 288 (spring of freshman year)
 - INTER-AG 388 (spring of sophomore year)
 - INTER-AG 488 (spring of junior year)
- Enroll in Senior Honors Thesis credits (681 and 682; or 699 in the mentor's department) for two semesters at a minimum of two credits each semester
- Complete a Senior Honors Thesis research project and presentation
- Submit the Senior Honors Thesis and related documentation to CALS Academic Affairs
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25

Additional information can be found on the Honors website (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/current-students/honors-program/>).