School of Education

Honors

Dean’s List
Students have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and 3.5 or higher for the semester. Students must have received no incompletes in graded courses, no unreported grades, or end-of-semester academic actions for the semester. Credit/no credit and pass/fail courses are not considered in meeting the requirements for the Dean’s List.

Graduating with Honors and Graduating with Distinction
Undergraduate students are invited to wear an honors stole at graduation, representing Graduating with Honors, if they have indicated they expect to graduate at the conclusion of the current semester, have a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 20% of students expecting to graduate in their school/college, and have earned at least 60 credits in residence at UW–Madison. Credits in progress in the current semester count toward the 60 credit requirement.

Graduating With Distinction is a separate calculation and is posted to the undergraduate student’s transcript after all grades and degrees have been recorded. Students qualify for the Distinction notation if they have received their degree, have a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 20% of degree recipients in their school/college, and have earned at least 60 credits in residence at UW–Madison.

Honors Collaboration with the College of Letters & Science
The School of Education does not currently offer an Honors degree, with the exception of Honors in the Theatre and Drama major. However, through a collaboration between the School of Education and the College of Letters & Science (L&S), students in the School of Education may participate in the L&S Honors Program and have these achievements posted on their transcript.

Three L&S Honors options may be completed by School of Education students.

L&S Honors in the Liberal Arts (HLA). Students pursuing Honors in the Liberal Arts complete Honors courses in broadly distributed subjects from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Through Honors coursework, students select enriching academic opportunities and build connections with faculty throughout the completion of their degree.

Courses taken for Honors can also be applied toward other degree requirements. For example, of the 24 required Honors credits

- At least 6 of the credits must be in courses designated as Humanities (including Literature)
- At least 6 of the credits must be in courses designated as Social Science
- At least 6 of the credits must be in courses designated as Biological, Physical, or Natural Science

These requirements completely overlap with the School of Education liberal studies requirements.

Honors in the Major (HM). Students completing an additional major housed in the College of Letters and Science may choose to complete the Honors requirements of this major. Honors in the Major requirements vary by program, but typically include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3, a minimum major GPA, Honors coursework in the major, and successful completion of a two-semester senior Honors thesis or other capstone experience.

If Honors courses overlap with School of Education requirements, they can count in both areas.

Comprehensive Honors (both HLA and HM). Comprehensive Honors, the highest level of Honors achievement, is awarded to students who are admitted to, and complete the requirements for both Honors in the Liberal Arts and Honors in the Major.

Full details of requirements, application procedures and policies are available in the Guide (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#honorstext) and the program’s website (http://www.honors.ls.wisc.edu). Students with questions about how L&S Honors connects with School of Education programs and requirements should consult both L&S Honors and School of Education advisors to plan a course of study.