

BSPS HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

OVERVIEW

To graduate with Honors or Honors and Distinction, the College of Pharmacy requires a 3.5 cumulative GPA, completion of 6 Honors or Graduate-Level courses by the end of your junior year, and completion of the Thesis or Non-Thesis requirements. Students can use a total of 1 Honors Embedded (“E”) class to meet Honors requirements.

Students that are not enrolled in the Honors program at OSU may enroll after completion of two semesters (30 credit hours) if they have a 3.5 GPA and have taken at least one Honors, Graduate-Level, or Honors Embedded course.

THESIS OPTION

To satisfy the Thesis Option of the BSPS Honors Program, an original research project must be completed under the direction of a faculty member (Assistant Professor status or higher) selected by the student. The faculty member may be outside the College of Pharmacy; however, such projects are subject to approval by the College of Pharmacy Honors Committee. Students should participate in Honors research for at least two semesters with a commitment of at least 6 total credit hours of Pharmacy 4998 (Undergraduate Research) and Pharmacy 4999 (Undergraduate Thesis). Honors research should be started no later than Autumn of the student’s final year. An earlier start will lead to a more meaningful research experience.

Midpoint review of progress will be conducted by a committee of three faculty members consisting of the Research Advisor, another member of the Division in which the student is performing his/her work, and a representative of the Honors Committee. This review will be in the form of a brief, 30 minute meeting at any time during the second semester of work to discuss the project. For interdisciplinary projects, faculty may be selected from multiple divisions, as appropriate.

Completion of a written Honors Thesis and online submission to the “Knowledge Bank” through University Libraries is required.

Oral defense of the research before the faculty committee described above is required.

NON-THESIS OPTION

In order to satisfy the Non-Thesis Option of the Honors program, students must complete two items from List I or one item from List I and one item from List II.

List I:

- Complete one semester of study abroad. (A full-time course-load is required.)
- Complete two or more additional Honors/Graduate-Level courses.
- Complete a ten-week, full-time internship or fellowship in the health sciences. (Must be pre-approved, may be sponsored by a University other than OSU, private company, governmental organization, or non-governmental organization)
- Complete a dual major.

List II:

- Complete a minor.
- Complete at least three credits of Pharmacy 4998 Undergraduate Research.
- Complete at least three credits of Pharmacy 4193 Independent Study. (By approval of the Honors Committee only.)
- Complete two foreign languages courses beyond the 1103 level. (Classes need to be taught in the given language and cannot be GE courses)