

Membership in the College of Education Honors Program signifies rigor and high achievement in a program of study and incurs certain obligations and privileges. Honors students may be enrolled in any of the six undergraduate programs offered through the College of Education (COE). These programs include Exercise Science Education, Special Education, Sport and Leisure Studies, Technical Education and Training, Technology Education, and Pre-Education Early and Middle Childhood (offered on the regional campuses only). Requirements for these majors vary by program, but requirements for honors status within the COE are the same regardless of major. This document describes the benefits of membership in the COE Honors program, the process for achieving and maintaining honors status, and requirements for graduation with distinction.

#### Benefits of Honors Status

- ♦ Priority scheduling of classes
- ♦ Eligibility to enroll in honors courses in disciplines across campus
- ♦ Opportunities to participate in research projects
- ♦ Eligibility to live in an Honors residence hall
- ♦ Special academic advising and information about scholarship opportunities
- ♦ Invitation to special campus cultural and academic events

Students who maintain their honors status will graduate *with honors in Education*. They will also graduate *with distinction* in their area of study if they successfully complete a senior honors thesis.

#### Application to the College of Education Honors Program

A requirement for membership and continuation in good standing is a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.4. Students with a CGPA of 3.4 or higher who wish to become members of the COE Honors Program should complete a *College of Education Honors Application Form* and the *Honors Contract*, which can be obtained at any of the student services offices listed below. Please include a Degree Audit with your application. This can be obtained at [www.buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://www.buckeyelink.osu.edu).

The *Honors Contract* is the program of study that the potential COE honors student should complete in consultation with the academic advisor in his or her School. The program should include challenging curricular work and should fulfill the academic conditions for maintaining honors status in the COE.

The completed application form and the *Honors Contract* should be returned to the Student Services Office of the student's program. The COE Honors Director will review application materials and will send the student and the Student Services Advisor letters indicating the status of the application. Once the honors contract is approved, it becomes the student's curricular requirements for graduation *with honors in Education* and *with distinction*.

Students enrolled in one of the COE programs may apply to the COE Honors Program if they meet the requirement for membership, which is a CGPA average of 3.4. Potential COE Honors members can also be students who have had Honors designations when they applied to one of the COE undergraduate programs (i.e., students who entered the University with the Honors designation, or students in the Honors Program of another enrollment unit). When these students enter into one of the COE undergraduate programs, they will automatically maintain honors status for a *one-quarter grace period* before they must apply and be accepted into the COE Honors Program to retain their honors status.

Maintaining Honors Status in the College of Education and Human Ecology

Specific criteria must be met to maintain honors status:

- ♦ Maintain a CGPA of at least 3.4
- ♦ Complete honors course(s)
  - Complete six (6) honors course across disciplines after admission to the College within two (2) academic years (*beginning the autumn quarter after being admitted to the Honors Program*) AND
  - Complete a senior honors thesis *and* complete a written research report that is approved by the student's faculty advisor, which may include EDU H599 Honors Course during one quarter. The student must post a senior honors thesis to <http://library.osu.edu/sites/kbinfo/honors.html>.
- ♦ Adhere to the *Honors Contract*
  - A student may change his or her *Honors Contract* by submitting the official Honor Contract Change Form, which requires approval of the faculty advisor and the Honors Director.
  - Changes that do not alter the strength or focus of the program of study will receive routine approval, but those that weaken or alter the program in significant ways will go to the COE Honors Committee for consideration.

All students who have earned the honors designation in the COE will receive a letter from the Honors Director each academic year informing them of their status.

A student may be removed from the list of honors designees if any of the following situations occur:

- ♦ Changed Colleges
- ♦ Graduated
- ♦ Did not meet conditions for maintaining honors status

*If the student's CGPA falls below a 3.4, he or she will receive a warning letter from the Honors Director. The student will have one grace quarter to bring the CGPA back up.*

Any student who did not meet the conditions for maintaining honors status may be reinstated by documenting that the deficiencies have been resolved. An honors reinstatement application must be completed and submitted to the Student Services Office of the School along with supporting materials.

Examples of past senior theses are available at <https://kb.osu.edu/dspace/index.jsp>.

# The Ohio State University College of Education

## Student Services Offices Serving Undergraduate Programs

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### COLLEGE

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215 Pomerene Hall

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Majors: *Exercise Science Education*

*Special Education*

*Sport and Leisure Studies*

*Technical Education and Training*

### School of Teaching and Learning (T & L)

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Major: *Technology Education*

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Major:

*Pre-Education Early and Middle Childhood*

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