The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

ASC Honors Program Requirements:

To graduate with honors in the Arts and Sciences, students must complete all degree requirements, earn a cumulative GPA of 3.4, complete the Honors Coursework Requirements, and complete the Honors Project Requirements.

Honors Coursework Requirements:

Students must complete:

• A minimum of 18 hours of Honors coursework (Honors or Honors embedded coursework, which are designated H or E) or Honors-quality coursework.
  – Up to two classes can overlap with the student’s major
  – One class may overlap with the student’s minor
  – All honors-quality GE courses may be used to fulfill this requirement
  – AP/IB Credit may not be used to fulfill this requirement
  – CCP/Transfer credit that comes into OSU as Honors or Honors-quality may be used to fulfill this requirement

• All GE Theme courses must be Honors or Honors-quality courses. (This requirement may be waived for students who do not begin their undergraduate careers in the ASC Honors Program and have completed Theme coursework before joining).

• At least one Honors or Honors-quality course in EACH of the following disciplines (these can overlap with GE, major, minor, or elective courses):
  – Natural and Mathematical Sciences
  – Arts and Humanities
  – Social and Behavioral Sciences

• The ASC Honors survey course
  (This requirement may be waived for students who do not begin their undergraduate careers in the ASC Honors Program).

• An Honors enhanced ePortfolio.

• Any Honors requirements within the major (varies by major).
**Honors Project:**

**Honors students must complete an Honors project.** All Honors students will design, carry out, and defend a project that is approved by the ASC Honors Committee. An Honors Project is a challenging, original project completed by a student’s fourth year.

**Project options include:**
- Honors thesis (students who complete a thesis will also graduate with honors research distinction)
- Two semester credit-bearing service-learning experience (S coursework)
- Two semester credit-bearing research position (4998H)
- Two semester credit-bearing internship (3191)
- Two semester credit-bearing coursework that results in a creative arts project
- Two semester credit-bearing global education experience
- An integrated combination equaling two total semesters of two of the above experiences (for example: one semester of global education and one semester of research, two different one-semester internships)
- Other projects as approved by the ASC Honors Committee

**Honors Project Process:**

1. Submit an Honors Project Planning Form at the end of year one (to maintain Honors status) *Students who join Honors after year one must submit this form within one semester of joining Honors.*
2. Submit an Honors Project Proposal by the end of year two *Students who join Honors after year two must submit this form within one semester of joining Honors.*
3. Complete an Honors Project Report by the end of year four or the semester of graduation (and include it in ePortfolio as part of your Reflection Bookend); and
4. Present the work at the Honors Project Symposium or another approved forum by the end of year four or the semester of graduation (thesis defense).