

Honors Program

Worldwide Campus

The Honors Program at Embry-Riddle's Worldwide campus is a selective program that offers an enriched learning experience for motivated students. The Honors Program emphasizes close involvement with selected faculty, research opportunities, and individually tailored projects.

Admission Into The Program

Interested students will be required to submit their CV along a brief application essay (at most 500 words) to the honors program director by email (WWHonors@erau.edu) explaining their desire to join into the program and how they feel it will benefit their studies in addition to why they are a good candidate for this advanced academic experience.

Direct Admission

- Students coming directly from high school require at least a 3.75 unweighted GPA from high school.
- Current students with a current ERAU cumulative GPA of 3.5
- Students with a transfer GPA of 3.5
- Students transferring from the Daytona Beach Campus who were in the Honors Program are automatically eligible. Daytona Beach Campus honors seminars and honors contracted courses are fully transferable into the Worldwide Honors Program.

Admission by Petition

- Students transferring from another university who were in an honors program may submit a request to the Honors Program Director.

Program Requirements

The Honors Program does not automatically add credit hours to any major and has a requirement 12 credit hours of Honors in general education; in addition, 4 courses (12 credit hours) of upper level courses within the students major degree program will be honorized.

Summer Seminars (9 hours)

Three seminar classes are required. These seminars, generally offered in summer, are special topics courses which will be taught by our senior faculty and will replace specific general education requirements as described below. For students who enter the university with transfer credit already covering these general education requirements, please contact the honors program director to discuss alternate resolutions.

HONR 150 (<https://catalog.erau.edu/worldwide/undergraduate-courses/honr/>) (3 hours)—will also count as lower-level humanities general education requirement

HONR 250 (<https://catalog.erau.edu/worldwide/undergraduate-courses/honr/>) (3 hours)—will also count as lower-level social sciences general education requirement

HONR 350 (<https://catalog.erau.edu/worldwide/undergraduate-courses/honr/>) (3 hours)—will also count as upper-level social sciences or humanities general education requirement (depending on topic)

Honors-Designated Courses (12 hours)

Students will individually contract with instructors to "honorize" **four 300- or 400-level program or elective courses (12 hours)**. Honorizing a course involves an agreement between a student and instructor on a set of additional requirements which will allow the student to demonstrate advanced knowledge in the subject area. Honorized courses will appear with an "Honors Program" course notation on the student's transcript, via a transcript note. Students must submit the contract to honorize the course—signed by the instructor—to the Honors Program Director for approval prior to the term start date. The project/paper/experience that elevates the course to an "honors" class should be clearly indicated. The Honors Program Director will notify the Worldwide Office of the Registrar at the

point of student completion in the program to approve the notation on the diploma.

The Honors Program Director will work with a designated faculty point of contact at each Embry-Riddle Worldwide college to co-ordinate course honorizations.

Non-credit Requirements

Students must be active in the Program by participating in at least one honors event per academic year. Those events may include but are not limited to:

- Attendance of an honors program event or other honors society event of which the honors student is a member
- Participation in an ERAU study abroad program
- Student researcher role in a grant where the student works in a group with other students
- Participation in an Embry-Riddle Worldwide C.A.R.E.E.R. Ready Club event
- Prestigious award or fellowship (through the Office of Prestigious Award & Fellowships)
- Participation in an activity of the Virtual Collaboratory for Security and Resilience Education, Research & Engagement
- Other events as approved by the Honors Program Director

Additionally, Honors Program students will be enrolled in a moderated online interactive space where they will be able to engage in virtual events and social opportunities with other students in the program.

Satisfaction of these requirements will be documented by the faculty/staff member in charge of the chosen activity and reported to the Honors Program Director.

Honors Culminating Scholastic Experience (3 hours)

Students will enroll in HONR 400 for their Honors Culminating Experience. This individually designed experience in lieu of a thesis allows the student to focus on a specific area of interest and demonstrate advanced mastery of a subject matter as well as competency for defensible analysis. Students will submit a capstone research paper, an electronic research portfolio, or a documented research-focused internship as well as a piece of reflective writing that demonstrates critical analysis of the experience. The deliverable of the Honors Culminating Experience will be virtually presented to Honors Program peers and other interested students and faculty prior to graduation. The Honors Culminating Experience process will be organized and supervised by the Honors Program Director or a designee.

Continuing in the Honors Program

To remain in good standing in the Honors Program, students must maintain a 3.50 CGPA. If the student falls below this requirement, the student will be placed on "Honors probation," after which the student will have two terms to raise the CGPA to the minimum standard. Failure to do so will result in removal from the Honors Program. Academic progress and continuing eligibility will be monitored and enforced by the Honors Program Director.