

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS
Undergraduate Program – Honors in the Major
ADVISING GUIDE

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University Honors vs. Honors in the Major

Students can earn Honors through the University, and/or they can earn Honors in the Major through the Department.

For information on University Honors, see: <https://honors.uiowa.edu/>

Students pursuing University Honors need 12 credits of “experiential learning,” which can be earned by completing Honors in the Major, or in other ways such as study abroad.

A student does NOT have to complete the full University Honors program to complete Honors in the Major. They can do just Majors honors; or they can apply their Majors honors to University honors; or they can pursue University honors without Majors honors (in which case they need to earn their “experiential learning” credits another way – see the Honors Program for details.)

How to earn Honors in the Major

Declaring Honors Interest: When a student first decides they are interested in pursuing HITM, the student’s faculty advisor declares them in MAUI. Navigate to the student’s record in MAUI. Choose “Program of Study Honors in the Major” from the drop-down box in the upper right corner of the screen. Next to Theatre Major, click “edit.” Check the box, declaring their interest.

Requirements for Honors in the Major in Theatre Arts:

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	Maintain 3.5 Major GPA
	Earn 6 semester hours of Theatre Honors Courses
	3 s.h. Course 1:
	3 s.h. Course 2: <i>Course must be numbered 3000 or above.</i>
	THTR:4962 Honors Project <i>Plan at least one semester in advance; if planning to do a Workshop production as an Honors Project, student may need to plan a year in advance</i>

Honors Contracts

An Honors Contract allows an undergraduate to earn honors credit for a non-honors course. The student works directly with the instructor of the course, proposing an additional project to be completed during the student's enrollment in the course.

To take a Theatre Arts course as Honors, students fill out an Honors Contract, which can be found at MyUI or the Honors website. Students must fill out the contract within six weeks of the first day of class. Classes can't be taken for Honors if instructed by adjunct faculty or graduate students.

Student Responsibilities for Honors Contract:

Students using this form must comply with and understand the terms of an Honors Contract:

- The student must talk with the instructor as soon as possible about proposing an Honors Contract for the course.
- The contract must be approved by the instructor of the course; instructors have the right to decline a contract request.
- The student is strongly advised to fill out the contract form with the instructor to ensure agreement of details and its speedy approval by the instructor.
- The course may only be graded on the A-F scale (ie. cannot be graded as P/N, S/U, or S/F).
- The student must earn a B- or better in the class to earn honors credit.
- The student may not contract a course that already offers an honors section unless there is a serious scheduling conflict that cannot be resolved.
- The project description must provide a clear distinction between Honors Contract work and the work otherwise required for the course.
- The project must be graded S/U and is not allowed to affect the final course grade or the rest of the student's work for the course.

Faculty Responsibilities for Honors Contract:

- Faculty approve the Honors Contract through Workflow. If faculty don't receive an automatic email request from Workflow, and it doesn't appear in the faculty's Workflow, then it may not have been submitted correctly by the student.
- At the end of the semester upon completion of the project, faculty will once again get an automatic email request to approve the student's Honors completion in Workflow. If that request doesn't appear, call the Honors Program at 319-335-1681, or email honors-program@uiowa.edu
- Please flag the student as "Honors Interest" in MAUI by going to MAUI > Program of Study Honors in the Major. Or email megan-gogerty@uiowa.edu.