

**LAS HONORS**  
**Student Handbook**

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## Welcome

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*Congratulations on your acceptance to the LAS James Scholar Program! You are among the top 12% of students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Your James Scholar status recognizes your hard work and the potential you hold to be a leader in your field and in your community.*

*The LAS James Scholar requirements are designed to challenge and enrich your time at Illinois as you build the skills you need to achieve your individual goals. They are also designed to encourage you to find balance in your everyday life—to commit to your own overall health and well-being alongside your academic and extra-curricular commitments. We hope you will use these requirements as motivation to complete experiences already in your plan as well as to explore experiences you have not yet considered. You will notice the requirements encourage you to form deep connections with your campus and Champaign-Urbana communities in a variety of ways. These communities will give much to you during your time at Illinois, and we hope you will give just as much back.*

*LAS James Scholars take on ambitious endeavors and work hard to keep their commitments, but we know unexpected challenges will arise. LAS Honors staff are here to advise and support you throughout your Illinois experience. Please use this handbook regularly to guide you through the expectations of the program, but also know we are here to help you navigate those situations that are beyond what can be anticipated in these pages.*

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## What is LAS Honors?

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The mission of the James Scholar Program within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is to *empower* our students to be global citizens and global stewards; to *enlighten* them with deeper understanding of the diverse world in which they live; and to *engage* with the core values and responsibilities of moving toward a sustainable future.

We strive to assist our students in defining their role as active learners, critical thinkers, and influential leaders. The LAS James Scholar Program provides the best of the liberal arts education tradition with the resources, facilities, and opportunities of a flagship state university. From studying abroad to working one-on-one with faculty members, LAS Honors provides and supports ways for our students to do more, go farther, and become their very best.

## Empower, enlighten, engage

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The James Scholar Honors Program in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Illinois provides rare opportunities for high-achieving, highly-motivated students to go farther. Going farther both figuratively and literally. Our students travel the globe, our alumni reach for the stars—studying medicine with NASA or even working as astronauts. Our students get involved with world-class faculty, learning from them and with them in cutting-edge research. Our students assist in creating the knowledge that others only read about. If you are ready to get involved, to be challenged, to have a lasting impact, then the LAS James Scholar Program is the place for you.

As an LAS James Scholar, you will be empowered to find your place as a global citizen and a global steward. You will learn about core values of Sustainability and its importance to the environment, the economy, and the people of your community, your country, and the broader world. LAS James Scholars always want to know more and to have a positive impact.

As an LAS James Scholar, you will be enlightened with a deeper understanding not only of your chosen major or majors, but the critical importance of the Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will gain an appreciation for multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives. LAS James Scholars experience deeper levels of learning: deeper, broader, richer.

As an LAS James Scholar, you will become engaged with your chosen discipline, your College, your University, your Community, and your World. You will be encouraged to get involved with curricular and co-curricular activities; experiential learning, community service, and a wide range of other opportunities created specifically for LAS James Scholars.

## James Scholar program requirements

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### ***Full-time Students***

Students must be full-time (12 credit hours per semester) to retain eligibility in the James Scholar Program. One underload (semester below 12 hours) is allowed if approved by the College of LAS.

### ***GPA Requirement***

Students must have a cumulative University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign GPA of 3.50 at the end of every academic year to meet the GPA requirement of the James Scholar Program in LAS. At the completion of their first semester at Illinois, first-year LAS James Scholars must have an Illinois cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 in order to continue as a James Scholar.

### ***Academic Integrity***

James Scholars and nominees are held responsible for adherence to the rules for [Academic Integrity at Illinois](#) (Code of Policies and Regulations Applying to all Students, Article 1, Part 4). Students who are found to have been penalized within the scope of Article 1, Part 4 will automatically forfeit their LAS James Scholar membership and privileges.

### ***Honors Points***

Students must earn honors points each year they are an LAS James Scholar. Additional details about the honors point system are provided in the following pages.

## The points system

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James Scholars must earn at least 4 points for each academic year they are an LAS James Scholar. The number of years you are an LAS James Scholar before graduation will determine the number of honors points you need to earn overall, as well as how many should be academic (A) points and enrichment (E) points. The academic versus enrichment point breakdown is only a factor at graduation.

Annual James Scholar Certification is completed at the end of spring semester each academic year. To retain their standing as a James Scholar, students must follow the requirements listed previously, and meet the required 4-point benchmark for their year.

- End of first year as LAS James Scholar: 4 points
- End of second year as LAS James Scholar: 8 points
- End of third year as LAS James Scholar: 12 points
- End of fourth year as LAS James Scholar: 16 points

### ***For James Scholar Graduation Honors***

As indicated above, the number of years you are an LAS James Scholar before graduation will determine the number of honors points you need to earn overall, as well as how many should be academic (A) points and enrichment (E) points.

To graduate with James Scholar Graduation Honors:

- 4 years as LAS James Scholar: 16 honors points – 10 academic and 6 enrichment
- 3 years as LAS James Scholar: 12 honors points – 8 academic and 4 enrichment
- 2 years as LAS James Scholar: 8 honors points – 5 academic and 3 enrichment
- 1 year as LAS James Scholar: 4 honors points – 3 academic and 1 enrichment

James Scholars should schedule a James Scholar Graduation Review with LAS Honors staff during their senior year to review remaining requirements.

With these milestones in mind, students should be able to be proactive and plan ahead.

### ***Summer Experiences***

Summer experiences are eligible for honors points in limited categories (see pages 14-28 for details). Summer experiences will only count toward point requirements for the academic year following the summer in which the experience was completed (they cannot be used for certification consideration at the conclusion of the spring semester just prior to the summer experience).

## How to plan ahead

Using this points system, you can be proactive. You can “bank” points, but you cannot borrow them. This means that if you earn points early in your college career, you can save them to complete the point requirements you must reach later in your college career.

### EXAMPLE:

Barghav earned 6 honors points during his freshman year as a James Scholar.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Points earned this year	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	6	6	✓

Barghav then earned 2 honors points during his sophomore year as a James Scholar.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Points earned this year	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	6	6	✓
Year 2	8	2	8	✓

However, you **cannot** borrow.

### EXAMPLE:

Faith earned 4 honors points during her freshman year as a James Scholar.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Points earned this year	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	4	4	✓



Faith then earned just 2 honors points during her sophomore year as a James Scholar, and planned to earn 6 honors points during her junior year. But because she did not reach the required points by the end of her sophomore year, she was not certified as a James Scholar.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Points earned this year	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	4	4	✓
Year 2	8	2	6	✗

To earn your required points and remain a James Scholar, you will submit a “James Scholar Plan” to the online portfolio system every semester. This James Scholar Plan details everything you intend to do for honors points each semester. However, you are **not** required to earn honors points every semester. You are simply required to earn the specified number of points by the end of each year. Keep in mind that even if you have banked points, you still must earn at least 1 honors point each year to maintain your status.

#### EXAMPLE:

Toni was eager to earn all her required honors points during first semester of her freshman year, and so she decided not to submit a James Scholar Plan for her second semester. When she reached fall semester of her senior year, she was too busy applying for graduate school, and decided not to submit a James Scholar Plan until spring semester as she knew she could earn the rest of her required points in time to graduate.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	5	0	5	✓
Year 2	8	1	2	8	✓
Year 3	12	2	3	13	✓

Year 4	16	0	3	16	✓
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**EXAMPLE:**

Jared kept up with submitting his James Scholar Plans each semester until he studied abroad his junior year and forgot the fall deadline. Luckily, he had banked enough points to keep him in good standing. But when he forgot to submit a James Scholar Plan for fall semester of his senior year, he was thrown off-track and lost James Scholar status.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	3	1	4	✓
Year 2	8	3	3	10	✓
Year 3	12	0	2	12	✓
Year 4	16	0	1	13	✗

**EXAMPLE:**

Cassandra **self-nominated** as a James Scholar after her first semester at the University of Illinois, and so she needed to earn all her honors points during spring semester of her freshman year. She banked a lot of points during her sophomore year, so it wasn't a problem when she forgot to submit her James Scholar Plan during spring of her junior year.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	-	4	4	✓
Year 2	8	3	5	12	✓
Year 3	12	2	0	14	✓
Year 4	16	2	1	17	✓

**EXAMPLE:**

Seojun **transferred** to the University of Illinois from another university, so he entered the James Scholar program his sophomore year. Because he only had three years as a James Scholar before graduation, he had to earn 4 points by the end of his sophomore year, 8 points by the end of his junior year, and 12 points by the end of his senior year. He was able to graduate as a certified James Scholar with a total of 13 points.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	2	2	4	✓
Year 2	8	2	3	9	✓
Year 3	12	4	0	13	✓

You can log in to create and edit your "James Scholar Plan" for the current semester through the James Scholar Portfolio system online here: <https://my.atlas.illinois.edu/james-scholar/>

## James Scholar Portfolio

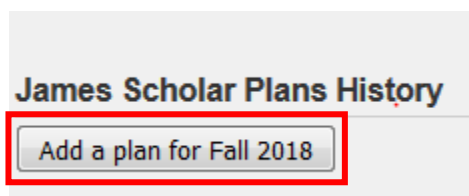
The [James Scholar Portfolio system](#) allows you to submit a James Scholar Plan each semester. After logging in with your NetID and password, you can see your James Scholar Semester History, any Student Notes, and your previous semester James Scholar Plans. You can view old plans as well as edit your current plan.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**By the end (Friday) of the sixth week of each fall and spring semester\*:**

1. Add your new James Scholar Plan, detailing how you will earn honors points this semester, and which honors points you will earn. If you will not earn any honors points that semester, you do not need to add anything to your plan.

\*Summer deadlines will be provided during the spring term.



2. When you select an honors experience from the drop-down options, any preapproval materials necessary will be detailed for you *before* you add the experience to your plan. Please read these instructions carefully. All pre-approval materials need to be submitted by the sixth week deadline.

Example: Select research from the drop-down menu (right).

Instructions for pre-approval and submission to plan (below).

Select an honors option  
50 hours of PREAPPROVED faculty-directed independent study or research (Academic) ▼

Conducting mentored research on your own original project or as a part of a larger project led by a faculty member, researcher, or graduate student is eligible in this category. This experience requires you to submit an [Honors Experience Request Form](#). To add this option to your plan, answer the question below.

Did you complete all associated forms for this option?

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Please be sure to complete these additional resources when signing up for this option:  
[https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/LAS\\_Administration/Honors/Honors\\_Experience\\_Request\\_Form/](https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/LAS_Administration/Honors/Honors_Experience_Request_Form/)

**By the end of the fall and spring semester\* (last day of final exams):**

1. Log in to your James Scholar Portfolio and review your current plan.
2. Click "edit" on your current plan to review what you need to do "At the end of the semester" for each honors experience.

\*Summer deadlines will be provided during the spring term.

Add a plan for Summer 2018

Action	Term code	Academic points	Enrichment points	Added on/by
[edit]	Spring 2018		0/4	Jan 17 2018 11

Add a plan for Spring 2018

Action	Term code	Academic points	Enrichment points	Added on/by
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Add a plan for Fall 2017

	Honors option	Point value
[X]	Complete a PREAPPROVED 100 hour internship (Enrichment)	0/2
	<i>Additional information about this option</i> <a href="https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/LAS_Administration/Honors/Honors_Experience_Request_Form/">https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/LAS_Administration/Honors/Honors_Experience_Request_Form/</a>	
	<b>At the end of the semester</b> In order to earn an honors point(s) for this experience, you MUST complete the following steps by the last day of finals on the Illinois campus this semester. You must complete the Honors Experience Survey for every experience you intend to use for honors points this semester: <a href="http://go.illinois.edu/las-honors-experie">http://go.illinois.edu/las-honors-experie</a> You must also upload a signed letter from your internship supervisor verifying that you interned at least 100 hours this semester. The supervisor's name, title, an Upload your documentation Sen. Bennett internship hours ██████████ Hours.pdf	
[X]	Leadership activities (ie: leadership position in RSO) (Enrichment)	0/1
	<b>At the end of the semester</b> In order to earn an honors point(s) for this experience, you MUST complete the following steps by the last day of finals on the Illinois campus this semester. You must complete the Honors Experience Survey for every experience you intend to use for honors points this semester: <a href="http://go.illinois.edu/las-honors-experie">http://go.illinois.edu/las-honors-experie</a> You must also provide supporting documentation that indicates your role with the group such as communication announcing your election to office or screenshot the organization; 3) your position; 4) that this is a position you held THIS semester. Please also include a brief paragraph that tells us a little about what you do in role). Upload your documentation Phi Eta Sigma: Executive Board PROOF : PES PROOF 2018.pdf	
[X]	Holding an office in JSSAB (Enrichment)	0/1
	<b>At the end of the semester</b> In order to earn an honors point(s) for this experience, you MUST complete the following steps by the last day of finals on the Illinois campus this semester. You must complete the Honors Experience Survey for every experience you intend to use for honors points this semester: <a href="http://go.illinois.edu/las-honors-experie">http://go.illinois.edu/las-honors-experie</a>	

3. Submit any required final documentation by the end of the semester to earn your honors points for that semester.

## Academic points

James Scholars must earn both academic (A) and enrichment (E) points by graduation. The number of points required is determined by the number of years in LAS Honors.

Points for Annual Certification to Maintain Status (may be any combination of A or E categories):	Points by Graduation for James Scholar Graduation Honors:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First year as LAS James Scholar: 4 pts</li> <li>▪ Second year as LAS James Scholar: 8 pts</li> <li>▪ Third year as LAS James Scholar: 12 pts</li> <li>▪ Fourth year as LAS James Scholar: 16 pts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 years as LAS James Scholar = 10 (A) + 6 (E)</li> <li>▪ 3 years as LAS James Scholar = 8 (A) + 4 (E)</li> <li>▪ 2 years as LAS James Scholar = 5 (A) + 3 (E)</li> <li>▪ 1 year as LAS James Scholar = 3 (A) + 1 (E)</li> </ul>

Academic points develop critical thinking skills, broad intellectual curiosity, and deep understanding of a discipline or disciplines. Academic points are earned through challenging yourself in honors courses or honors credit learning agreements, deepening your understanding of your discipline through undergraduate research activities, and earning recognition of your academic accomplishments.

Academic points can be earned through approved:

- Honors courses
- Research experiences
- Academic accomplishments
- Study abroad
- Academic leadership

Listed on the following pages are the areas where academic points can be earned, as well as how many points each experience is worth, how many total points you can earn using that experience, and what documentation is required at the beginning and the end of the semester to earn points for that experience.

**Preapproval:** Experiences below that require preapproval must be submitted to the portfolio system online along with any additional forms, like an EHCLA or Honors Experience Request Form, by the specified date. This final date is the end of the sixth week of class for fall and spring semesters. Note that these experiences may still require documentation of completion be submitted by the end of the semester in order to receive honors points.

# Denotes that this category is eligible to be used for a summer experience.

**Honors courses** are available either through taking an Honors Integrated Course or working on projects with faculty. Any course in which the student is currently enrolled can potentially be turned into an Honors Course with the agreement of the faculty member. This agreement is called an Electronic Honors Credit Learning Agreement (EHCLA), and outlines all requirements and expectations for the Honors project. The student must submit the EHCLA by the end of the sixth week of the semester, and his instructor can complete her portion of the form at a later time.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>LAS 122</b>	All incoming first-year, first-semester James Scholars (except Chemical Engineering majors who will take ENG 100) will enroll in LAS 122, our first year seminar course. Students who earn a B- or higher in the course are eligible to earn an honors grade.	1	1	None, just add the course to your semester James Scholar Plan	None, earn a B- or higher in the course to be eligible for an honors grade
<b>2 credit-hour honors course</b>	These courses may be integrated honors courses or EHCLA courses. Whether the course is an integrated honors course or an EHCLA course, students must earn a B- or higher in the course to earn an honors grade. An honors or "H" grade must be reflected on the student's record before honors points will be awarded for this experience.	1	2	Submit an EHCLA if not an integrated honors course (see page 29)	None, earn a B- or higher in the course to be eligible for an honors grade
<b>3 credit-hour honors course</b>	These courses may be integrated honors courses or EHCLA courses. Whether the course is an integrated honors course or an EHCLA course, students must earn a B-	2	8	Submit an EHCLA if not an integrated honors course (see page 29)	None, earn a B- or higher in the course to be eligible for an

	or higher in the course to earn an honors grade. An honors or "H" grade must be reflected on the student's record before honors points will be awarded for this experience.				honors grade
<b>REACT for Chemistry</b>	This acts the same way as a 3 credit-hour honors course. In eligible chemistry courses, students may use REACT as an honors project to make their chemistry course eligible for an honors grade. Students must still earn a B- or higher in the course to earn an honors grade and the honors or "H" grade must be reflected on the student's record before honors points will be awarded.	2	8 (for all 3 credit-hour honors courses)	Just add the REACT category to your plan and be sure to register with REACT	None, earn a B- or higher in the course to be eligible for an honors grade
<b>500-level course</b>	Students may not earn an honors grade in a 500-level or graduate-level course, but successful completion of the course is eligible for honors points. The course must be taken for a letter grade to be eligible for honors points.	2	6	None, just add the course to your semester James Scholar Plan	None, your final grade in the course will be reviewed for point consideration
<b>Honors LLC course</b>	Only Honors Living Learning Community (LLC) members are eligible to enroll in these courses. Please consult with the Honors LLC for additional information on the course.	1	1	None, just add the course to your semester James Scholar Plan	None, earn a B- or higher in the course to be eligible for an honors grade



**Research** experiences are encouraged and available for academic honors points as well. Want to learn more about getting involved in research at U of I? Starting to think about presenting or publishing your work? Check out the resources available through the [Illinois Office of Undergraduate Research](#). Visit the [LAS Life + Career Design Lab](#) to learn how to reach out to faculty about potential research opportunities.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>#Faculty-directed independent study or research</b>	Students who are conducting research or independent study under the supervision of a faculty member, staff member, or graduate student are eligible to use that experience for honors points. Complete at least 50 hours of research in a single semester to earn 1 academic point, and at least 100 hours or more of research in a single semester to earn 2 academic points.	1-2	4	Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)	If enrolled in credit hours, no documentation is required. If not enrolled in credit hours, provide a signed letter from your research supervisor verifying the number of research hours completed.
<b>#Presentation at a regional conference</b>	The Undergraduate Research Symposium on campus each spring is eligible in this category. The regional conference must be preapproved with an Honors Experience Request Form.	1	1	Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)	None
<b>#Presentation at a national conference</b>	The national conference must be preapproved with an Honors Experience Request Form.	2	4	Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)	None

<p><b>#Publication in an undergraduate journal</b></p>	<p>To count in this category, your work should be selected for publication through a peer review process. Check out <a href="#">these undergraduate research journals on campus</a>. Don't forget to submit proof to the online portfolio system by the required deadline.</p>	1	1	None, just add the proposed experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Letter/email of acceptance or URL of publication
<p><b>#Publication in a professional journal</b></p>	<p>To count in this category, your work should be selected for publication through a peer review process. Don't forget to submit proof to the online portfolio system by the required deadline.</p>	2	4	None, just add the proposed experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Letter/email of acceptance or URL of publication
<p><b>Senior thesis</b></p>	<p>In order to use a senior thesis experience for honors, students must either be enrolled in an integrated honors course for their thesis hours, or complete an EHCLA for each semester of thesis coursework for which they are enrolled.</p>	2	4	Submit an EHCLA if not an integrated honors course (see page 29)	None, earn a B- or higher in the course to be eligible for an honors grade

**Academic accomplishments** that you may complete during your college career can also be used as academic honors points.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>Applying for a nationally competitive scholarship or fellowship</b>	Scholarships eligible for this category are limited to those administered by the <a href="#">National and International Scholarships Program</a> . You must work with that office on your application in order to be eligible to receive an honors point for your experience. They will verify your application once you add it to your James Scholar Plan.	1	2	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan, and your application will be verified	None
<b>Induction into Phi Beta Kappa</b>	Juniors and Seniors are eligible. For more information on Phi Beta Kappa eligibility, please see the <a href="#">campus chapter's website</a> . The Phi Beta Kappa coordinator will verify your induction once you add it to your James Scholar Plan.	1	1	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan, and your induction will be verified	None
<b>Complete second major</b>	You can earn 1 academic honors point during the semester that you are completing the second major (typically your final semester).	1	1	Submit the name of your second major	None
<b>Complete dual degree</b>	You can earn 2 academic points during the semester that you are completing your dual degree (typically your final semester). Find the instructions <a href="#">here</a> for applying for a second degree in LAS.	2	2	Submit documentation that shows approval of dual degree	None

**Study abroad** experiences can be used as academic points *or* enrichment points. Check out the [Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange](#) website and [LAS International Programs](#) for more information on study abroad opportunities. Not sure how study abroad can help you achieve your academic and professional goals? Visit the [LAS Life + Career Design Lab](#) to investigate and explore.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>#Short-term study abroad</b>	Short-term studies abroad must be university sponsored experiences. There are a lot of short-term LAS Abroad opportunities, including over Winter Break and Spring Break.	1	2	Just add the course to your semester James Scholar Plan	None. Points cannot be awarded until final grades are available for this experience.
<b>Semester-long study abroad</b>	Students must be studying on university-sanctioned programs to count for honors points.	2	6	Submit proof of acceptance to your study abroad program	None. Points cannot be awarded until final grades are available for this experience.

**Academic leadership** experiences can be used as academic points or enrichment points.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<p><b>Serve as an LAS 100/101/102/122 Intern</b></p>	<p>Rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. Applications are available annually beginning in January for the following academic year. This experience is eligible for academic points <u>or</u> enrichment points.</p>	2	4	<p>Just add the intern course to your semester James Scholar Plan in the semester in which you are serving as an intern (not eligible in your training semester)</p>	None
<p><b>Student teach/complete secondary education requirements</b></p>	<p><i>Restricted to students completing the secondary education minor.</i> You can earn 2 academic points <u>or</u> enrichment points for student teaching/completing your secondary education program requirements.</p>	2	2	<p>Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)</p>	None

## Enrichment points

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Enrichment points develop and strengthen citizenship skills through involvement on campus, in the Champaign-Urbana community, and in the global community. They also invite you to explore and develop skills for your future profession.

Enrichment points can be earned through approved:

- Volunteer service
- Leadership experiences
- Campus involvement
- Internships
- Study abroad
- Academic leadership

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**Preapproval:** Experiences that require preapproval must be submitted to the portfolio system online along with any additional forms, like an Honors Experience Request Form, before the specified date. This final date is the end of the sixth week of class. Note that these experiences may still require documentation of completion to be submitted by the end of the semester in order to receive honors points.

# Denotes that this category is eligible to be used for a summer experience.

**Volunteer service** opportunities in the local community are eligible for enrichment points. Just don't forget to submit the required documentation. Check out the [Office of Volunteer Programs](#) website, or [CUVolunteer](#). Look for an email early each semester with information about additional community service opportunities.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>#Community Service</b>	All hours must be completed in a single semester and benefitting a single Champaign-Urbana organization. Complete at least 25 hours of service in a single semester to earn 1 enrichment point, and at least 50 hours or more of service in a single semester to earn 2 enrichment points.	1-2	4	Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)	Log of completed service hours signed by service supervisor
<b>Alternative seasonal break</b>	To be eligible for honors points, the experience must be sponsored by the University of Illinois.	1	2	Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)	Signed letter from a coordinator of the experience verifying that you participated

**Leadership** experiences on campus are also eligible for enrichment honors points.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>Participate in a day-long leadership program (I-Program, for example)</b>	Participation in a day-long leadership program hosted by the Illinois Leadership Center can earn you 1 point. Please see the <a href="#">I-Programs website</a> for more information. We encourage you to register early as these programs fill up quickly.	1	2	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Completion certificate from the program
<b>Full participation in The Institute by LeaderShape</b>	The application for The Institute by LeaderShape is available each fall semester through the LAS Honors Office. Please see the <a href="#">LEADERSHAPE website</a> for more information.	2	2	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Completion certificate or group photo from the program
<b>Hold an office on the JSSAB</b>	Information about getting involved with the <a href="#">James Scholars Student Advisory Board</a> will be made available via email each semester.	1	2	Just add it to your semester James Scholar Plan	Verified by the JSSAB executive board
<b># Other leadership activities</b>	For example, you can earn 1 point for serving in a leadership position in a registered student organization or other student organization.##	1	2	Just add it to your semester James Scholar Plan	Documentation that indicates your role with the group
<i>## To be eligible for summer points, your leadership role must be directly impacting Illinois students and you must be active in this role during the summer (preparations for the upcoming academic year are not eligible). You must be able to demonstrate that you were actively leading Illinois peers for a significant part of the summer.</i>					
<b>Serve as an undergraduate teaching assistant</b>	Earn 1 enrichment point per semester serving as an undergraduate teaching assistant for a University of Illinois course.	1	2	Add the course to your Plan, the professor will verify your role	None



**Campus involvement** in these approved experiences can earn you enrichment honors points as well.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>Participate in JSSAB</b>	Earn an enrichment point through attending <a href="#">James Scholars Student Advisory Board</a> events. Information will be made available via email each term.	1	2	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Will be verified with JSSAB executive board
<b>Perform in a university-sponsored concert, play, or recital</b>	Orchestra, Marching Illini, student organizations that perform, etc. are all eligible in this category.	1	2	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Documentation of you as a performer such as a program from the event
<b>Having a piece of art displayed at a university gallery or exhibit</b>	An item, such as a program from the event opening, that indicates you as a contributing artist will count as proof.	1	2	Just add the experience to your semester James Scholar Plan	Documentation of your participation such as a program from the event
<b>Full season of intramural, club, or varsity sport</b>	Participation in a full season sponsored by the University of Illinois can earn you 1 enrichment honors point.	1	2	Just add it to your semester James Scholar Plan	A team roster or similar item
<b>Complete an iBox</b>	iBox is a collection of experiences that encourage you to explore traditions and resources around campus. If you complete a certain number of those experiences within a semester, collectively, they are worth one honors point.	1	2	Add it to your semester James Scholar Plan and download the iBox instructions from the portfolio	Submit your completed iBox document

**Internships** are experiences that allow you to gain skills and explore areas related to your future career goals. They may be paid or unpaid, and may also be taken for credit or not. Take a look at [Handshake @ Illinois](#) for some available internship opportunities, and explore additional resources by visiting the [LAS Life + Career Design Lab](#).

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
# <b>Internship</b>	In order for your internship to be eligible for honors points, you must be able to indicate how your experience is relevant to your discipline and/or future career goals. Complete at least a 50 hour internship in a single semester to earn 1 enrichment point, and a 100 hour or more internship in a single semester to earn 2 enrichment points.	1-2	4	Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)	Signed letter from your internship supervisor verifying the number of hours completed

**Study abroad** experiences can be used as academic points *or* enrichment points. Check out the [Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange](#) website and [LAS International Programs](#) for more information on study abroad opportunities. Not sure how study abroad can help you achieve your academic and professional goals? Visit the [LAS Life + Career Design Lab](#) to investigate and explore.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<b>#Short-term study abroad</b>	Short-term studies abroad must be university sponsored experiences. There are a lot of short-term LAS Abroad opportunities, including over Winter Break and Spring Break.	1	2	Just add the course to your semester James Scholar Plan	None. Points cannot be awarded until final grades are available for this experience.
<b>Semester-long study abroad</b>	Students must be studying on university-sanctioned programs to count for honors points.	2	6	Submit proof of acceptance to your study abroad program	None. Points cannot be awarded until final grades are available for this experience.

**Academic leadership** experiences can be used as academic points or enrichment points.

Experience	Description	Point value per experience	Total points possible	Preapproval required	Final documentation required
<p><b>Serve as an LAS 100/101/102/122 Intern</b></p>	<p>Rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. Applications are available annually beginning in January for the following academic year. This experience is eligible for academic points <u>or</u> enrichment points.</p>	2	4	<p>Just add the intern course to your semester James Scholar Plan in the semester in which you are serving as an intern (not eligible in your training semester)</p>	None
<p><b>Student teach/complete secondary education requirements</b></p>	<p><i>Restricted to students completing the secondary education minor.</i> You can earn 2 academic points <u>or</u> enrichment points for student teaching/completing your secondary education program requirements.</p>	2	2	<p>Submit an Honors Experience Request Form (see pages 30-33)</p>	None

## Electronic Honors Credit Learning Agreement (EHCLA)

Beginning in Fall 2018, the EHCLA is integrated into the James Scholar Portfolio system. When you enter your course number and section into your portfolio in the 2 credit hour honors course, 3+ credit hour honors course, or honors thesis categories the system will recognize whether the section is an integrated honors section or a standard section.

If the course is an integrated honors course, no additional information is required and the course should simply be added to your plan:

*It has been detected that this section is marked as an honors section, therefore no EHCLA is required.*

### Fall 2018 James Scholar options Sam chose in the beginning of the semester.

	Honors option	Point value	Plan details
[ X ]	3+ credit honors course with B- or better (Academic)	0/2	LAS 399 E - No EHCLA required

If the course is a standard course, the system will prompt you to “Describe your project”. This is where you will enter the details of the honors project you are adding to the class to make it eligible for an honors grade. You should include all relevant details of your project.

Subject Code: LAS | Course Number: 399 | Section Number: A

Describe your project

Add Course

Once you submit the description of your project, the instructor(s) of record for the course you have selected will be emailed, requesting they review and approve, approve with revisions, or deny your submission. Once your instructor approves your submission, it will come to LAS Honors staff for our review and approval. If your instructor approves your submission with revisions, you will receive an email asking you to review your instructor’s revisions and accept your deny their revisions. You will be notified via email of your instructor’s decision.

If an EHCLA is required for your honors experience, you must submit it by the end of the sixth week of the semester. Your accompanying instructor or faculty member may submit his or her portion after the deadline, but you must submit your portion before the required due date.

## Honors Experience Request Form

Listed below are a series of example images to preview what you need to complete an Honors Experience Request Form.

Students enter basic information at the top of the form, include selecting their experience from the drop-down.

The screenshot shows the top portion of a web form. At the top is a red header bar with the text "Honors Experience Request Form" in white and the "I LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES" logo in white. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: "Home Honors Experience Request Form / New Form". The main content area is titled "Student Information" and contains two text input fields: "Student NetId\*" and "UIN\*". Below these is a section titled "Honors Experience" which contains a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is currently open, showing the following options: "Alternative Seasonal Break", "Community Service", "Conference Presentation", and "Internship".

Additional information is required depending on the experience selected.

### Alternative Seasonal Break:

The screenshot shows a section of the form titled "Alternative Seasonal Break". Below the title is the instruction "All fields are required." followed by several input fields:
 

- "Organization leading the Alternative Seasonal Break" with a text input field.
- "Where will your service take place?" with a text input field.
- "When will this experience take place?" with a text input field.
- "What project will you be working on? Provide a brief description of the work you will do." with a larger text input field.
- "Organization Contact Person Name" with a text input field.
- "Organization Contact Person Email Address" with a text input field containing the placeholder "user@example.com".

## Community Service:

**Community Service**

*All fields are required.*

**Organization you're working with**

**What's the project you are working on?**

**Gives us a brief description of your work schedule**

We should be able to see from your description that you will be able to complete all of your service hours in this semester. (ex. M-W-F 12pm to 2 pm)

**Organization Contact Person Name**

**Organization Contact Person Email Address**

## Conference Presentation:

**Conference Presentation**

*All fields are required.*

**Conference Title\***

**Is this a regional or national conference?\***  ▼

**Conference Location\***

**Conference Dates\***

**Upload documentation of your acceptance to the conference.\***

No file selected.

This may be an email/letter of acceptance or similar document that clearly indicates you have been accepted to present.

## Internship:

**Internship**

*All fields are required.*

**Organization Name\***

The organization with which you will be completing your internship.

**Hours\***

Approximately how many hours during the semester will you spend on your internship?

**How will this internship experience further your academic or career goals?\***

**Please upload documentation of your internship offer.\***

This may be an email offer letter or similar documentation that indicates you have been invited to intern with this organization.

## Research/Independent Study:

**Research/Independent Study**

*All fields are required.*

At the end of the semester you must upload a signed letter from your research/independent study supervisor to your James Scholar Portfolio that verifies the number of hours you completed this term. The supervisor's name, title, and contact information must be clear. Alternatively, if you enrolled in research credit hours for this experience, completion of this experience can instead be verified through successful completion of the course (in this case no additional documentation need be provided at the end of your experience).

**Who will supervise your research/independent study?**

Please enter the name of the professor, staff member or graduate student who will supervise your work.

**Supervisor Email**

Please enter the email address for the professor, staff member or graduate student who will supervise your work.

**Enter the proposed number of hours you will spend conducting research/independent study.**

**Provide a brief description of what your project will entail.**

Students receive email notification of their approved forms.

## Completed Internship Form:

Student NetId  
Conor Weiland (conorweil@uic.edu)

UIN  
██████████

**Honors Experience**

Honors Experience  
 Internship

**Internship**

*All fields are required.*

Organization Name  
██

Hours  
 50

How will this internship experience further your academic or career goals?  
 My duties for my environmental communications internship include writing a weekly environmental newsletter, answering employee's questions regarding the environment, and conduct a semi-annual educational presentation on-site in Chicago. My internship is part of the firm's ESG (environmental, social, and governance) initiative. For the environmental newsletter, I am completely responsible for doing the research and choosing what subjects to write about. For each month, I choose a certain theme for the emails, such as environmentalists in American history and deforestation. Although I come up with some themes on my own, I also take suggestions for themes from the company's employees if they express interest in learning more about a particular topic. By interacting with the company's employees and introducing environmental issues to them on a regular basis, I am able to encourage discussions about environmentalism in general at the firm, and I myself am able to understand where common misconceptions about environmental science may come from. Some of the questions I receive are in response to the weekly environmental newsletter; some employees want me to clarify something or to provide additional information on the subject of the newsletter. Other times, the recipients of the newsletter want to discuss a recent news event or ask for my opinion on sustainable products and living. Answering questions helps me find better ways to engage people in conversations about the health of our planet and how our behavior affects it. The internship requires two presentations a year: one in summer and one in winter. Similar to the environmental newsletter, I am free to choose whatever topic I want to discuss during my presentation. Each presentation takes several months of preparation to research and plan, and the target time for each presentation is 45 minutes of speaking followed by time for questions. The presentations occur at the company headquarters in Chicago, and members of other Chicago-based firms often attend as well. The presentations are delivered as "lunch and learns," where food is catered in, often from a vegan restaurant, during the speaking session. The presentation is meant to develop interns' public speaking skills and ability to put together material appropriate for a professional setting.

Please upload documentation of your internship offer.  
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**Instructor Approval**

Approval Status  
 Instructor Comments

**Honors Director Approval**

Approval Status  
 Not Approved



## Completed Research Form:

<b>Student Information</b>
Student NetId ██
UIN ████████████████████
<b>Honors Experience</b>
Honors Experience Research
<b>Research</b>
<i>All fields are required.</i>
Who will supervise your research? ██
Enter the proposed hours you will spending conducting your research 50
Provide a brief description of what your research will entail. Bottlebrush polymers are a new family of stimuli responsive polymers that respond to small external changes in their environment. They are usually capable of conformational changes, reversible solubility control, and reversible self-assembly into polymeric micelles. Synthetically, however, bottlebrush polymers are not trivial to access. The synthesis usually involves the implementation of two orthogonal polymerization techniques involving multiple purification steps. We will develop a new synthesis route to access this polymer topology more easily. Our technique will employ a combination of atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP) and ring opening polymerization (ROP).
<b>Instructor Approval</b>
Approval Status Approved
Instructor Comments
<b>Honors Director Approval</b>
Approval Status Approved
Notes

## Full four-year examples

### EXAMPLE:

#### Psychology major preparing for graduate school.

Julia is a psychology major. After participating in the James Scholars Student Advisory Board her first-year and sophomore year, she became interested in leadership and started participating in the Illinois Leadership Center. She completed an all-day I-Program her sophomore year, and then participated in The Institute by LeaderShape her junior year, when she was also JSSAB secretary. She decided that she would feel regret if she didn't take the opportunity to study abroad, so she spent a semester in Barcelona, Spain. During her senior year, she was selected to serve on her sorority's recruitment board in addition to teaching LAS 122. She had banked enough points so that she could focus on applying to the University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations before graduation. She ultimately decided on a career in Human Resources Management.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	LAS 122 1 (A) point Participate in JSSAB 1 (E) point	3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	4 points: 3 (A) + 1 (E)	✓
Year 2	8	Participate in JSSAB 1 (E) point	Complete an I-Program 1 (E) point 3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	8 points: 5 (A) + 3 (E)	✓
Year 3	12	Serve as JSSAB secretary 1 (E) point 2 credit-hour honors course 1 (A) points	Complete The Institute by LeaderShape 2 (E) points Study abroad in Barcelona 2 (A) points	13 points: 8 (A) + 6 (E)	✓
Year 4	16	Serve on sorority's recruitment board 1 (E) point Serve as an LAS 122 Intern 2 (A) points		17 points: 10 (A) + 7 (E)	✓

**EXAMPLE:****Global studies major entering a think tank in Washington, D.C.**

Matt is a global studies major. His thematic focus is on environmental sustainability, and after his Alternative Spring Break, he knew he was on the right track. After submitting an EHCLA and completing his honors project, he had banked 5 points by the end of his first-year. He started to get involved with the Student Sustainability Farm, and decided to study abroad in Rome to learn more about food sustainability. He had taken a political science course before, but when he came back from Italy, he knew he wanted to add political science as a second major in LAS. He did an honors project for PS 280 his junior year, and earned the points he needed to continue as a James Scholar. Matt was so excited when he started the Illinois in Washington Program, studying and interning in the United States capitol. This was a fantastic opportunity to prepare him to work at a think tank in Washington, D.C.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	LAS 122 1 (A) point Complete the iBox 1 (E) point	Alternative Spring Break 1 (E) point 3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	5 points: 3 (A) + 2 (E)	✓
Year 2	8	Volunteer for 25 hours with the Student Sustainability Farm 1 (E) point	Study abroad in Italy: Rome – Sustainable Italian Food Systems 2 (A) points	8 points: 5 (A) + 3 (E)	✓
Year 3	12	Serve as an LAS 122 Intern 2 (E) point GLBL 298: Sustainability in the Bahamas study abroad over Winter Break 1 (E) point	3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	13 points: 7 (A) + 6 (E)	✓
Year 4	16	Internship in Washington, D.C. with Illinois in Washington Program 2 (E) points	Complete second major 1 (A) point 3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	18 points: 10 (A) + 8 (E)	✓

**EXAMPLE:****MCB major on a Pre-Med track.**

Divya is a molecular & cellular biology major. She **transferred** from UIC her sophomore year, and entered as a James Scholar. Because of this, she never took LAS 122. After completing the MCB study abroad program in Stockholm, Sweden, she forgot to submit an Honors Experience Request Form for her faculty-led research. Luckily, she was enrolled in an integrated honors course, and had banked enough points so that it didn't prevent her from being certified as a James Scholar. In addition to applying to medical schools, she had many point opportunities her senior year, including serving on the executive board for her professional Pre-Med fraternity, and presenting her research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4	Participate in JSSAB 1 (E) point  Complete an I-Program 1 (E) point	3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	4 points: 2 (A) + 2 (E)	✓
Year 2	8	Study abroad in Stockholm 2 (E) point	<del>Faculty-led research</del> 2 (A) points  3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	8 points: 4 (A) + 4 (E)	✓
Year 3	12	100 hrs. Faculty-led research 2 (A) point  Hold an office in Phi Delta Epsilon 1 (E) point	Complete a senior thesis 2 (A) points  Present at the Undergraduate Research Symposium 1 (A) point	14 points: 9 (A) + 5 (E)	✓

**EXAMPLE:****Classics major finding her way.**

Vanessa self-nominated after her fall semester freshman year. She completed most of her academic honors points through integrated honors courses and EHCLA agreements in her classics major. She was so excited when she was accepted to the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program to assist a graduate mentor, and was able to use it as an honors experience in addition to deciding whether she enjoyed academic research for a possible career path. Vanessa had always enjoyed performing, so it made sense to use an official university-sponsored musical and her executive board position in Illini Student Musicals for honors points. With the completion of her philosophy major in addition to her classics major, she reached the number of academic and enrichment points necessary to graduate as a James Scholar.

<b>Year in LAS Honors</b>	<b>Honors points required</b>	<b>Fall semester</b>	<b>Spring semester</b>	<b>Total points earned</b>	
Year 1	4	-	Participate in JSSAB 1 (E) point  Complete the iBox 1 (E) point  3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	4 points: 2 (A) + 2 (E)	✓
Year 2	8	3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	Research (URAP) 2 (A) points	8 points: 6 (A) + 2 (E)	✓
Year 3	12	Perform in a musical at Krannert 1 (E) point  2 credit-hour honors course 1 (A) point	3 credit-hour honors course 2 (A) points	12 points: 9 (A) + 3 (E)	✓
Year 4	16	Illini Student Musicals executive board 1 (E) point  Serve as an LAS 101 Intern 2 (E) points	Illini Student Musicals executive board 1 (E) point  Complete second major 1 (A) point	17 points: 10 (A) + 7 (E)	✓

## Make your own plan

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Year in LAS Honors	Honors points required	Fall semester	Spring semester	Total points earned	
Year 1	4				
Year 2	8				
Year 3	12				
Year 4	16				

## Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

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### What's so special about being a James Scholar?

- Specialized faculty engagement through honors courses and research experiences
- Individualized education and control over your own honors path
- Interdisciplinary education through honors experiences that encourage you to think across traditional academic boundaries
- Undergraduate research is supported and encouraged, including presenting at conferences, and publishing your own work
- Co-curricular experiences through campus engagement, leadership, and community service
- Preparation for graduate and professional school
- James Scholars get priority course registration (you can register for classes within the first two days that registration is available for the following semester)

### What does it mean to graduate as a James Scholar?

Graduating James Scholars are recognized with a medallion that they wear as part of their regalia at commencement. Graduating James Scholars and their families are also invited to attend an LAS Honors Ceremony to recognize their achievements before spring commencement. Read more about college distinctions for James Scholars [here](#).

### How many honors points do I need each *semester*?

You technically are not required to earn a certain number of honors points each semester, but you must earn at least 4 honors points each year in order to reach the specified number of points needed for certification at the end of each academic year. If you have banked honors points, you must still earn at least 1 honors point each year to maintain your status.

### How many honors points do I need each year?

Check out the detailed description of [the points system](#) on page 7.

### Can I earn more than four honors points each year?

Yes, students can bank points, but not borrow. Students may bank more than four points in a year and that will decrease the number of points required of them in the following year. See page 8 for further information and examples.

### **What happens if I don't fulfill my requirements?**

Students may or may not be allowed to petition for a probationary semester if they did not fulfill the specified requirements for LAS Honors. In order to be considered for a probationary semester, the student must have met at least one of the requirements for certification (either the required number of honors points, or the required GPA). If the student met the GPA requirement and half of the required points, he or she can petition. If the student achieved the required honors points, but earned between 3.25-3.49 Illinois cumulative GPA, he or she can petition. If the student only has 1 or less honors points for the year, and a GPA below 3.50 for the academic year, he or she is **not** eligible to petition for a probationary semester.

### **What if I self-nominated?**

If you self-nominated to be a James Scholar, then you are not required to take LAS 122. However, if you self-nominate for a spring semester, then you still must earn 4 honors points to be certified as a James Scholar at the end of that academic year. Check out examples of self-nominated students [here](#) and [here](#).

### **What if I transferred?**

If you transferred to the College of LAS as a James Scholar, then you only need to worry about earning the required number of points for the years you have left until graduation. However, if you transferred during a spring semester, then you still must earn 4 honors points to be certified as a James Scholar at the end of that academic year. Check out examples of transferred students [here](#) and [here](#).

### **Are summer experiences eligible for honors points?**

Yes, with some exceptions. Please see page 7 and the academic and enrichment point category tables that begin on pages 14 and 22 respectively for further information.

### **How can I meet other James Scholars?**

Get on the James Scholar Student Advisory Board (JSSAB) mailing list to find out about activities and events with other James Scholars. Contact JSSAB at [LASJSSAB@gmail.com](mailto:LASJSSAB@gmail.com).

### **How do I get to the online James Scholar Portfolio?**

The James Scholar Portfolio system is linked [here](#), and is also included in any LAS Honors emails reminding you of your requirements at the beginning and the end of each semester.



## LAS Honors staff

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### **Associate Director, Amanda Purnell**

Prior to joining the LAS Honors team in fall 2014, Amanda worked with study abroad scholarships at the University of Illinois and nationally competitive scholarships and undergraduate research initiatives at Colorado State University. There, she also earned her master's degree in Communication Studies. With her partner, Dan, and her dog, Rosie, Amanda enjoys traveling to find beautiful hikes, locally made yarns, and new cultural perspectives. She looks forward to exchanging experiences with all of you when you stop by the office.

### **Assistant Director, Allison Holden**

Originally from Wisconsin, Allison earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership: College Student Development from Oklahoma State University. She has moved around the Midwest, working with college students before making Urbana home. She has a strong love of her partner, two small children, coffee and travel.

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Students wishing to schedule appointments with LAS Honors staff [can do so online](#). Select "LAS Honors" from the pull-down calendar option. Please note appointments will not be available during the first 10 days of the semester.

## Campus Resources

Getting Around	Wellness
<a href="#">Campus Map</a> <a href="#">MTD Bus System</a>	<a href="#">Campus Recreation</a> <a href="#">Campus Safety</a> <a href="#">Counseling Center</a> <a href="#">McKinley Health Center</a>
Academic Support	Student Support
<a href="#">Computer Labs</a> <a href="#">LAS Honors</a> <a href="#">LAS Student Academic Affairs Office</a> <a href="#">Libraries</a> <a href="#">Writers Workshop</a>	<a href="#">Office of the Dean of Students</a> <a href="#">Student Legal Service</a> <a href="#">The Tenant Union</a> <a href="#">Disability Resources &amp; Educational Services</a> <a href="#">International Student &amp; Scholar Services</a> <a href="#">LGBT Resource Center</a> <a href="#">Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Center</a> <a href="#">La Casa Cultural Latina</a> <a href="#">Asian American Cultural Center</a> <a href="#">Native American House</a> <a href="#">Office of Minority Student Affairs (OMSA)</a> <a href="#">Veteran Student Support Services</a> <a href="#">Women's Resources Center</a>
Extra-curricular Support	Sights Around Campus
<a href="#">Life &amp; Career Design Lab</a> <a href="#">Career Center</a> <a href="#">Illinois Leadership Center</a> <a href="#">Illinois Abroad &amp; Global Exchange</a> <a href="#">Office of Registered Organizations</a> <a href="#">Office of Volunteer Programs</a> <a href="#">University of Illinois Alumni Association</a>	<a href="#">Krannert Art Museum</a> <a href="#">Krannert Performing Arts Center</a> <a href="#">Spurlock Museum</a>