

University Honors Program

The UTPB Honors Program provides a select group of students an academically enriching and intellectually stimulating experience.

Benefits

The opportunity to meet in smaller classes with students similar to you in interests and ability.

- The opportunity to exercise your own initiative rather than always depending on explicit instructions from teachers.
- Students who graduate in the University Honors Program have that notation recorded on their diplomas and permanent records.
- Personalized and comprehensive Honors advising.
- Independent research experience providing excellent preparation for graduate and professional training.

Features of the Program

- 9 hours of seminar courses – A three-course sequence wherein students learn of the most influential ideas, authors, and trends that have helped to shape the 21st Century world.
- 6 hours of “H-designated” courses – Honors students take two honors-designated upper-division courses in their respective majors.
- 3 hours of Honors Senior Thesis – Students complete an independent senior thesis that builds on the students’ knowledge and interest in a field of study. During the course, students complete a research paper or a creative project.
- 1 hour Senior Seminar – Honors students meet once a week to discuss with fellow honor students current topics and ideas as well as their individual projects.

Entrance Requirements

The admission requirements for entering freshmen are:

- Minimum 3.5 High School GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 1100 SAT or 24 on ACT
- We also recognize that high school GPAs and standardized tests will not measure each student’s academic capabilities and talents. Therefore, a student who does not meet the initial requirements may submit an application to the Honors Program. These students must also submit two letters of recommendation from former teachers. These students must still write the mandatory essay.
- Automatic admission to the Honors Program will be granted to any student who:
 - Is a National Merit Scholar
 - Is a Hispanic Merit Scholar
 - Has earned an International Baccalaureate degree

Course Listing

UNIV 1301 Honors Freshman Seminar I

This constitutes the first in a three-part series of courses required for students enrolled in the University’s Honors Program. In this course, students will learn of the most influential ideas, authors, and trends that have helped to shape the 21st Century world. Admission to the University’s Honors Program is required before enrolling in this course.

UNIV 1302 Honors Freshman Seminar II

This constitutes the second in a three-part series of courses required for students enrolled in the University’s Honors Program. In this course, students will learn of the most influential ideas, authors, and trends that have helped to shape the 21st Century world. Successful completion of Honors Freshman Seminar I (UNIV 1301) is required before enrolling in this course.

UNIV 2301 Honors Sophomore Seminar I

This constitutes the third in a three-part series of courses required for students enrolled in the University’s Honors Program. In this course, students will learn of the most influential ideas, authors, and trends that have helped to shape the 21st Century world. Successful completion of Honors Freshman Seminar II (UNIV 1302) is required before enrolling in this course.