Good Standing

Once students are admitted to the Honors Program, it is important to remain actively involved with Program activities. Honors students must remain in good standing or probationary standing with the Program and the University. Being in good standing means a student is eligible for Honors Program scholarships, travel awards, early registration and other benefits.

Good Standing Requirements

1. Attending 1 of the 2 retreats each academic year.
2. Attending 1 of the 2 Symposia each academic year (for ½ of event).
3. Attending the Honors Ball.
4. Participating in 1 community service project per semester, which is encouraged to be done with other Honors students. This must be in the local community, giving back to an educational or non-profit organization. Service for the University (including any university department) does not count. The goal is for students to work to better the community they live in. Fundraising for a non-profit does not count (such as participating in and/or collecting money for a benefit walk); volunteering at a fundraising event does count (such as checking in runners for a race that benefits a charity). **Note:** You are responsible for submitting a timesheet for this event through OrgSync. If you do not have an account or need help, contact the director or an officer for help.
5. Attending 1 on campus or university sponsored academic event per semester. Travel to a conference does not count unless the conference was sponsored or co-sponsored by the university. Sponsor or co-sponsor means the university planned or assisted in the planning of the actual event. It does not mean the university helped fund your trip to a conference. **Note:** You are responsible for submitting a timesheet for this event through OrgSync. If you do not have an account or need help, contact the director or an officer for help.
6. Absences: if a student has to miss events listed in 1-3, s/he should notify the Director immediately. Not all absences will be excused. Excessive use of excused absences (i.e. “I can’t attend anything ever”) will not be tolerated. All dates for a-c above are available on the Honors website; events are also posted on OrgSync and reminders are sent via the listserv and on www.facebook.com/tamucchonors [1]. **Note:** An RSVP of “no” on OrgSync does not mean you are excused. Send the director an email, write a note or actually talk to him/her.
7. Maintaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative TAMUCC grade point average (minimum requirement set by the university).

   a. Seniors must be at or very near their cohort’s Program Graduate GPA requirement (3.0 through cohort 5 and 3.25 for cohorts 6-8).

   b. Beginning with Cohort 10 (admitted Fall 2013 and beyond), students need a 3.5 cumulative TAMUCC GPA in order to become a Program Graduate (the GPAs listed below will only affect scholarship eligibility in the senior year). In order to meet the Program Graduate requirement, we encourage students to meet or exceed these minimum cumulative GPA standards:

      i. Freshmen year: 3.0
      ii. Sophomore year: 3.25
      iii. Junior year: 3.4
      iv. Senior year: 3.5
8. Being free of major disciplinary violations as documented by the Office of Judicial Affairs. Students who are found responsible for violations of the Student Code of Conduct are encouraged to notify the Director immediately. The Honors Council will review the details of each case to determine if the violation warrants disciplinary action from the Honors Program. Violations that warrant serious and immediate attention include:

a. Academic violations such as cheating or plagiarism.

b. Acts of physical violence or emotional/mental abuse such as intimidation, bullying, or harassment.

**Probation**

If an Honors student does not meet all of the above requirements, he/she is placed on “probationary standing” for the following semester. The student will need to meet all good standing requirements in order to be removed from probation. Failure to do so will result in the student being suspended (removed) from the Honors Program. A student may appeal their suspension from the Program through the Honors Council.

**Failure to Meet the GPA Minimum**

If the student is on probation because the student’s cumulative or semester GPA fell below a 3.0 during any long semester, he/she is asked to speak with the Academic Director and possibly, select representatives from the Honors Council. The meeting is intended to discuss the reasons why the GPA is low and strategies for the student to increase his/her GPA the following semester.

While on probation, if the student’s semester GPA falls below 3.0 at any time, the student is suspended and will have to petition for readmission to the program once his or her GPA is higher. Students can appeal to the Honors Council to continue the probation status.

**Note:** Consistent with University policy, only grades earned at TAMUCC will be used to calculate grade point average. Grades are reviewed only in the fall and spring semesters.

**Source URL:** http://honors.tamucc.edu/students/good-standing

**Links**