HONORS

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University Honors

University Honors (Summa/Magna/Cum Laude) will be determined by a minimum GPA unique to the school or college from which the student is graduating.

- University Honors only applies to undergraduate students.
- The GPA required will change each academic year (beginning with the fall semester) and will be based on the cumulative GPAs of the previous year’s graduating class.
- The top 5% of the graduating class will receive Summa Cum Laude within each individual school or college; the next 10% will receive Magna Cum Laude and the next 10% Cum Laude.
- For the determination of University Honors, cumulative GPA is never rounded off and is the lower of:
  - the average of all grades earned at the University of Miami (UM cumulative graduation GPA), OR
  - the combined average of all graded work taken at the University of Miami or elsewhere (whether or not the transfer work is accepted toward a degree at the University of Miami).
- Students must meet the required GPAs noted below by the completion of the final semester within his/her school or college to be eligible to graduate with the honor.
- The appropriate honor will automatically be placed on the student’s final transcript and diploma.

For additional information, please visit our website (http://oae.miami.edu/units/general-honors-program/graduation-honors).

Departmental Honors

Among the departments offering approved programs for honors study at the junior-senior level for both majors and elective students are American studies, art and art history, biochemistry and molecular biology, biology, business administration, chemistry, computer science, engineering, English, finance, French, German, history, international finance and marketing, international studies, Judaic Studies, marine science, mathematics, meteorology, microbiology and immunology, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, sociology, Spanish, and women’s and gender studies. Admission into the program is by invitation, but any student who believes himself or herself qualified may apply to the Chairman or the Departmental Honors Advisor of the major department, preferably during the sophomore or early junior year. Upon successful completion of the required program and with approval by the faculty of the department, the notation Departmental Honors in ... is included in the candidate’s diploma and transcript.

Departmental Honors are designed primarily to provide an opportunity for the student to intensify and deepen his or her knowledge of the major, to permit closer associations with professors in the student’s area of concentration, and to prepare the student for research, thesis preparation, and other work at the graduate level in the major areas.

Departmental Honors requirements vary by departments; the prospective Departmental Honors student should confer with the Honors Advisor within the department about specific requirements for graduation with Departmental Honors.

Dual Degree Honors Programs

Fellows in Latin American Studies (FILAS)

This innovative, dual B.A./M.A. honors degree in Latin American Studies allows outstanding incoming freshmen the opportunity to complete a master’s degree in five years, following a rigorous, efficient, accelerated curriculum of 150 credits. This highly selective group of students will enjoy close faculty mentoring and the opportunity to engage in specialized research projects with faculty. Students will gain advanced competence in at least one major language of Latin America, intern for one semester in public or private organizations dealing with Latin America and/or the Caribbean, and take advanced seminars with UM’s major Latin American scholars and visiting scholars. In addition, students will receive first-hand experience in their regions of focus by studying abroad. Most study abroad opportunities are for one semester (six months). FILAS students may arrange their own study abroad in consultation with the academic director or they may participate in the university’s study abroad options. Applicants must be high school seniors in the top 10% of their class and must have a minimum SAT I score of 1360 or (ACT 31). In addition to the regular Application for Admission to the University, the applicant must complete a separate application form for the Fellows in Latin American Studies (FILAS). The FILAS application form and supporting materials must be submitted no later than November 1st of the applicant’s senior year. A review of completed applications will begin by the end of November. Admitted first-semester freshmen interested in admittance to the FILAS program should contact the Academic Director of the Latin American Studies Programs for application information before October 1st.

For further information and application forms please visit this website (http://www.miami.edu/dualdegree).

Honors Program in Exercise Physiology (HPEP)

The Kinesiology and Sport Sciences Department offers an accelerated Master degree program for students who have completed their 4-year undergraduate program in Exercise Physiology or Athletic Training. It allows students to complete their Master degree in any of the Exercise Physiology tracks (Clinical and Applied Exercise Physiology, Strength and Conditioning, and Nutrition for Health and Human Performance) within one year of their BS degree obtained in that major.

The additional year of study will enable students to complete all requirements leading to a Master of Science degree in Exercise Physiology in the School of Education and Human Development, (M.S. Ed.), in 5 years. To be considered, applicants must be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Students must have an SAT score of 1000 or an ACT score of 30 and an unweighted minimum GPA of 3.0 or above. The Exercise Physiology and HPEP application forms and supporting materials must be submitted no later than August 1st of the applicant’s senior year. A review of completed applications will begin by the end of September.

For further information and application forms please visit this website (http://www.miami.edu/dualdegree).

Dual-Degree Program in Law for Undergraduates

To be considered as a High School Student, applicants must:

- have a minimum SAT I score of 1350 (combined Math and Critical Reading scores) or a 30 on the ACT;
- have three (3) letters of Recommendations from high school teachers;
• complete a Dual-Degree Program Supplemental Application (http://www6.miami.edu/marcom/dualdegree/Honors_Program_Supplemental.pdf) for Law by November 1st.

To be considered as an Undergraduate Student, applicants must:

• have a minimum SAT I score of 1350 (combined Math and Critical Reading scores) or a 30 on the ACT;
• have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in all college-level courses;
• have Two (2) letters of recommendations from college-level professors;
• complete a Dual-Degree Program Supplemental Application (http://www6.miami.edu/marcom/dualdegree/Honors_Program_Supplemental.pdf) for Law.

Students admitted into the program must successfully complete 90 credits earned toward their undergraduate degree, including requirements for their majors and any minors they may be undertaking. Students must complete 90 credits in college course work at the University of Miami, including advanced standing credits, before matriculating into the University of Miami School of Law. The University of Miami requires that the last 45 credits be taken in residence. Students will graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences (http://www.as.miami.edu) upon completion of 120 credits including AP/IB credit. Please visit http://www.law.miami.edu/admissions/dual-degree-program-in-law-for-undergraduates.

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Honors Program in Marine Geology (HPMG)
The Honors Program in Marine Geology (HPMG) allows exceptional students to pursue an accelerated program in the undergraduate Geological Sciences and graduate Marine Geology and Geophysics programs. The degree consists of an undergraduate Bachelor of Sciences degree in Geological Sciences from the College of Arts and Sciences, combined with a graduate Master of Science degree from the Division of Marine Geology and Geophysics at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Applicants must be high school seniors in the top 10% of their class and must have a minimum SAT I score of 1360 or (ACT 31). In addition to the regular Application for Admission to the University, the applicant must complete a separate application form for the Honors Program in Marine Geology. The HPMG application form and supporting materials must be submitted no later than November 1st of the applicant’s senior year. A review of completed applications will begin by the end of November.

For further information and application forms please visit this website (http://www.miami.edu/dualdegree).

Honors Societies
The following honor societies have chapters at the University of Miami:

• Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Med)
• Alpha Epsilon Rho (Electronic Media)
• Alpha Eta Mu Beta (Biomedical Engineering)
• Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)
• Alpha Lambda Delta (Freshmen General Scholarship)
• Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminology)
• Alpha Rho Chi (Architecture)
• Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting)
• Beta Beta Beta (Biology)
• Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)
• Chi Epsilon (Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering)
• Chi Epsilon Pi (Meteorology)
• Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical and Computer Engineering)
• Eta Sigma Phi (Classics)
• Golden Key (General Scholarship)
• Honors Students’ Association (General Scholarship)
• Mortar Board (General Scholarship)
• Omicron Delta Kappa (General Scholarship)
• Phi Beta Kappa (General Scholarship)
• Phi Lambda Pi (General Scholarship)
• Pi Kappa Lambda (Music and Music Education)
• Pi Lambda Theta (Education)
• Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)
• Pi Tau Sigma (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
• Psi Chi (Psychology)
• Rho Rho Rho (Marine Science)
• Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
• Sigma Gamma Epsilon (Geological Sciences)
• Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics)
• Sigma Tau Delta (International English)
• Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)
• Tau Beta Pi (Engineering)
• Theta Alpha Kappa (Religious Studies)