

Some Frequently Asked Questions about the Honors Curriculum

1. Can I count the senior project or capstone for my major as the Honors Project?

The honors project must be distinct from the work that all students in your major are asked to complete. Thus, senior projects/capstones cannot be counted “as” honors project.

However, it is possible to *supplement* the expectations of a senior project/capstone course as a means of completing the Honors project. If you and your faculty member agree on a meaningful extension or addition to the parameters of the required work, that is fair game.

2. I worked as a TA for two different semesters. Can both count as co-curricular experiences?

For the co-curricular category, mix and match as you see fit. You can do three different things or you can do one thing three times. We appreciate both breadth and depth of experience.

3. I have already completed a co-curricular experience but did not create a co-curricular contract in HAL. Can I still get credit for it?

Yes. You still have to put a co-curricular contract into HAL, but you can do that after the fact. Please do it ASAP though. It becomes awkward to collect signatures too long after the fact.

In HAL, just create the contract in the current semester and then narrate in the first text box that you are seeking retroactive credit for the academic term in which the activity occurred.

Caveat: you cannot earn co-curricular credit for things that happened before you matriculated at K-State, no matter how cool they were.

4. Can I count something in two different categories at the same time?

No. You cannot “double dip” between categories. For example, if you count something as a co-curricular activity, it cannot also count as your Honors Project . . . even though undergraduate research is a legitimate activity for either category.

5. Can my work in a campus club or organization be counted as a co-curricular activity?

In short, no. There are many kinds of campus involvement, and we love to see honors students get involved and exercise leadership all across campus, but the menu of co-curricular experiences is limited and not intended to count every constructive thing you can do outside the classroom. Those we have chosen – undergraduate research, internships, study or service abroad, competition and design teams, and work as a TA/tutor – all relate closely to your academic experience and build explicitly on that experience.

6. How do I put a contract into HAL?

We offer step-by-step instructions on our website: www.k-state.edu/ksuhonors. You can find instructions regarding contracts on the “Courses” page. And instructions regarding the Honors Project live on the “Requirements” page.