

# **St. Norbert College Honors Program Good Standing Policy**

Honors students in good standing are those making steady progress in fulfilling Honors course requirements and College requirements. There are various ways to fulfill the Honors Program course requirement, but in general, a student will have completed Honors 101, Honors Philosophy of Human Nature (PHIL 120-HP), and Honors Theological Foundations (RELS 117-HP) during their first three semesters at the College, and will have completed six honors courses by their senior year. <http://www.snc.edu/honorsprogram/program/requirements.html>

Beginning with the Class of 2018, Honors students in good standing will also be actively engaged in the appropriate stage of their honors thesis requirement (see below).

## **GPA**

In order to graduate from the St. Norbert College Honors Program, a student needs to have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5. In order to meet this 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

Each semester, we will assess each student's progress. If he/she is not making satisfactory progress, either because of the rate at which he/she is fulfilling requirements or because his/her grade-point average is low, the student will be informed.

A first-year student will not be penalized for earning a GPA under 3.00. However, if a student's GPA falls beneath a 3.00 at any point after the first year, he/she will be put on Honors Program academic probation.

## **Credit/Course Progress**

If a student has not completed the equivalent of at least THREE Honors courses by the end of their fifth semester at the College, or if he/she has been placed on College credit probation, <http://www.snc.edu/catalog/catalog.pdf>, he/she will be placed on Honors Program Academic Probation.

## **Honors Thesis**

Beginning with the Class of 2018, a student will have to successfully submit an Honors Thesis to the Faculty Honors Committee. In order to meet this requirement, we encourage students to adhere to the following schedule:

- i. By the end of the sophomore year: Topic submitted and approved;
- ii. By the end of the junior year: Proposal submitted and approved;
- iii. By the fall of senior year: enroll in 2-credit thesis course; schedule defense/performance/exhibit;
- iv. By the spring of senior year: Present thesis.

If a student has not chosen a topic by the last day of advising for Fall semester (the second semester of their sophomore year), he/she will be placed on Honors Program Academic Probation.

### **Honors Program Academic Probation**

A student on academic probation will be given one semester to raise his/her GPA to a 3.0 or make significant progress towards fulfilling their course requirements. This student is still eligible for Honors benefits, but preference will be given to those students who are in good standing.

If a student successfully completes the semester academic probation, he/she will be placed back into good standing the following semester.

If a student finishes his/her semester of academic probation, is unable to make it back into good standing, but is making significant progress towards the Honors Program requirements, the student may petition the Faculty Honors Committee to grant him/her a second semester of academic probation to regain good standing in the Program. No more than two semesters of academic probation will be granted. (*see Petition for Reinstatement form*)

If you have any questions about your standing in the Program, please contact Stacey Wanta.

## **Dismissal from the Honors Program**

### **GPA and Course/Credit Progress**

A student will be dismissed from the Program if any of the following criteria are met:

- i. The student was already on academic probation and the next semester GPA falls below 3.000;
- ii. The student was on academic probation, was unable to regain good standing the subsequent semester, and did not request continued probation as specified in “Requests and Appeals” below;
- iii. The student was on academic probation, was unable to regain good standing the subsequent semester, requested continued probation, and was denied the request;
- iv. It is mathematically impossible for the student to regain a *cumulative* GPA of 3.500 by graduation.

### **Academic Integrity**

Honors students are expected to model academic integrity as well as excellence. If an Honors student is found guilty of academic dishonesty, the Director will be notified immediately, and the student will be automatically removed from the Honors Program.

### **Ethical Behavior**

The mission of the St. Norbert College Honors Program is deeply grounded in Norbertine values and traditions, one of which is the Norbertine ideal of *communio*:

As an academic institution, our community is rooted in the Norbertine ideal of *communio*, which is characterized by mutual esteem, trust, sincerity, faith and responsibility. *Communio* is lived through open dialogue, communication, consultation and collaboration.

Honors students should strive to embody this ideal. Therefore, if a student is found responsible of violating a College conduct policy as described in *The Citizen: The Code of Student Life for St. Norbert College*, <https://www.snc.edu/judicialaffairs/docs/login/thecitizen.pdf>, the Director of the Honors Program will be notified immediately. The Director will review the details of the case to determine if the violation warrants dismissal from the Honors Program. Violations that warrant serious and immediate attention include: willful destruction of property, acts of physical violence, and emotional/mental abuse such as intimidation, bullying, or harassment.

### **Reinstatement in the Honors Program**

Any student who has been removed from the Honors Program for either his/her GPA, a lack of progress, or a violation of policy may submit a formal, written (not electronic) petition for readmission. This appeal will be heard by the Faculty Honors Committee (*see Petition for Reinstatement form*).