



UT Dallas Collegium V Guidebook 2018-2019

The mission of the Collegium V Honors Program is to promote excellence in undergraduate education and prepare students to be competitive for the emerging challenges of the 21st century by offering a variety of innovative curricular, extracurricular, and research initiatives.

The objective of these requirements is to demonstrate and promote intellectual and academic excellence among Collegium V students.

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GPA Requirement

In order to graduate from The University of Texas at Dallas with Collegium V Honors, students must finish their undergraduate academic career with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Throughout their academic career, CV students must make continuous progress toward reaching a 3.50 GPA for graduation. To facilitate this progress, Collegium V utilizes a progressive scale to track a student's GPA. The table below describes the minimum GPA expectations students must achieve to remain in good standing in the program. If a student fails to meet one of the benchmarks, that student will be placed on CV probation and must meet with Collegium V staff to discuss their progress toward graduating with Collegium V Honors.

Stage in Academic Career*	Cumulative UT Dallas GPA (minimum)
End of Freshmen Year	3.2
End of Sophomore Year	3.3
End of Junior Year	3.4
Graduation**	3.5

*Each of the classifications is based on the number of years a student has been enrolled at UT Dallas (i.e. a student's first year would be classified as their freshmen year).

**Regardless of when a student plans to graduate, the graduation GPA requirement is 3.5.

Event Attendance Requirement

Collegium V requires all students to attend at least one Hobson Wildenthal Honors College event each year. This could be an Honors Night Out cultural event, a Round Table Discussion, a workshop held in CV lounge, events sponsored by HWHC typically including faculty.

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

CV courses are offered as a substitute and supplement to the standard UT Dallas curriculum. Many CV courses satisfy the core or elective curriculum requirements for all UT Dallas degrees and many of the remaining courses meet upper-level degree requirements for some majors. Collegium V courses may delve further into the course material or may increase the breadth of coverage compared to the non-Honors equivalent courses. The courses maintain a small enrollment capped at 25 that allows students and Honors faculty to regularly include discussion and student involvement in the classroom, facilitating student-faculty mentoring opportunities.

CV courses also include one-credit readings courses, based on the Oxford tutorial model. In these courses, enrollment is capped at 15, and student discussion plays a prominent role in the educational process. These tutorials provide elective credit for students to think critically about professional, academic, and cultural topics.

The 12 hours of CV credit classes is essential to integrating students into the CV program and enabling students to develop closer relations with Honors faculty in courses both within and outside their major.

Requirements

Requirements related to CV Proper courses can be broken into two categories: progression requirements and graduation requirements. Progression requirements are thresholds a student should meet in order to maintain good standing in Collegium V. The graduation requirement is the total number of credit hours from CV Proper courses a student must earn in order to graduate with CV Honors. Below is a table that details requirements related to CV Proper courses:

Stage in Academic Career	Number of CV Proper Courses	Total CV Proper Hours
End of Freshmen Year	2 courses	4-6 credit hours
End of Sophomore Year	4 courses	8-12 credit hours
Graduation		12 credit hours

Any CV proper/classroom hours earned beyond the required 12 will rollover and count toward satisfying the CV Advanced Work requirement.

Students in the following programs should consult the end of this document to view additional information about completing their CV Proper Courses.

- [Texas Academy of Math & Sciences](#)
- [Davidson Management Honors Program](#)
- [CS^2 Scholars Program](#)

CV Proper Courses Listing

A complete list of current (and past) CV Proper courses with evaluations, syllabi, and textbook information is available via [CourseBook](#). For easy reference, please visit the [CV Classes webpage](#).

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

CV Advanced Work allows students to engage in Honors level work in a variety of ways that are tailored to the individual student’s areas of academic and professional interest. The guiding philosophy of CV Advanced Work is that students should take initiative and ownership in their development as emerging intellectuals and professionals.

Students must earn 12 hours of CV Advanced Work in order to graduate with Collegium V Honors. Students may earn these hours through a variety of activities and experiences not tied to a particular track or pathway. This flexibility enables students to pursue academic and intellectual excellence in their chosen field or to pursue supplemental areas of interest.

Please note:

- CV Advanced Work does not necessarily provide credit toward completing an academic degree.
- In order to receive credit for advanced work, submit an [advanced hours form](#) and upload proof of completion. For more information, see [CV Program Requirements/Earning Honors Credit](#).

Below is a table of the more common means by which students pursue CV Advanced Work.

CV Advanced Work Option	CV Advanced Hours Awarded	CV Advanced Hours Cap
Additional CV Proper Courses	1-3 hours per course	No cap
Archer Fellowship Program	3 hours	3 hours
Contract Course	1-3 hours per course	No cap
CS^2 Upper Level Classes	3 hours	3 hours
Davidson Honors Program Course	3 hours per course	6 hours
Debate	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Foreign Language Acquisition	3 hours	3 hours
Graduate Course	3 hours per course	12 hours
Green Fellowship	3 hours	3 hours
Independent Study	1-3 hours per course	No cap
Innocence Project	3 hours	3 hours
Internship *	1-3 hours per semester	No cap
Mediation	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Mock Trial	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Model United Nations	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Moot Court	3 hours	3 hours
Research	1-3 hours per semester	6 hours
Study Abroad	1-3 hours per semester	6 hours
Supervised Teaching Experience**	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Texas Legislative Internship	3 hours	3 hours

NOTE: Advanced Hours are no longer awarded for shadowing or clerical work.

*Includes approved internships for academic credit, as well as approved internships for which students are not receiving academic credit. Students must read Jamie Fedorko’s *The Intern Files* (available in the

CV Library) and complete 1-page review of the book within a month of beginning the internship and a 2-page explanation of their contribution to the internship at the end.

**Includes leading Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL), Supplemental Instruction (SI), Teaching Assistant (TA), and Student Teaching. Students must write a 3-page explanation of their contribution to the experience at the end of the semester.

Selecting CV Advanced Work & Sample Plans

Below are some suggestions students may find useful when considering CV Advanced Work, based on post-graduation goals.

Undecided on post-graduation plans

Research	Archer Fellowship Program
Internship	Academic Team
Summer Study Abroad	Independent Study
Graduate Course	Contract Course

Applying to PhD program

Research	Independent Study
Internship	REU or SURF
Graduate Course	Green Fellowship Program

Applying to medical, dental, pharmacy or physician's assistant school

Readings classes in medicine	Research
Internship	Green Fellowship Program
Study Abroad	

Career orientated

Internship	Archer Fellowship Program
Study Abroad Experience	Texas Legislative Internship Program
Foreign Language Acquisition	Model United Nations

Applying to law school

Archer Fellowship Program	Texas Legislative Internship Program
Internship	Study Abroad
Mock Trial	Mediation
Innocence Project	Moot Court
Debate	Model United Nations

CV Honors Capstone Project

The CV Honors capstone project is required for completion of CV Honors. This requirement is designed to be flexible in order to maximize its relevance to each student. ECS students satisfy this requirement through the Senior Design Project. ATEC students satisfy this through with their major's capstone. Students completing a senior thesis to graduate with major honors in their academic discipline can also use that thesis to satisfy the CV Honors capstone project.

Students in majors not requiring a senior project or capstone and/or not completing a major honors thesis can select a topic of interest with approval from CV faculty. Students are encouraged to explore academic topics of personal interest; the topic does not have to be related to a student's major or professional career. CV faculty must approve each capstone topic.

- ✓ Meet with your CV advisor to ensure all CV requirements are met and that your capstone project is approved at least six (6) months before graduating. Meet with CV faculty, if necessary.
- ✓ Create a poster and make a short presentation based on your research to CV faculty and students.

Poster & Presentation Requirements

Posters Requirements

All CV students, including those in ECS, ATEC, or completing a major specific honors thesis, must construct and present a poster that summarizes their capstone project. Students may use pre-existing posters if they were required to create a poster as part of their senior project through their department; **permission not to use the standard template must be given**. All other students are required to use the templates below. All posters are 36”L x 24”W.

[Poster Template 1](#)

[Poster Template 2](#)

[Poster Template 3](#)

Poster Tips:

[Poster Presentation Tips – University of New Hampshire](#)

[Poster Presentation Checklist – University of New Hampshire](#)

[Building a Poster Using PowerPoint – University of New Hampshire](#)

Presentation Requirements

A brief presentation to CV students and staff of your project is required, usually during the semester a student graduates.

Presentations of senior posters are generally made:

- Early December (fall graduates)
- Mid-April (spring and summer graduates)

Presentation Tips:

[Public Speaking – The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

[TED’s Secret to Great Public Speaking – Chris Anderson](#)

[The Science of Stage Fright \(and how to overcome it\) – Mikael Cho](#)

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate with Collegium V Honors, students must:

- ✓ Have at least a 3.5 cumulative UT Dallas GPA;
- ✓ Complete at least 24 Collegium V hours:
 - At least 12 hours must be from Collegium V Proper Courses
 - At least 12 hours must be from Collegium V Advanced Work
- ✓ Complete an approved CV Honors capstone project or an approved senior thesis/project in one's major.
- ✓ Attend one Honors event each year.

Differences for CS², DMHP & TAMS Students

CV Requirements for CS² Students

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

- CV Proper Courses **6 hrs**
- CS 2305.HN1 and CS 3340.HN1 through CS² **6 hrs**

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

Prior approval from the CV Director is required to receive CV credit for this work.

- CS² upper level Honors Course **3 hrs**
- Additional CV Advanced Work **9 hrs**

CV Requirements for DMHP Students

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

- CV Proper Courses **12 hrs**

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

- DMHP Honors Classes **6 hrs**
- DMHP Internship **3 hrs**
- Additional CV Advanced Work **3 hrs**

CV Requirements for TAMS Students

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

- CV Proper Courses **9 hrs**
- TAMS Coursework **3 hrs**

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

- Additional CV Advanced Work **9 hrs**
- TAMS Coursework **3 hrs**

CV Honors Capstone Project

GPA Requirement

3.5 GPA