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Hobson Wildenthal Honors College



**Collegium V Guidebook
for Freshmen
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The mission of the Collegium V Program in the Hobson Wildenthal Honors College 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.



GPA Requirement

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 3.500 or higher.

Throughout their academic career, CV students must make continuous progress towards reaching a 3.500 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 Freshman Year	3.200
End of Sophomore Year	3.300
End of Junior Year	3.400
Graduation**	3.500

*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 the freshman year).

**Regardless of when a student plans to graduate, the graduation GPA requirement is 3.500.

Advising Requirements

Students are required to meet with their Honors Program Specialist at least once per academic year to review their progress toward completing the CV honors requirements. First year students must meet with their Honors Program Specialist once per semester. You can find expectations of you and your Honors Program Specialist on our [Four-Year Plan](#). Appointments are booked through [Bookings](#) and your Honors Program Specialist is assigned based on your last name.

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 by CV staff, or other events sponsored by HWHC (typically including faculty, and academic or cultural in nature).

Students who do not attend an HWHC event during the academic year will be required to attend two events in addition to the one required the following year. These extra two events will replace the one missed the previous year.

You can find more detailed information regarding the Collegium V Event Requirement [online here](#).

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.

Students may also receive CV proper hours by attending a “May-mester” faculty led study abroad. A maximum of 6 CV proper hours can be awarded and is based on the number of classes taken for the program.

The 12 hours of CV credit classes are 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. **Any CV proper/classroom hours earned beyond the required 12 will rollover and count toward satisfying the CV Advanced Work requirement.**

Requirements

Below is a table of the progress that is expected to be made by the CV students. Although students have until they graduate to complete the CV Proper Course requirement, completing these earlier allows students to focus on major courses that further one's academic career.

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

***Students are required to take one CV Proper course each semester of their first year.**

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 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.
- A detailed list of how to receive your advanced credit is on the next page. Please check the Collegium V Organization Center Grade Center in eLearning for updates on your logged hours.
- For more information, see [Current Student Resources](#).

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	6 hours
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
EPCS 2200/2300	2 hours per course	4 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	6 hours
Innocence Project	3 hours	3 hours
Internship **	1-3 hours per semester	6 hours
Mediation	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Mock Trial	1-3 hours per semester	3 hours
Model United Nations	1 hour per conference	3 hours
Moot Court	3 hours	3 hours
Off-Campus Research (REU / SURF / UTSW)	1-3 hours per semester	6 hours
UTD On-Campus 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
TEMRAP/Comets Help	1 hour per semester	3 hours
Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP)	3 hours	3 hours
UEMR – EMT Certification	3 hours	3 hours

NOTE: Advanced Hours are not awarded for shadowing or scribing.

***Must not be spoken at home or taken prior to your start at UT Dallas and must be taken at UTD.**

The following information outlines the documentation needed for Internships and Supervised Teaching Experiences. All essays should be double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-pt font. At the end of the semester, you will submit all documentation through the [online portal](#) found on our CV website.

****Internship Requirements** – Includes approved internships for academic credit, as well as approved internships for which students are not receiving academic credit. For **all internships**, students must complete:

1. A 2-page explanation of their contribution to the internship.
2. The [Verification of Advanced Hours form](#) if this experience was not taken as a course on your transcript.
3. A 1-page review following the criteria below to be completed within a month of beginning the internship. Reviews are submitted with other paperwork at the end of the experience.
 - **First internship** – Review both this [Harvard Business Review article](#) and one of the [podcast episodes found here](#) or [here](#).
 - **Second internship** – Review of John A. Daly's *Advocacy* (chapters 5, 8, and 13).
 - For **any additional internships**, students only need to complete the 2-page explanation of their contribution and the [Verification of Advanced Hours form](#) if this experience was not taken as a course on your transcript.

*****Supervised Teaching Experience Requirements** – Includes leading Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL), Supplemental Instruction (SI), Teaching Assistant (TA), and Student Teaching. At the end of the experience, students must complete:

1. A 3-page explanation of their contribution to the experience.
2. The [Verification of Advanced Hours form](#) if this experience was not taken as a course on your transcript.

Below is a table that indicates what is needed to receive CV Advanced Hours.

Automatically Added from Transcript	Submit Documentation through Online Portal	Email Honors Program Specialist	Requires Paperwork
Additional CV Courses	Comets Help	Debate	Contract Course
Archer Fellowship	Foreign Language Acquisition	Mediation	
CS^2 Honors	Independent Study	Model UN	
DMHP Honors	Internship		
EPCS 2200/2300	Research		
Graduate Courses	Study Abroad		
Green Fellowship	Supervised Teaching Experience		
Innocence Project	UEMR – EMT Certification		
Mock Trial			
Moot Court			
TEMRAP			

Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP)			
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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 oriented

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

Differences for CS^2, DMHP & TAMS Students

Students in the following programs should review additional information about completing their Collegium V hours.

CV Requirements for CS^2 Students

(Computing Scholars Honors Program)

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

- CV Proper Courses **6 hours**
- CS 2305.HN1 and CS 2340.HN1 through CS^2 **6 hours**

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

- CS^2 upper-level Honors Course **3 hours**
- Additional CV Advanced Work **9 hours**

CV Requirements for DMHP Students

(Davidson Management Honors Program)

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

- CV Proper Courses **12 hours**

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

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

CV Requirements for TAMS Students

(Texas Academy of Mathematics & Science)

CV Proper Courses – 12 hours required

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

CV Advanced Work – 12 hours required

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

Graduation Requirements

To graduate with Collegium V Honors, students must:

- Have at least a 3.500 cumulative [UT Dallas GPA](#)
- [Meet with an Honors Program Specialist](#) each academic year
- Attend one [Honors event](#) each academic year
- Complete 24 Collegium V hours:
 - 12 hours from [Collegium V Proper Courses](#)
 - 12 hours from [Collegium V Advanced Work](#)
- Complete an approved CV Honors [capstone project](#) or an approved senior thesis/project in one's major

CV Honors Capstone Project

The CV Honors capstone project is required for completion of CV Honors. Students 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. This requirement is designed to be flexible to maximize its relevance to each student.

Alternate Capstone Projects

The following projects can also count towards one's CV Honors Capstone Project. All students must present at the CV Poster Presentation regardless of the project used.

- ECS students satisfy this requirement through the Senior Design Project.
- ATEC students satisfy this through their major's capstone.
- Students that complete the Green Fellowship program satisfy this requirement through their final poster project.
- 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. The final major honors thesis will be presented in poster form for their CV Honors Capstone. More details are on the following page.

Students that do not fall into the categories above must complete the following steps:

- Review the [Capstone Explanation & Approval Forms](#) to gain insight into the senior capstone process and requirements.
- Meet with your Honors Program Specialist to ensure all CV requirements are met and that your capstone project is approved before the start of the semester in which you will present your project. Meet with CV faculty, if necessary.
- Create a poster based on your research and attend the CV Poster Presentation, a come and go event where graduating CV students present for interested faculty, students, and other guests.

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 Template 4](#)

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

Students must attend and participate in a symposium style poster presentation. You are expected to give a brief (8-10 min) overview of your project and answer questions for guests as they show interest in your project.

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](#)