

Honours College

PROGRAMME CURRICULUM

The curriculum is designed to nurture high flying students into globally competitive leaders and intellectual achievers committed to collaborative and creative thinking for Macao and beyond. It provides students with courses for learning and practicing leadership, experience of study abroad, community engagement at residential college (RC) and service learning on and off campus. In completion of the Honours College Certificate Programme, students will have:

- earned seven credits of honours courses
- gained study abroad experience
- fulfilled the RC residency requirement
- completed a leadership & service learning requirement

HONOURS COURSE

Students have to complete one 3-credit lecture base honours course, one 1-credit honours project and one 3-credit capstone project with a "B" or higher grade earned for each course.

Course Title	Type	Credits
HONR2003 Developing Leadership	Compulsory	3
HONR2004 Project on Social Awareness	Compulsory (Group Project)	1
HONR4001 Honours Project	Compulsory (Individual Project)	3
Total credit requirement:		7

STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

Students are required to fulfil "study abroad" experience during their studies at UM. The experience must be semester/ academic year based and credit bearing with a minimum of 3 abroad credit successfully transferred back to UM. It must be *international* experience. Hence, mobility programmes to universities in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong regions will not be considered as fulfillment of the Honours College Certificate Programme. There are multiple ways in fulfilling this requirement with different types of financial support and requirements as stipulated by internal regulations; e.g.

- A full time semester abroad at universities having agreement with the Honours College.
- A full time semester/ year abroad through the programme operated by UM.

† Different types of scholarship with requirements will be awarded to support this study abroad experience based on the availability of university's financial resources.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE RESIDENCY

- Students are required to have four-semester RC residency during their undergraduate study at UM
- For students admitted through recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students, they are required to have full (except study abroad period) RC residency during their undergraduate study at UM

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE LEARNING

- Students are required to demonstrate their leadership skills and services on and/or off campus by satisfying requirements through the Whole Person Development Award Programme offered by the Student Affairs Office (SAO), or an equivalent programme recognized by SAO
- With the Whole Person Development Award Programme, students are required to earn a minimum of 900 cumulative Competency Score (CS) with a minimum of 150 CS in each of the 5 core areas of development for graduation
 - Interpersonal Relation and Teamwork
 - Healthy Living
 - Cultural Engagement
 - Citizenship with Global Perspectives
 - Leadership and Service

ADMISSION

Students pursuing a Bachelor's degree could be admitted to the Honours College Certificate Programme through three different channels:

1. Direct Admission of incoming first-year students

Students who are offered any of the following scholarship awards are eligible for application of expedited admission to the Honours College, and will be admitted upon passing the admission interview*.

- UM Grand Lotus Scholarship (by Principals' Recommended Admission)
- UM Golden Lotus Scholarship (by Principals' Recommended Admission & Admission Examination channels)
- UM Full Scholarship for Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan Region Students
- UM International Student Scholarship (Full Scholarship)
- Any other scholarships subject to the University's decision

*Admission interview will be conducted by the Honours College at the beginning of the academic year.

The Honours College offers activities focusing on personality development for the incoming first-year students.

2. Admission by Open Application

First-year students for 4-year programme and second-year students for 5-year programme could be admitted through application.

- A minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA (Scale Average 15 for Faculty of Law) is required at the time of application and admission
- Applicants will be assessed based on their academic and extracurricular documents submitted with the application, and by interview if needed

3. Admission by Recommendation of Residential College and Student Affairs Office

Students who have demonstrated strong leadership potential, stronger participation in services and/or special talents in areas such as arts, sports, language, music, literature can be admitted by recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students.

- RC Master could recommend 2 students per year from the corresponding RC into the Honours College
- Dean of Students could recommend 2 students per year into the Honours College
- First-year students for 4-year programme and second-year students for 5-year programme could be admitted through application.
- A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (Scale Average 14 for Faculty of Law) is required at the time of recommendation and admission

CONTINUATION REQUIREMENTS

To remain enrolled in the Honours College, a student must normally satisfy the following requirements

- Enroll each semester on the degree programme at the student's home unit.
 - Maintain cumulative GPA* of 3.0 (cumulative Scale Average 14* for Faculty of Law students) or above.
 - Those with cumulative GPA* dropping below 3.0 but not below 2.95 would be placed on probation and would be given a grace period of one semester to achieve a cumulative GPA* of 3.0 or higher.
 - Pass every subject taken at the partner University in the Study Abroad experience.
 - For students admitted through recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students, maintain residency on RC except during study abroad period.
 - Meet the English language proficiency requirement by obtaining certain scores from a public examination by the end of the first year of study at HC:
 - TOEFL iBT 79 or above, or
 - TOEFL Paper test 550 or above, or
 - IELTS 6.5 or above
- † Other proof of equivalent language skills to be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- For students in the programmes of Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese Studies, valid CAPLE or CELPE-Bras exam certification at Level CIPLE (A2) or above should be obtained by the end of the first year of study at HC.

*The above mentioned cumulative GPA and cumulative Scale Average refer to the overall performance of a student in all the semesters of the specified years of studies, including all courses taken for the degree programme, minor programme(s).

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from the University of Macau with special recognition at congregation and an Honours College certificate to signify passing of the Honours College Certificate Programme, a student must satisfy the following requirements.

- Complete the requirements of the degree programme at the student's home unit.
- Complete the requirements of the Honours College Certificate Programme.
 - Receive a "B" or higher grade for each of the honours courses taken.
 - Satisfy the Study Abroad Experience requirement.
 - Satisfy the four-semester RC residency requirement; for students admitted through recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students, satisfy the full (except study abroad period) RC residency requirement.
 - Satisfy the leadership and service learning requirement by earning 900 cumulative competency score through the Whole Person Development Award Programme of the University. The 900 CS must include a minimum of 150 CS in each of the 5 core areas of development (Interpersonal Relation and Teamwork; Healthy Living; Cultural Engagement; Citizenship with Global Perspectives; Leadership and Service).
- For students admitted through direct admission or open application – Has (1) cumulative GPA* of 3.3 (cumulative Scale Average* of 15 for Faculty of Law students) or above and (2) Honours College Certificate Programme cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above.
- For students admitted through recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students – Has (1) cumulative GPA* of 3.0 (cumulative Scale Average* of 14 for Faculty of Law students) or above and (2) Honours College Certificate Programme cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

*The above mentioned cumulative GPA and cumulative Scale Average refer to the overall performance of a student in all the semesters of the specified years of studies, including all courses taken for the degree programme, minor programme(s).

HONOURS RECOGNITION

Upon completion of all requirements of the Honours College Certificate Programme and the degree programme at their home unit, the honours students will receive special recognition at congregation and a Certificate of Honours College. Honours work is noted on transcripts.

Course Description**HONR2003 DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP** (3 credits)

This course has three interrelated components focused on the individual, community, and global society, and is designed to develop leadership abilities. The first component focuses on developing students' individual self-awareness and personal development through an exploration of values, beliefs, and socio-cognitive skills. The second component focuses on developing students' leadership skills in the local community. The third component focuses on preparing students to be global citizens, with an enhanced understanding of the diverse values, beliefs, and behaviours typical of different cultures and societies. Taken together, these three distinct course components will build students' capacity to be global leaders.

HONR2004 PROJECT ON SOCIAL AWARENESS (1 credit)

The course brings together students of different majors to conduct small group research and discussion on current social issues of local and global communities, and everyday problems, under the supervision of members from the Residential Colleges, including resident fellows, non-resident fellows, and college affiliates. Students are motivated to develop their skills on critical thinking, multidisciplinary approach to problem solving, and teamwork.

HONR4001 HONOURS PROJECT (3 credits)

Students are required to apply knowledge from their disciplines of studies to broader global issues such as innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability, and complete scholarly projects under the supervision of faculty advisors in the respective field of study of the research topics, including multidisciplinary topics. The projects are expected to meet the scholarly standards of the disciplines and of the Honours College. Students are required to present their projects.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English is the main language of instruction.