



## Proposed Changes to the Honors Program

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<b>Existing catalog language:</b>	<b>Proposed Change:</b>
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<p>designation in Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design will receive the degree with departmental honors, to be noted on the student's transcript, along with the title of the Honors Planning Project. The Honors Planning Project will be preserved in a separate collection in the FAU Wimberly Library.</p> <p><b>Requirements for Eligibility and Admission to the Honors Program in Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design:</b></p> <p>(Program entry is limited to 20 percent of students within the Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design major.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed at least five upper-level (4000) courses in BURP or BUD;</li> <li>2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.3 in core courses;</li> <li>3. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 overall;</li> <li>4. Formal application form must be submitted after completion of 90 credits no later than three weeks prior to the beginning of the semester for which the student seeks to enroll in the Honors Program.</li> </ol> <p><b><i>The application package should include:</i></b></p> <p>Application form to be signed by the mentoring faculty;</p> <p>Unofficial transcript;</p> <p>Résumé;</p> <p>Personal statement;</p> <p>A letter of support by the mentoring faculty.</p> <p><b>Requirements to Maintain Eligibility in the Honors Program in Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain good academic and ethical standing;</li> <li>2. Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.3 in core courses;</li> <li>3. Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 overall;</li> <li>4. In the beginning semester, complete at least one <b>Honors Compact</b> in upper-level planning/urban design courses with a grade of "B" or higher to prepare for independent research and honors-level enrichment;</li> <li>5. Complete URP 4978, Honors Planning Project,</li> </ol>	<p>designation in Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design will receive the degree with departmental honors, to be noted on the student's transcript, along with the title of the Honors Planning Project. The Honors Planning Project will be preserved in a separate collection in the FAU Wimberly Library.</p> <p><b>Requirements for Eligibility and Admission to the Honors Program in Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design:</b></p> <p>(Program entry is limited to 20 percent of students within the Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design major.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed at least five upper-level (4000) courses in BURP or BUD;</li> <li>2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.3 in core courses;</li> <li>3. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 overall;</li> <li>4. Formal application form must be submitted after completion of 90 credits no later than three weeks prior to the beginning of the semester for which the student seeks to enroll in the Honors Program.</li> </ol> <p><b><i>The application package should include:</i></b></p> <p>Application form to be signed by the mentoring faculty;</p> <p>Unofficial transcript;</p> <p>Résumé;</p> <p>Personal statement;</p> <p>A letter of support by the mentoring faculty.</p> <p><b>Requirements to Maintain Eligibility in the Honors Program in Urban and Regional Planning or Urban Design:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain good academic and ethical standing;</li> <li>2. Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.3 in core courses;</li> <li>3. Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 overall;</li> <li>4. In the beginning semester, complete at least one <b>Honors Compact</b> in upper-level planning/urban design courses with a grade of "B" or higher to prepare for independent research and honors-level enrichment;</li> <li>5. <del>Complete URP 4978, Honors Planning Project,</del></li> </ol>
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