

# Union Scholars Policy Manual

## 1. Admittance into the program

A student will meet the following requirements in order to be admitted into the Union Scholars Program

- 1.1 Completion of Union Scholars Application.
- 1.2 A minimum high school cumulative GPA of 3.50 for entering freshmen.
- 1.3 A minimum college cumulative GPA of 3.33 for transfer students or current Union College Students.

## 2. Maintaining Scholars Status

To maintain academic eligibility as a Union Scholar a student will:

- 2.1 Complete a minimum of twelve credits each semester or a total of thirty-one credits each year. If a student drops below full time their final semester at Union College, they can complete the program and receive scholarships as usual.
- 2.2 Show consistent progress in the Honors concentration and receive a minimum of a B (3.0) in all Honors classes.
- 2.3 Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.33.
- 2.4 Participate in three of four planned service projects each year.

## 3. Re-admittance after discontinuance from the program

A student that has been discontinued from the program may reapply to the program after completing the missing requirements. (See Section 1 for the Admittance Policy.)

## 4. Program Requirements

4.1	Honors Concentration	30 hours
4.2	<b>Core</b> HONS 125 Western Culture I HONS 126 Western Culture II HONS 215 Self and Society HONS 325 Science and Religion	14 hours 4 4 3 3
4.3	<b>Seminars</b> Select three of the following seminars: (One will be taken at a site outside of the United States. Students may take no more than one Topics course to fulfill this requirement.) HONS 246 Authority and Responsibility HONS 265 Conflict and Peacemaking HONS 287 Topics HONS 335 Wealth and Poverty HONS 345 The Global Environment	9 hours   3 3 3 3 3
4.4	<b>Research</b> HONS 112 Research and Composition HONS 398 Research Methods HONS 498 Honors Independent Study	7 hours 3 1 3

4.5	<b>General Concentration</b>	16-22 hours
	Religion—6 hours	
	REL T 205 Developing the Christian Mind	3
	or REL T 141 Christian Beliefs	(3)
	RELB course	3
	Science—4hours	
	Select a science laboratory course from	
	BIOL 151, CHEM 151, PHYS 151	4
	Mathematics—3 hours	
	MATH 121 or above	3
	(MATH 122 recommended)	
	Health and Human Performance—3 hours	
	HHPA 155 Concepts of Wellness	2
	HHPA ___Activity course 1	1
	Foreign Language—6 hours	(Required for B.A. degree only)
	Beginning modern language	3, 3
	Students who have completed two years of a foreign language in high school have also completed this requirement.	

- 4.6 **Honors Thesis** (Formerly known as Independent Research)  
 If an equivalent research project is required for their major, a Union Scholar may opt to do the research in lieu of the Honors Thesis. In that case, the scholar will file a petition to the committee to be exempted from the Honors Thesis

## 5. Service Projects

- 5.1 A Union Scholar will participate in three service projects each year.
- 5.2 The Scholars office will plan four service projects each school year and Scholars will elect to participate in at least two of the four projects. Scholars' service projects will be planned in connection with Project Impact and Campus Ministries.
- 5.4 Each project will involve approximately four hours of service.
- 5.5 Individual projects may be done as one of the four projects with the approval of the Director of Union Scholars.
- 5.6 Participation in individual projects must be reported by the Scholar(s) to the Scholars office within one week of the project completion.
- 5.7 Failure to participate in the projects will result in discontinuance from the Union Scholars program and forfeiture of all scholarships for the academic year.

## 6. Scholarships

- 6.1 Textbook scholarships (limited to four annual scholarships) are awarded in the fall following a successful year as a scholar for all who have completed preregistration (or registration) for fall classes that are consistent with the honors program. Graduating seniors are awarded the textbook scholarship at the same time they are awarded the completion scholarship. Non-graduating seniors are awarded their fourth textbook scholarship in the fall of their first senior year.
- 6.2 Travel scholarships for participating in HONS courses abroad are awarded at the conclusion of the course.
- 6.3 Completion scholarships are awarded when a scholar completes all Union Scholars core and general concentration requirements including the independent research project.

NOTE: Scholarships for 2008-2010 are set as follows:  
 Textbook Scholarships (up to four per scholar) - \$250  
 Travel Scholarship (one per scholar) - \$2,000  
 Completion Scholarship (one per scholar) \$1,000

## **7. Forfeiture of Scholarships**

- 7.1 A Union Scholar must be considered active in the Union Scholars program in order to receive the scholarships. All scholars who have been discontinued in the program will forfeit part or all scholarships. A student who becomes academically ineligible to continue in the program will forfeit all scholarships. A student who fails to report all the service projects on time will forfeit all scholarships for the entire school year. (See Section 2 for Maintaining Scholars Status Policy.)

## **8. Adventist Colleges Abroad**

- 8.1 Scholars who participate in the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) program may petition to waive the requirement of taking a class abroad. They may also petition to receive half of the travel scholarship to participate in ACA if they chose to take Option 1 with HONS 295. in place of the requirement to take a class abroad. Travel scholarships for ACA students are applied to their Union College account at the beginning of the Fall semester of the subsequent school year. Students who participate in ACA and who also wish to join an overseas HONS class will receive the full travel scholarship but only for the HONS class.

Note: Travel Scholarship for 2008-2010 is set at \$2,000

- 8.2 ACA working policy: Option 1 – For students who have taken two years of a high school foreign language or one year of college foreign language and participate at a non-English site, may petition to waive the study abroad requirement. Students whose petitions are granted must still complete three HONS seminar options. However, Scholars wishing to use their ACA experience to replace an HONS seminar option may take HONS 295 Directed Study in conjunction with their ACA experience and complete a 25-page paper on their experience due at the end of the ACA experience.
- 8.3 ACA working policy: Option 2 – For students who have studied abroad without previous studies in the related foreign language, petitions to waive the overseas requirement will be granted. These students must still complete three HONS seminar options.