Graduation Honors

Kugelman Honors Program

The UWF Honors Program offers unique living and learning opportunities for students in all majors. In addition to their regular coursework, Kugelman Honors Scholars enroll in special interdisciplinary seminars led by the university's most accomplished faculty. Honors scholars also undertake a rigorous thesis project in which they explore a topic of lasting scholarly significance while working closely with a faculty advisor.

Benefits for participation in the program include early registration, exclusive scholarships, small Honors-only seminars (average of 15 students), the option to live in Pace Hall, study abroad opportunities, and annotation on the UWF transcript as a Kugelman Honors Scholar, and participation in the Honors Commencement Ceremony. Most importantly, Kugelman Honors scholars are part of the University’s oldest and most vibrant living-learning community that fosters lifelong friendships and intellectual camaraderie among students and faculty alike. Admission to the Kugelman Honors Program is normally by invitation only, although applications for admissions are accepted on a limited basis between March 1st and May 1st each year.

To qualify, applicants must meet both of the following entrance requirements:

1. Weighted GPA of 3.8 or higher.
2. ACT of 26 or SAT of 1240.

For more information, email honors@uwf.edu (Honors@uwf.edu).

Honors Scholarships

The University of West Florida and the Kugelman Honors Program offer numerous scholarships for high-achieving students. Nearly all students who are invited to join the Kugelman Honors Program are awarded a UWF Admissions Scholarship. (https://uwf.edu/admissions/undergraduate/cost-and-financial-aid/awards-and-scholarships/freshmen/#form) (Academic Excellence, Nautilus, Argonaut, or Pace Presidential).

In addition to the scholarships mentioned above, the Kugelman Honors Program provides two scholarships to all students in the Honors Program, pending availability of funds. These scholarships are the John C. Pace, Jr. Honors Scholarship to support high-impact learning experiences and the Honors Tuition Scholarship to defray tuition costs while students are conducting research for their Honors thesis. In addition, the Honors Program also offers Honors Leadership Scholarships to selected students who are active on campus and in the community as student leaders. It also provides First-Year Academic Scholarships to students who excel academically in Honors Core I.

If you have questions about our scholarships, visit the Honors scholarship page (https://uwf.edu/offices/kugelman-honors/scholarships/scholarship-information/#form), email honors@uwf.edu or call the Honors Program at 850-474-2934.

Program Requirements

Kugelman Honors Program Requirements (https://uwf.edu/offices/kugelman-honors/current-students/program-requirements)

To graduate as a Kugelman Honors Scholar, each student in the program completes Honors coursework, an Honors thesis, and performs community service.

GPA Requirement:

All students in the Kugelman Honors Program must maintain a 3.00 G.P.A. at UWF.

Failure to meet this requirement will result in being placed on probation in the Honors Program. If an Honors student fails to achieve a 3.00 G.P.A. for two consecutive semesters, the student will become academically ineligible to be a member of the Honors Program. Students who do not complete an Honors course for two consecutive semesters (not including summer semesters) may be terminated for non-participation.

Students who have become academically ineligible can apply for reinstatement to the Kugelman Honors Program once their G.P.A exceeds 3.00 by submitting a petition for reinstatement to the Honors Director.

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Community Service and E-Portfolio Requirement

Before graduating, Honors students are required to complete 100 hours of focused community service. They must also complete the Honors E-Portfolio, an online collection of service and academic accomplishments that highlight the student’s development as a leader and scholar over his or her time in college.

Students will take a one-credit seminar, Honors Service & Leadership, in their second year to learn about Honors service projects and how to prepare the portfolio required for graduation from the program.

Students are able to complete independent community service or participate in projects organized by UWF, academic departments, the Honors Program, the Honors Council Service Committee.

Honor Rolls

President’s List

Students who earn a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher on a minimum of six semester hours of graded A-F course work at UWF are recognized on the President’s List for that semester.

Dean’s List

Students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.89 on a minimum of six semester hours of graded A-F course work at UWF in any semester are recognized on the Dean’s List for that semester.

Other Honors

Several colleges and departments of the University recognize meritorious achievement in appropriate ways.