Good Standing

Students who earn good standing in Commonwealth Honors College (CHC) are eligible to apply for:

- CHC scholarships, fellowships, and grants
- CHC Residential Community (CHCRC) housing during the first round of the housing selection process*

*CHCRC housing is not guaranteed. Honors students on CHC Academic Warning or CHC Academic Probation may become eligible to participate a) only in the final round of the selection process and b) only if space is available.

CHC GOOD STANDING

To be considered in "good standing" in Commonwealth Honors College, a student must

- be in good standing with UMass Amherst by complying with all its policies, including the "Code of Student Conduct" and the "Academic Honesty Policy"
- maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) at or above 3.400
- be able to complete the honors course requirements of a CHC graduation sub plan with earned grades of B or higher in all components.

Recommendations for remaining in "Good Standing"

- abide by the expectations outlined in “CHC Membership Expectations”
- make progress towards completion of honors coursework as specified in “CHC Curriculum Requirements” by earning grades of B or higher in all honors courses intended to fulfill CHC curriculum requirements, including the root courses affiliated with 1-credit add-on honors independent studies or colloquia  [Note: With the exception of Honors 391A, 1-credit freestanding honors courses do not fulfill honors curriculum requirements.]
- meet with a CHC advisor during the first semester of membership, and at least once each year thereafter

CHC ACADEMIC WARNING

An honors student will be placed on CHC Academic Warning if the cumulative GPA drops below 3.400.

If after one semester on CHC Academic Warning a student’s cumulative GPA
• reaches 3.400 or higher, the student will return to good standing
• remains below 3.400, the student will be placed on CHC Academic Probation

Any student on CHC Academic Warning is strongly encouraged to meet with a CHC advisor as soon as possible to discuss an action plan.

CHC ACADEMIC PROBATION

After one semester of CHC Academic Warning, an honors student will be placed on CHC Academic Probation if the cumulative GPA remains below 3.400.

If, after one semester (or more) on CHC Academic Probation, a student’s cumulative GPA

• reaches 3.400 or higher, the student will return to good standing
• remains below 3.400, the student will be dismissed [See “CHC Dismissal” below.]

Any student on CHC Academic Probation is strongly encouraged to meet with a CHC advisor to discuss an action plan.

CHC DISMISSAL

An honors student will be dismissed from CHC if any of the following is true:

• the student was already on CHC Academic Probation and the next cumulative GPA falls below 3.400
• it is mathematically impossible for the student to regain a cumulative GPA of 3.400 by the anticipated graduation date
• the student will be unable to satisfy the honors course requirements of one of the five CHC graduation sub plans: General Studies + Departmental Honors (GSDH), General Studies + Multidisciplinary Honors (GSMH), Departmental Honors (DH), Multidisciplinary Honors (MH) or General Studies Honors (GSH)

REINSTATEMENT IF CUMULATIVE GPA REACHES 3.400

A former CHC student who regains a cumulative GPA of 3.400 may request reinstatement in CHC by meeting with a CHC advisor. The CHC advisor will discuss honors course requirements with the student to determine whether it remains possible for the student to complete any of the CHC graduation sub plans.

Reinstatement is at the discretion of the CHC advisor and, for Departmental Honors (DH) candidates, the Honors Program Director of the DH department.