CHC Membership Expectations

Name: ___________________________ Student ID: ___________________________

UMass Email: ___________________________ @umass.edu Phone: ___________________________

In addition to completing your University, college/school, and major requirements, you are expected to:

1. Inform yourself about Commonwealth Honors College (CHC) requirements and benefits as documented in the “Student Handbook” section of our website www.honors.umass.edu/student-handbook

2. Read and abide by the “CHC Good Standing Policy” www.honors.umass.edu/student-handbook

3. Complete honors course requirements for either the full CHC curriculum or one of the sub plans as noted in the appropriate CHC Curriculum Chart www.honors.umass.edu/curriculum, including
   • Earning grades of B or higher in all honors courses used to satisfy CHC curriculum requirements
   • Maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.400 or higher

4. Meet with a CHC advisor your first semester and at least once a year thereafter to review your academic progress

5. Use your @umass.edu email account to
   • Review emails sent to you from UMass Amherst and CHC regarding beneficial information and actions required of you
   • Correspond with CHC and UMass Amherst staff

6. Complete 45 graded UMass Amherst residence credits (i.e., neither pass/fail credit nor transfer credit) to meet the minimum requirement for graduation with any Commonwealth Honors College credential. (Note: students are required to earn 54 graded UMass Amherst residence credits for the receipt of Latin honors, awarded by UMass as noted on the Undergraduate Registrar’s website.)

7. Monitor your general academic status using the SPIRE “Academic Requirements Report” (ARR)

I understand and agree to abide by the terms above.

_________________________________________  ___________________________
Student’s signature Date

IMPORTANT:

• CHC students are charged a University fee each semester for membership benefits received. If you do not wish to pursue CHC membership, please request withdrawal within the first week of the semester to avoid being billed the membership fee for that semester and thereafter.

• If you do not intend to complete CHC requirements, please email records@honors.umass.edu to request withdrawal; failure to do so may cause unnecessary delays with graduation clearance.
COMMONWEALTH HONORS COLLEGE FULL CURRICULUM
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING UMASS SUMMER 2015 OR LATER

3.400 minimum cumulative GPA at graduation, minimum grade of B or higher in all Honors courses and 45 graded residence credits required

The General Studies Honors Component* (GSH)
focuses on breadth of study during (First and Sophomore years)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Honors Course Requirements</th>
<th>Approved Alternatives</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. ENGLWRIT 112H</td>
<td>If College Writing is completed prior to CHC admission, any Gen Ed Honors Course (3 -or-more cr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. HONORS 201H “Ideas that Change the World” (Gen Ed “L,” 4 cr.)</td>
<td>No exceptions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. HONORS 391AH Special Topics (1 cr.), prerequisite of sophomore standing</td>
<td>No exceptions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Gen Ed honors course (3 -or-more cr.)</td>
<td>No exceptions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Gen Ed honors course (3 -or-more cr.)</td>
<td>No exceptions</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*NOTE: Students pursuing General Studies Honors (GSH) only, without DH or MH, must additionally complete their School’s/College’s “Integrated Experience” requirement with a grade of “B” or higher.

The Advanced Scholarship Component (AS)
focuses on preparation for and completion of an honors thesis or project (Junior and Senior years)

Multidisciplinary Honors (MH) - default option
A Multidisciplinary Honors (MH) program is the best choice for students who wish to pursue honors work
- Outside of their primary major or
- Between two or more disciplines
MH requires:
- One any-level Honors Course
- One 300-level or higher Honors Course
- Honors Thesis or Project (6 -or-more credits on one topic)
See: www.honors.umass.edu/multidisciplinaryhonors

Departmental Honors (DH) - by request
A Departmental Honors (DH) program is the best choice for students who wish to pursue
- Advanced scholarship in their major
- Graduate studies in their major or related field
- A career related to their major
DH tracks will meet or exceed these criteria*:
- Two -or-more departmental honors courses; at least one at the 300-level or higher
- Departmental Honors Thesis or Project (6-or-more credits on one topic)
*View your department’s specific DH requirements at: www.honors.umass.edu/departmentalphonors