

Advising Honors Students: A Quick Guide

- Students in the Framingham State University Commonwealth Honors Program must complete a minimum of six (6) courses bearing an Honors designation (i.e. an HNRS course code or an “H” following the course number, e.g. HSTY 105H). These include:
 - One (1) RAMS First-Year Seminar with an Honors Designation
 - If a student either is (1) accepted into the Honors Program following matriculation, or (2) a Transfer Student, then they may substitute an Honors elective course in the place of the RAMS Seminar with the approval of the Honors Program Faculty Director.
 - HNRS 480: Honors Program Thesis/Project
 - Four (4) Specially-Designated Honors Sections of Regular (Primarily General Education) Courses.
 - To locate Honors sections via MyFramingham: (1) open “Course Offerings by Semester;” (2) select term; (3) in “Subjects” menu highlight all subjects; (4) in “Attribute Type” menu select “Honors Program Course Section”; (5) click “Class Search” button.
 - A student may choose to substitute one (1) upper-division course in their major for one of these four elective Honors courses by submitting an Honors Contract:
<https://www.framingham.edu/academics/honors-program/honors-program-forms/index>
- To remain an Honors student in good standing, a student must:
 - Maintain a GPA of no less than 3.00 during their freshman and sophomore years, and 3.20 during their junior or senior years.
 - Earn a minimum grade of B (3.00) in each honors course, including HNRS 480: Honors Program Thesis/Project.
 - Not go more than one semester without taking an Honors course prior to the completion of program requirements. However, students may wait to take HNRS 480 Honors Program Thesis/Project without penalty.
- The capstone of the Honors Program is HNRS 480 Honors Program Thesis/Project, which is conducted under the supervision of a tenure-line faculty member. All Honors Program seniors are required to present publicly the results of their thesis projects.
 - To register for HNRS 480, students must complete a registration form found here: <https://www.framingham.edu/academics/honors-program/honors-program-forms/index>
 - Detailed thesis guidelines are available on the Honors Program website.