ACES Living-Learning Program Academic Policies

Students enrolled in the ACES Living-Learning Program (ACES LLP) are required to abide by policies set by the University of Maryland, the Honors College, and the ACES Program.

Citation

Students must complete 14 credits to earn the ACES LLP citation. These credits are composed of two foundational courses (HACS100 & HACS102), six credits of ACES seminars (HACS208) and 3 credits of experiential learning (HACS279/287/297). All classes must be completed with a “C-” grade or better. Students must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA in order to receive their Honors citation. Per Honors College policy, if students do not have a 3.2 cumulative GPA at the time citation course requirements are completed, they will not earn their citation in that semester, but will be awarded the Honors citation in a future semester if their cumulative GPA raises to 3.2 or above.

The ACES LLP also requires students to complete a program exit survey. Completion of the survey in the semester students finish their 14 required credits is necessary to earn the Honors citation.

Repeat Policy

The Honors College Course Repeat Policy applies to all courses across the Honors College living and learning programs (LLPs). The ACES LLP Leadership may grant an exception allowing a course to be repeated in rare, extenuating circumstances after consultation with the Honors College Executive Director. Honors seminars (HONR courses), which are open to all Honors College students, are not repeatable. These courses are seat limited, one-time offerings or offered for a limited time and therefore are often not available for re-enrollment. Other LLP courses are regularly offered, however they are cohort-specific and sequential and are not designed for reenrollment. In rare circumstances, a student may be allowed to repeat a course with the next cohort. In this case, the University Repeat Policy regarding how both final grades will be calculated in to the GPA will prevail. There are guidelines regarding GPA calculations based upon when the original course was taken and for how many credits. Students are advised to consult the undergraduate catalog for their matriculation year or meet with an academic advisor for more information. Course catalogs can be accessed on-line via the Office of the Registrar and clicking on Catalog-Undergraduate.

Honors College Warning and ACES Probation

Students who fall below a 3.0 cumulative GPA anytime while completing the ACES LLP are placed on Honors College warning. Students placed on Honors College warning are also considered to be on probation with the ACES LLP. If a student’s cumulative GPA remains below a 3.0, the student will be denied registration access to Honors seminars (HONR courses) and ACES seminars (HACS208 courses) in future semesters’ registration. It is possible for the ACES LLP Leadership to grant registration overrides
for students on probation, on a case-by-case basis, to allow students to remain on track with sequenced course requirements.

Students placed on probation will be required to meet with ACES LLP Leadership within the first two weeks of the next semester and as scheduled throughout the semester. After two semesters of probation, students who have not raised their cumulative GPA to a 3.0 will be dismissed from the ACES LLP.

**Dismissal**

The ACES LLP follows the University of Maryland's academic policies regarding satisfactory progress in a program of study. Earning a grade lower than a "C-" in any of the ACES courses will result in a student being dismissed from the program.

The ACES LLP also reserves the right to dismiss a student found in violation of the University's Student Code of Conduct and/or the Code of Academic Integrity. The Honors College is an intellectual community that engages high-achieving undergraduates to pursue knowledge in an atmosphere of honesty and trust. Students found responsible for a violation of the Code of Academic Integrity by the Student Honor Council, receiving an "XF" or worse, will be dismissed from the Honors College, including their living-learning program. Students dismissed from the ACES LLP will also be removed from the program’s Prince Frederick Hall housing list and will not be eligible to live on ACES LLP floors in future semesters.

Students who have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA but are dismissed from the ACES LLP due to failure to maintain academic expectations may be allowed to continue their Honors College experience in the University Honors Program, after appropriate review.

In addition, we expect that students are good citizens of the ACES LLP. This means that we expect that students will attend talks and participate in events outside the classroom, arranged by ACES and the Honors College. Sometimes these events occur in the evenings and on weekends. These events are essential to the students’ intellectual and professional development, and provide opportunities to network, make connections with industry professionals, and interact with the larger Honors College community.

**Withdrawal**

A student can withdraw from the ACES LLP at any time. Students who do withdraw from the ACES LLP may request to be reviewed to continue in the University Honors Program if they so choose. Credits previously earned in the ACES LLP may be applied toward the "Honors College Citation: University Honors Program" notation on their transcript. When a student has determined that it is necessary to withdraw from the program the student should:
Students who withdraw from the University of Maryland are automatically withdrawn from the ACES LLP.

**Reinstatement**

Students who either withdraw from the University of Maryland or transfer to another institution are also withdrawn from the ACES LLP. If a student withdraws or transfers to another institution but then re-enrolls at the University of Maryland in a future semester, the student is not eligible to return to the ACES LLP. Students may contact the Honors College to request consideration to participate in the University Honors Program upon re-enrollment.

Students who take a leave of absence from the university in good standing may return to the ACES LLP upon their return to the University of Maryland. Depending on the timing of the leave of absence students may need to rejoin the program in a later cohort and housing in Prince Frederick Hall may not be guaranteed. All reinstatement requests are reviewed by the ACES LLP Leadership on a case-by-case basis.

**Early Completion**

Assuming all requirements are met, ACES LLP students may earn their Honors citation early, that is, before the end of their sophomore year. If this occurs, students have the option to continue to live in Prince Frederick Hall during their sophomore year and continue to participate in the program events and community. All ACES requirements must be met in order to earn the citation, regardless of completion timeline, including the [14 credit curriculum](#) and program exit survey.