

ACADEMIC HONORS PROGRAM IN KINESIOLOGY

The Academic Honors Program at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) offers highly motivated undergraduates with enriched studies in their academic major. Completion of honors requirements varies by academic program, but each includes opportunities for students to actively engage in more advanced study through coursework and a Capstone Project that will include research and be presented in a scholarly venue. Students completing a program's academic honors requirements are recognized at CMU's Commencement Ceremony.

Application Process and Qualifications

General: Students seeking participation in an Academic Honors Program must have earned at least 45 semester credit hours with a minimum 3.5 grade point average (GPA) at the time of application. An application process occurs each semester, and interested students should contact the Academic Department Head for the application deadline. In addition to the credit hour and GPA qualifications, an applicant also should submit:

- 1) the application form found on the reverse side of this page; and
- 2) a summary of no more than three pages that
 - a) details the applicant's scholarly background, community and/or University service, and academic awards; and
 - b) describes briefly why he or she is applying for an academic honors program of study.

Program Requirements

General Requirements: All students completing an Academic Honors program of study are expected to complete a senior capstone activity. The activity can range from an honor's thesis to a creative work to an undergraduate research project. Additionally, students must present the results of their activity in a scholarly venue approved by their Academic Honors Program advisor (e.g., CMU's Student Showcase, a regional meeting for the relevant discipline).

Requirements Specific to Majors in the Department of Kinesiology (Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Kinesiology, and Sport Management):

- Select an Academic Honors Program faculty advisor from within the Department of Kinesiology;
- Honors Work by Contract in Upper-Division Courses (six credits): During their junior and senior years, Honors Program students arrange to do advanced work in select upper-division courses, most often in their major fields. The courses are to be a synergistic effort that align with and help to develop the final project. The courses should be chosen with that in mind and approved by the student's Academic Honors Program's faculty advisor;
- Honors Structured Research Courses (six credits): Capstone research experience with a formal manuscript and presentation. Topic, methods, and writing are to be guided and approved by the student's Academic Honors Program's faculty advisor;
- Must maintain a 3.5 GPA

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ACADEMIC HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION (Kinesiology)

Student Name: _____ 700# _____

Student Phone #: _____ CMU Email: _____

Student Major: _____ Current GPA: _____

Credit Hours Completed: _____ Semester of Application: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Honors Work by Contract in Upper-Division Courses (six credits):
(prior to choosing these courses, please consult with your Academics Honors Program faculty advisor)
The Honors Work should be a synergistic effort. The six credit hours of upper-division courses should provide experiences that help with the development of the final project.

Course: _____ Faculty Signature: _____

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Required Structured Research Courses and Suggested Timeline (six credits):

Course:		Planned Semester of Enrollment	
		End of	
_____ KINE 487H (2 ch)	Structured Research IRB Preparation	Junior Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
_____ KINE 487H (3 ch)	Structured Research	Senior Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester
_____ KINE 487H (1 ch)	Formal Presentation	Senior Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester

By signing below, I am agreeing to supervise this student's honors structured research project, and I support his or her application to the Kinesiology Academic Honors Program:

Academic Honors Program Faculty Advisor _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Academic Head Signature: _____ Date: _____

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