Bachelor of Science and Arts Honors

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Bachelor of Science and Arts Honors degree (BSA-Honors), students must first be accepted into either the Health Science Scholars (HSS) or Polymathic Scholars (PS) honors program.

Students can apply to either program in one of two ways:

- Incoming first-year students who will pursue a major in the College of Natural Sciences can apply via the Office of Admissions honors application portal when they apply to UT-Austin.
- Current UT-Austin and transfer students who are enrolled in or are applying to the College of Natural Sciences can apply via the HSS or PS website. Application is restricted to those who have completed at least one but not more than three semesters at UT-Austin or another post-secondary institution.

Requirements

The BSA-Honors degree duplicates each major-specific BSA degree plan and adds these requirements:

- UGS 303, Originality in the Arts and Sciences (incoming first-year students only)
- A minimum of six additional hours of honors-level math or science
- Capstone thesis course sequence and successful completion of thesis
- A minimum cumulative 3.5 UT GPA
- NSC 109 or 110H each semester when not enrolled in thesis sequence

In addition to the above, PS and HSS have program-specific requirements:

- Health Science Scholars must complete a capstone experience—such as an individual project connected to a faculty member’s lab, an internship, a shadowing experience, or work with a community organization—in addition to the standard Minor or Certificate requirement for the BSA degree.
- Polymathic Scholars must design their own field of study for certificate credit. This replaces the standard Minor or Certificate requirement for the BSA degree.