

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.