

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT: Students Entering 08/2018 and Later**

**Program Requirements**

To remain in good standing in and graduate from the University Honors Program, students are **required** to:

- (1) Complete all academic requirements (*coursework*) as detailed on the Honors Program of Study, by completing an honors-designated course of three or more (3+) credit hours each semester.
- (2) Maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.300 or higher. A student whose GPA falls below 3.3 will be granted a probationary period of one semester. Following the probationary period, the student's progress will be reviewed and the student will be reinstated to good standing (if GPA has been raised to 3.3 or higher) or dismissed from the Program (if GPA remains insufficient). Students may reapply to the program should they regain eligibility by elevating their GPA to the expected level.
- (3) Participate, as freshmen (*preferred*) or sophomores (*at latest*), in the annual, Honors-sponsored Emerging Leaders Forum.
- (4) Participate, as juniors (*preferred*) or seniors (*at latest*), in the annual, Honors-sponsored Entrepreneurs' and Scholars' Day.
- (5) Abide by all academic, residential and other university rules/regulations as detailed in the *Student Handbook* and *Student Code of Conduct*.

\* Note that honors scholarship recipients are required to fulfill additional responsibilities.

**Program Expectations**

As members of the Honors Program, students are also **expected** to:

- (1) Schedule an Advising Appointment with a member of the Honors Program staff at least once each semester to discuss personal progress; community service commitments; research engagement; internships; study abroad; etc.
- (2) Check e-mail regularly to learn of honors-related announcements, events, etc. Many programs and opportunities will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and may have rigid deadlines.
- (3) Serve as an academic, civic and ethical role model for Hawk classmates by:
  - Attending Lecture Series, Cultural Events, and other University-sponsored enrichment activities;
  - Contributing to UMES campus life through leadership / membership in special-interest clubs and organizations;
  - Being active in campus governance (Honors Student Association, Student Government Association, and UMES Senate);
  - Engaging themselves and others in meaningful, philanthropic pursuits with the goal of bettering the lives of others. (Making altruism a life habit).

**Program Recommendations**

To benefit fully from the various features of the Honors Program, students are strongly **encouraged** to:

- (1) Participate in university-sponsored activities/workshops related to graduate and professional school preparation.
- (2) Update their resume regularly, in consultation with the Office of Career Services.
- (3) Seek opportunities to participate in research and internships related to their academic major and future career (Please report involvement in these activities to the Honors Program!)
- (4) Study abroad and/or benefit from an experiential learning environment/experience during college.

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I have read and agree to the Honors Program's terms of membership as set forth above.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_