UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: __ James G. Richards __ phone number 8372

Department: __ Dean’s Office, College of Health Science __ email address jimr@udel.edu

Action: __ Add Honors Degree option for Dean’s Scholar students __

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term 08S (use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree (Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: (Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: __ Add Honors option to Dean’s Scholar __

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: (Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: (Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: (Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration:

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through
None

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:** [http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/](http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/)

N/A

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**
(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

None

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

The College of Health Sciences currently lacks the formal mechanisms to allow a student to graduate from the CHS Dean’s Scholar Program with an Honors Degree. We have found that those undergraduate students who are both interested in and qualified to complete a Dean’s Scholar Program are often also interested in and qualified to pursue an Honors Degree; we would like to have this option available for CHS students. According to the University Catalog and other information, it is an option for students in the Colleges of Arts and Science (p.92), Agriculture and Natural Resources (p.71), and Human Services, Education, and Public Policy (p.215).

**Program Requirements:**
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and include a side-by-side comparison of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

A student may earn an Honors Degree as a CHS Dean’s Scholar in any degree or major offered by the College of Health Sciences that is deemed to be an appropriate final designation for his or her approved concentration of studies.

The recipient must complete:

1) All requirements of the Dean’s Scholar Program in the College of Health Sciences.

2) All of the University’s generic requirements for the Honors Degree.

Required Honors courses in or approved by the major department shall be considered to be Honors courses approved for the individual student’s program by his or her designated Dean’s Scholar advisors.

**Resolution:**

WHEREAS the College of Health Sciences offers a Dean’s Scholar program for qualified undergraduate students and

WHEREAS the students in the College of Health Sciences who follow the Dean’s Scholar Program and complete one of the majors offered by the College may be interested in simultaneously completing the University requirements for the Honors Degree, be it therefore
RESOLVED that students enrolled in a degree program in the College of Health Sciences who successfully complete graduation requirements for both the Dean’s Scholar Program and the Honors Degree will be awarded an Honors Degree upon graduation.

**ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:**  
(Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

- Department Chairperson ___________________________ Date____________________
- Dean of College ___________________________ Date____________________
- Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee ___________________________ Date____________________
- Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies ___________________________ Date____________________
- Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. ___________________________ Date____________________
- Secretary, Faculty Senate ___________________________ Date____________________
- Date of Senate Resolution ___________________________ Date to be Effective___________
- Registrar ___________________________ Program Code____________________ Date____________________
- Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Planning ___________________________ Date____________________
- Provost ___________________________ Date____________________
- Board of Trustee Notification ___________________________ Date____________________

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TO: Betty Paulanka, Dean
    College of Health Sciences

         James Richards, Associate Dean
         College of Health Sciences

FROM: John A. Courtright, Director
      University Honors Program

RE: Endorsement of an Honors Degree for Dean’s Scholars in the College of Health Sciences

The Honors Program staff has reviewed the proposal for an Honors Degree for the Dean’s Scholar students in the College of Health Sciences. We are strongly in favor of the creation of this Honors Degree. An Honors Degree for Dean’s Scholars exists in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Human Services, Education and Public Policy. Approving an Honors Degree for Dean’s Scholars in Health Sciences gives students in that college the same option for Honors work as exists in other colleges.

We are pleased that an Honors Degree will be available for these students, and look forward to working with students as they seek to earn the Honors Degree or Honors Degree with Distinction.

Please let me know if you desire any additional information or assistance.

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