

HONORS IN SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The School of Information Technology invites highly qualified students to distinguish and challenge themselves by earning Honors in School of Information Technology through approved coursework and independent study, culminating in the completion of an Honors Project / Thesis. This level of distinction is an addition to the University's Certificate in University Honors. Interested students should contact the current ITK Honors Program Liaison.

ITK SCHOOL HONOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. School Honors candidates must complete all requirements for graduation with "The Certificate in University Honors"
2. Candidate must complete all general requirements for an ITK major.
3. At graduation, the candidate must have an overall GPA of 3.3 and an ITK GPA of 3.5 or above including no grade less than a B in any ITK course.
4. The candidate must complete 12 hours of Honors work in ITK courses, comprised of 9 hours of in-course honors or honors sections and 3 hours of ITK Honors Independent Study 299. These hours are subject to the following stipulations:
 - a. The 9 hours of in-course hours must be completed in ITK courses numbers at the 200 level or above, with at least 6 hours from courses numbered at the 300 level.
 - b. Up to 3 hours of Undergraduate Research Participation (IDS H285, IDS H286, and IDS H395) may be counted towards the 9 hours of in-course honors providing the candidate works with an ITK faculty member.
 - c. ITK Honors Independent Study 299 requires that the candidate complete an acceptable Honors Project or Thesis.
 - d. The Project/Thesis proposal must be approved by the ITK Honors Liaison and ITK School Director before the start of the semester in which ITK Honors 299 is to be completed.
5. The ITK Honors Independent Study Project/Thesis will be presented the Project/Thesis advisor, the School director, and other interested ITK faculty during or before the last week of the graduation semester. This presentation will typically be scheduled on the Friday afternoon one week prior to the last class day, with all Honors presentations for the semester scheduled for a single presentation session.

ITK SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM PROCESSES

1. The ITK Honors Liaison (in consultation with other ITK faculty members and the student) will aid the student in identifying a Project/Thesis faculty advisor.
2. The Project/Thesis advisor will provide direction for the student in the completion of ITK 299 – Independent Study. The Project/Thesis advisor will also suggest appropriate course work and reading for the student.
3. During the first month of the graduation semester, the Honors candidate must apply to the School of Information Technology and the Honors Office for the Honors Degree designation.

BENEFITS OF ITK SCHOOL HONORS

1. Honors students will be given more individualized guidance in their studies and research interests through the faculty interaction that results from the honors work in ITK courses and especially the ITK Honors the ITK Honors Independent Study 299.
2. Diplomas and transcripts of successful candidates will show that they have earned Honors in the School of Information Technology.
3. Graduates will be recognized for their achievement at the University commencement ceremony.
4. As on the benefits of being in the honors program (required for School Honors), students will be given priority in pre-registering for ITK courses.