

Admission to the School of Business Honors Program

Beginning February 2021, the Business Honors Program is open to freshmen and sophomores planning to pursue a business major. The rationale for early admission is to:

- (a) Identify potential candidates early on and introduce them to the benefits of the program
- (b) Increase enrollment
- (c) Enable candidates to plan academic schedules to ensure all prerequisite courses have been completed prior to their junior year and plan for the sequence of required HON sections of business courses
- (d) Encourage networking with more senior honors students
- (e) Enable students with high academic performance to join a cohort of like-minded students and establish lasting relationships
- (f) Prepare incoming students to take over leadership roles (student-run clubs, etc.)

ADMISSION CRITERIA						
	Cumulative PSU GPA ≥ 3.5 or Admission to University Honors College	Cumulative PSU GPA ≥ 3.5 and Business GPA ≥ 3.5	Letter of recommendation from one college instructor	Response to essay questions listed in the online application	Submitted resume	Completion of prerequisite courses: BA-101,BA-205 BA-213, ECON-201, ECON-202, and STAT-241 or STAT-243
Freshman	✓					
Sophomore	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Junior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Important Notes:

- Students who are taking all courses online and cannot commit to attending in-person sections of Honors courses and the professional development workshops on the first Friday of each month during the academic year, 1:30-3:00 PM, are not eligible.
- If the applicant submits a letter of recommendation or resume in their sophomore year, there is no need to resubmit them in their junior year.
- Eligible freshmen will be unofficially admitted and will receive monthly newsletters to keep them up to date on what's happening in the program, and they will be invited to attend a professional development workshop during spring term.
- Eligible sophomores will also receive the newsletter and will be invited to attend one professional development workshop each term.

- Applicants must be officially admitted to the program by the time they complete all prerequisite courses and be prepared to take BA-301 Honors section (scheduled TR 12:00-1:50 PM) in the fall of their junior year.
- Admitted juniors and seniors are required to attend the professional development workshops, scheduled the first Friday of each month during the academic year, 1:30-3:00 PM, complete community service, maintain GPA (close to 3.5), and complete all sections of required HON courses (see Honors website).
- Upon completion of degree requirements, students must have earned 72 or more graded credits at PSU and a cumulative PSU GPA ≥ 3.5 and Business GPA ≥ 3.5 and completed all other program requirements to earn the Honors designation on their diplomas.

Application process:

- (a) Proceed to the [School of Business Honors Program Website](#) to review program benefits and requirements.
- (b) Click on the APPLY HERE link on the Honors website to complete and submit the application.
- (c) Submit all supplemental documents directly to Tien James (tienjames@pdx.edu).
- (d) Tien James will contact applicants within 7 days.

For more information about the School of Business Honors Program, contact Tien James, Faculty Director (tienjames@pdx.edu)