

Honors College Engagement Points Proposal

As part of the new Honors curriculum beginning Fall 2018, students are required to earn 25 engagement points each academic year until graduation. Students will earn these points by attending Honors College events, participating in Honors College activities, being active members of the Honors College, Richmond and VCU communities, and completing parts of the Honors curriculum.

Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Self Reporting:

Honors students will be self-reporting their participation in honors activities and events throughout the Fall 2022-Spring 2023 academic year. Our students will have a Google form in which they will be able to report their attendance for each event.

Every engagement-point event will have a QR code where students can scan in for attendance. If a student has any issues with the QR code, they can contact the faculty member or staff member putting on the event.

Earning Points

Points will fall within seven categories. The “other” category serves as a catchall for any other event/accomplishment not specifically required. Indicated below is also who is responsible for verifying and recording point earning: either through recorded event attendance, information provided by Honors College faculty and staff, or through student submission.

Academic Enhancement and Engagement		
Study Abroad Fair	5	Event Attendance
Berglund Seminar	5	Event Attendance
Diverse Conversation	5	Event Attendance
Project Fair Attendance	5	Event Attendance
Mocktail Attendance	5	Event Attendance
Honors Professional Development	5	Event Attendance
Berglund Assessment	5	Event Attendance
Honors Social Event	5	Event Attendance

Wellbeing Event	5	Event Attendance
Honors Curriculum		
Honors 170	5	HC Faculty + Staff
Honors 171	10	HC Faculty + Staff
Research and Inquiry		
HSURP	10	HC Faculty + Staff
Publication	10	Student Submission
Auctus Publication	10	HC Faculty + Staff
Conference or Symposium Presentation (NCUR, VCHC, UROP, and other professional conferences)	10	Student Submission
Freshmen Research Institute	10	HC Faculty + Staff
Public Performance or Exhibition (art, dance, readings, literature, and creative works)	10	
Le Monde Single Article Publication	10	
Leadership and Development		
Applying for a National Award	10	HC Faculty + Staff
Mentorship Leaders	25	Advising Director
HONR 150 Teaching Assistant	20/semester	HC Faculty
Honors Ambassadors	10/semester	Admissions Counselor
RVA Community Engagement		
Honors Sponsored Service Event	5	Event Attendance
Honors Community Engagement		
Honors Student Organization Member	5	HC Faculty + Staff
Honors Student Organization Leader	10	HC Faculty + Staff
Auctus Staff Member (per semester)	10	HC Faculty + Staff

Auctus Editor (per semester)	20	HC Faculty + Staff
Open-Honors Connect	15/semester	HC Faculty + Staff
PECS	15/semester	HC Faculty + Staff
Peer Mentor	10	HC Faculty + Staff

Other		
Other Noteworthy Accomplishment or Service	Varies	HC Faculty + Staff Student Submission
Honors Internship (instead of 493 credit)	Varies	HC Faculty + Staff

Engagement Points and the Honors Curriculum

By design, incoming first year students will earn the majority of their points their first year by completing their curricular requirements and participating in required events. After their first year, students will earn up to half their points through completing requirements for their capstone project.

Communicating Engagement Point Totals

Students will be able to email the Honors College for information about their point total throughout the academic year.

Upcoming opportunities to earn engagement points will be included in the Weekly Update.