DEPARTMENTAL HONORS in TEACHER EDUCATION

Departmental Honors offers distinction to the best students in a major. The goal of this program is to recognize accomplishments in three primary areas: scholarship, leadership, and professionalism.

**Departmental Honors Requirements:**

- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above;
- Complete four of the following options with prior written approval of the Departmental Honors Committee. You must complete a proposal that defines and articulates your plan. The proposal form is attached.

Options include:

- Complete at least one course offered through the Honors Program with a grade of “B+” or above;
- Participate in a reading group by attending three or more sessions in a semester and write a reflection paper that connects the practice of teaching to themes in a featured book;
- Complete a comprehensive literature review concerning an educational issue or concept; (Indicate the length and type of literature review you will complete on the proposal form.)
- Complete a curriculum project beyond requirements in a course or student teaching; (Your proposal should highlight the qualitative or quantitative impact within classroom practice.)
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- Hold a leadership position in a student chapter of a state or national education organization for the length of an academic year;
- Present at a research conference, including WSU’s Undergraduate Research Conference;
- Or
- Design a project of your own articulated on the proposal form that receives approval of the Departmental Honors Committee.

- Participate in the Honors Nye Banquet poster presentation when you graduate;

**Applying for Departmental Honors:**

- Download and complete the Departmental Honors Application, available on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors.
- Meet with Shirley Dawson, the Teacher Education Departmental Honors Advisor, who will review and sign your application.
- Submit the completed application to Marilyn Diamond, the Honors Program Advisor, who is located in LI 225. You will receive notification confirming your acceptance into the program.
- **Note:** you must be admitted into Departmental Honors at least one semester before graduating.

**Applying for Graduation with Departmental Honors:**

- Early in the semester of anticipated graduation, download and complete the Departmental Honors Exit Application, found on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors.
- Meet with Shirley Dawson, who will review and sign off on your application.
- Submit the signed form to Marilyn Diamond, the Honors Program Advisor, who will clear you for graduation with Departmental Honors. You must still apply for graduation through the Graduation Office.
- **Note:** the Exit Application must be submitted prior to fall break for fall graduation and prior to spring break for spring graduation.
Recognition Through Departmental Honors:

- Your transcript and degree diploma will be printed with the distinction, “Departmental Honors in Teacher Education;”
- You will receive an invitation to all Honors Program social and educational events;
- You will receive an invitation to the Honors Nye Banquet when you graduate.

For more information, please contact:

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Proposal Form for Departmental Honors in Teacher Education

This is a template of the proposal you are required to submit. Please produce the document in Word and submit a hard copy for committee review. The following information should be included:

I. Please list the option that you are interested in pursuing.
II. Explain what you are planning to do.
III. Explain how this proposal develops your skill as a teacher.
IV. How will you measure or demonstrate completion and success?
V. What is the projected date for completion?