

ACEL Honors Experiences

The CFAES and ACEL Honors programs is built upon providing rigorous, relevant, and student directed courses and co-curricular experiences beyond the traditional bachelor's degree. To achieve the learning outcomes of the Honors program ACEL students will be asked to select and fulfill a variety of experiences. The course and co-curricular experience requirements are outlined below.

Course Requirements

ACEL Honors students will be required to complete a minimum of three Honors courses. The qualifying Honors courses include:

- Courses with the Honors (H) designation
 - This excludes FAES 1100H
- Courses with the Honors Embedded (E) designation
 - Can take up to two E courses
- Honors Contract Courses
 - Only open to ACEL courses without the H or E designation
 - At the beginning of the semester, the instructor and student will agree upon an honors project related to the course content which goes above and beyond the already taught curriculum
 - Can take up to two contract courses
- 5000 level courses taken within the first three years
 - This excludes major specific courses which are required for all students to take within their first three years
 - ASE 5210

Co-curricular Experience Requirements

ACEL Honors students will be required to complete a minimum of three co-curricular experiences as part of their Honors program. The qualifying co-curricular experience include:

- OSU/CFAES/ACEL Study or Service Abroad/Away
 - Must be a university, college, or department supported study or service abroad/away with course credit associated with it or be a part of a university supported program (i.e., Buck-I-SERV)
 - No minimum travel length required for study or service abroad
 - Study or service away must be a minimum of 5 days
- Competition Teams
 - Co-curricular collegiate competition teams include judging teams which align with majors or curriculum provided within the college
 - Can included but is not limited to livestock, meat, or poultry judging
 - NCAA sponsored athletic teams, intermural teams, and band are not considered co-curricular and will not count towards the experience requirements
- Additional Majors/Minor(s)/Associate Degrees/Certificates

- An additional minor or minors should be above and beyond the first minor required for the major by the college
- Must be an approved additional major, minor, or associate's degree with completed university/college documentation
- Each additional major/minor/associates degree will account towards two co-curricular experiences
- Certificates must be associated with the university, college, or department and have clear requirements for completion
- Teaching Assistant
 - Assist a faculty member in instruction, curriculum development/management, and/or grading
 - Must be enrolled in an independent study under the course instructor with agreed upon requirements to fulfill the credit hours
 - Limited to Rank 3 and Rank 4 students
- Second-Year Transformational Experience Program
 - Complete the STEP program including the STEP Signature Project
- Additional Honors Courses
 - Students can choose to take additional Honors credits in lieu of up to three of the co-curricular experiences
 - Cannot expand beyond the two E designation or contract courses