

Honors GPA Changes

The Emory College Faculty Senate and Honors Committee approved the proposal to raise the cumulative GPA requirement from 3.5 to 3.7. These changes will be implemented for students entering the program in Fall 2024. For students in a three-semester program, the new GPA requirement will take effect in Spring 2024.

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.7 GPA through graduation to be eligible to graduate with Honors. Students are expected:

- to be enrolled at Emory for both semesters in which they are pursuing honors,
- to be in residence and enrolled in at least one hour of honors research during the final semester of their participation in the Honors Program,
- to complete the mandatory orientation in Canvas and any other required trainings,
- to write and defend an honors thesis,
- and to submit all required honors forms and complete the ETD submission process.

Additionally, many departments have their own requirements for honors students; be sure to check with your Departmental Honors Coordinator to find out what, if any, additional requirements you must meet.

Only Emory grades (including Emory sponsored study abroad programs and courses offered at Emory but outside the College, such as those offered by the Goizueta Business School) are calculated as part of a student's Emory GPA.

Petition Process for a Cumulative GPA below 3.7:

The petition process will continue for students with a cumulative GPA between 3.45 and 3.699. The petition process will consider the strength of the student's research project, the advisor and department's assessment of the student's ability to execute the project, and any extenuating circumstances that explain why the student's GPA is less than a 3.7.

In May and August, the Honors Committee considers petitions to be admitted to Honors from students who do not meet the 3.7 cumulative GPA requirement. Students who have a GPA of at least 3.45, and the support of their departmental honors coordinator and potential thesis advisor are eligible to petition. Students who are admitted by petition must earn at least the cumulative GPA with which they entered the Honors Program. Thus, if a student enters the Honors Program through a petition with a 3.5 cumulative GPA, that student must maintain at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA in every subsequent semester to be eligible to continue in the Honors Program.