



## HONORS POINT SYSTEM

The Honors Program Point System is designed to provide a rigorous academic environment and to encourage active participation in the Honors community, in the Anna Maria College community, and in the local, national, and international communities to which we belong.

### *Freshmen*

Anna Maria College freshmen who are enrolled in the Honors Program in fall 2017 or later must earn **100 points** during their time at the college. At least half of a student's points must be earned through academics, while the remaining points may be earned through a combination of academic, leadership, service, and cultural activity points (see below for more details).

### *Transfer Students*

Students who transfer into the Honors Program in their sophomore year must earn **80 points**. Students who transfer into the Honors Program in their junior year must earn **60 points**. Half of these points must be earned through academics.

Points cannot be earned for projects required for class or as part of employment.

## ACADEMIC POINTS

### *Honors Course*

The primary way to earn Academic Points is by taking an Honors Course. Honors sections are designated in the course listings with the letter "H" (i.e. ENG 103-H or ENG 103-H2). All Honors Courses are worth 10 points with a grade of B or higher. Honors Senior Thesis is a requirement for all students in the Honors Program.

### *Honors Contract*

Any course can potentially be turned into an Honors Contract with the agreement of the faculty member. Students should determine the conditions of the contract (i.e. the additional work) with the instructor and notify the Honors Program Director at the beginning of the semester. No more than 4 courses may be taken with an Honors Contract. The maximum amount of points one can earn through a single contract is 5 with a grade of B or higher.

### *Research or Creative Work*

Academic Points may be earned by completing a directed study on an original topic, by presenting at a regional or national conference, or by publishing in an academic journal. The amount of points awarded may range from 1 to 10 depending on time commitment and level of participation.

## LEADERSHIP POINTS

### *Student Government*

Leadership Points may be earned by holding an elected office with the Student Government Association (SGA). The maximum amount of points one can earn is 5 and will depend on time commitment and level of responsibility.

### *Student Clubs*

Leadership Points may be earned by establishing and/or performing a leadership role in an on-campus club or student group. The maximum amount of points one can earn is 5 and will depend on time commitment and level of responsibility.

## **SERVICE POINTS**

### *Campus Involvement*

Service Points may be earned by helping in some capacity with AMCAB, Campus Ministry, Residence Life, or the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The maximum amount of points one can earn is 5 and will depend on time commitment and level of responsibility.

### *Community Activity*

Service Points may be earned by engaging in activities that demonstrate civic responsibility and a commitment to the community. Charities and organizations may or may not be affiliated with Anna Maria College and might include Alternative Spring Break or Habitat for Humanity. The maximum amount of points one can earn is 10 and will depend on time commitment and level of responsibility.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITY POINTS**

### *Study Abroad*

Cultural Activity Points may be earned through semester-long or short-term (i.e. Spring Break) study abroad. The maximum amount of points one can earn is 10 and will depend on time commitment and extent of involvement.

### *Cultural Events*

Cultural Activity Points may be earned through the organization of, or participation in, plays, performances, concerts, art exhibits, etc. The maximum amount of points one can earn is 10 and will depend on time commitment and extent of involvement.

## **APPROVAL OF HONORS POINTS**

With the exception of Honors Courses, all points must be approved by submitting an [Honors Points Certification Form](#) to the Honors Program Director for approval with the Honors Council. The amount of points awarded will vary depending on the level of responsibility and time commitment of the honors student and will be determined by the Honors Program Director in conjunction with representatives from the Honors Council. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Craig Blais at [cblais@annamaria.edu](mailto:cblais@annamaria.edu).