

Honors Track
Department of Communication Disorders

The Honors Track in the Department of Communication Disorders (DCD) represents a blending of the requirements for honors liberal studies and honors-in-the-major.

The Honors program requires 18 credits. Honors credits can be associated with various general education requirements, i.e., OCCR, foreign language, multicultural X or Y. DIS credits also can be honors augmented. The typical distribution of credits follows:

6 cr.	Honors thesis
6-9 cr.	University honors courses, including general ed requirement honors courses
<u>3-6 cr.</u>	Department honors courses
18 credits total	

The proposed Honors Track includes the following features:

1. The department will strive to **offer** one Honors course or one Honors augmented course per semester. Some examples include a course by Dr. Kenn Apel on “The R Wars,” which is a course on the controversies and current perspectives on teaching reading. Dr. Lisa Scott has taught courses on preparing the Honors thesis prospectus and on executing and writing up the Honors thesis. Dr. Julie Stierwalt has taught an introduction to the field that has focused on characterizations of communication disorders in the media.
2. We plan to incorporate service learning components into courses developed for Honors Track students. Community service experiences could be extensions of practical experiences associated with Developmental Disabilities or Aging Studies Certificate programs. Also, Honors Track students would be invited to participate in clinical practicum experiences, initially as co-clinician, with graduate students.
3. The department will compile a list of **recommended courses** (outside the department), including relevant honors seminars and honors courses.
4. Students **eligible** for the DCD Honors Track include freshman admitted into the FSU Honors program, as well as students with a 3.8 GPA or higher at the end of their first semester. We hope to attract students into the DCD Honors track through their enrollment in departmental honors and honors augmented courses.
5. Students pursuing the DCD Honors Track will be eligible for **early admission** into our limited access major; they can apply for entry for any semester.
6. Honors track students will be offered opportunities to take **graduate coursework** while completing their undergraduate program.
7. Honors track students are encouraged to prepare their **honors thesis** prospectus in spring term of junior year and complete thesis as seniors.