



## **DEPARTMENT HONORS PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### Admission

Students apply to the Department Honors Program by completing the Department Honors Application. Normally, students should apply in their junior year, but admission must be approved no later than the beginning of the senior year. The Departmental Honors Program is distinct from the University Honors Program and Baccalaureate Honors that are described in the UNM Catalog.

### Requirements

Following UNM guidelines in the UNM catalog, the minimum requirements to qualify for Departmental Honors are:

- (a) an overall grade point average of 3.20
- (b) not less than 6 credit hours in CBE 495/496 (Chemical and Biological Engineering Honors Problems I and II), typically completed over two or more semesters. The required six credit hours are above the minimum 123 hours required for the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (BSCHE) degree program

In the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, the culmination of the Honors Problems classes is expected to be a manuscript or senior thesis based on the Honors project. In addition, a short memo proposal outlining the Honors project is expected as part of the Department Honors Application, and a progress report is expected at the end of every semester enrolled in CBE 495/496 (except the final semester, when the final senior thesis or manuscript is expected). The student is responsible for arranging the project with a faculty member prior to admission to the Department Honors Program. The supervising faculty member, who will be consulted by the Department Chair on approval of the proposed project, and on evaluation of the project deliverables.

### Level of Honors

The level of honors is determined by the Department Chair, and is based on the grade point average (GPA) in the courses applied toward the degree at completion of the semester preceding graduation. For a typical acceptable Honors project, the following guidelines with regard to GPA would be employed.

GPA: 3.20 – 3.49	cum laude
GPA: 3.50 – 3.79	magna cum laude
GPA: 3.80 – 4.00	summa cum laude

The Office of the Registrar will be notified of successful completion of the departmental honors program so that the honors may appear on the student's academic record and diploma.