

Tangible Benefits of Earning an Honors Distinction in Biological Sciences

The primary value of completing the Honors Distinction in Biological Sciences lies in various intangibles: the opportunity to contribute to scientific understanding, to develop your own problem-solving skills, to obtain a much deeper understanding of a particular area of biology and its scientific study than would be possible through conventional course work, to develop and nurture a strong personal relationship with a senior scientist, etc.

Even so, there *are* some tangible benefits:

1. Completion of the Honors Distinction in Biological Sciences will be noted on your transcript.
2. Completion of the Honors Distinction makes you eligible for participation in the Honors Convocation at graduation.
3. You will receive a "Distinction" Cord to wear during graduation ceremonies.
4. You will receive an Honors Certificate from the Division of Biological Sciences.
5. You, your mentor, and two guests will be invited to attend a special Honors banquet held in your honor at the end of your final semester.
6. You will receive notices alerting you to special lectures or events that may be of interest to biologists, and will be invited to other events limited to participants in the Department Honors Program.
7. Participation in undergraduate research activities will enhance your chances of receiving one of several different awards presented to outstanding undergraduates in the Division of Biological Sciences or in the College of Arts and Science.