I. PURPOSE

To describe the criteria expected to be achieved by students in the program in order to receive the ongoing benefits and recognition of being an APU Honors student.

Active participation in the APU Honors College grants a number of academic and social privileges to students, including the opportunity to participate in early registration for courses, attendance at Honors events, and possible sponsorship to attend Honors conferences. Students who do not meet the requirements for active status are unlikely to be able to fulfill the requirements of the Honors College and graduate as an Honors Scholar. Students may withdraw from the Honors College at any time.

II. DEFINITIONS:

Active Status – the status of students in the program who are meeting all criteria to graduate as an Honors Scholar as defined in this policy.

Probation Status – a temporary status not to exceed two semesters, in which students may participate in the Honors College on a limited basis as they no longer meet the criteria to be active in the program and to graduate as an Honors Scholar. Probation status exceeding two consecutive semesters will cause a student to be placed on inactive status.
Inactive Status – the status in which students are not able to meet criteria to graduate as an Honors Scholar and participation in the Honors College is revoked. Probation status exceeding two consecutive semesters will cause a student to be inactive.

III. POLICY:

A. Criteria for Active Status in the Honors College
   1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher.
   2. Be actively pursuing completion of required Honors courses, as evidenced by:
      i. Freshman & Sophomore - enrollment in Honors classes each semester or have completed a minimum of 12 Honors units and have completed 2 Honors Colloquia by the end of sophomore year.
      ii. Junior - enrollment in Honors courses each semester or have completed a minimum of 15 Honors units, and have completed 3 Honors Colloquia by the end of junior year.
      iii. Senior - enrolled to complete all outstanding Honors requirements to graduate as an Honors Scholar (e.g. Honors Colloquia courses, remaining Honors units, Honors thesis and GPA greater than 3.3).
   3. If a student fails to meet the requirements for active status, the student will be listed as “Inactive” and Honors privileges of early registration and sponsorship to attend Honors conferences will be suspended until such time as the student again meets the requirements.
   4. Inactive students may continue to enroll in Honors courses to renew their Active status.

B. Criteria to Graduate as an Honors Scholar:
   1. Minimum GPA of 3.3
   2. Complete 24 units of Honors courses (effective Fall 2013)
   3. Complete 21 units of Honors course (applies to class of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
   4. Complete an Honors thesis (effective Fall 2013)
   5. Complete 4 semesters of Honors Colloquia (HON 401, 402, 403, 404)

C. Criteria for Probation in the Honors College
   1. Honors students who are sophomores and above will be placed on probation with the Honors College for any of the following conditions:
      i. Failure to complete unit requirements as listed in A2
      ii. Cumulative GPA is below 3.30
      iii. Failure to complete Honors colloquia requirements as listed in A3.
   2. Students will be removed from Honors probation and placed back on active status when:
      i. Semester or cumulative GPA is 3.30 or above
      ii. Unit requirements are met
      iii. Honors Colloquia requirements are met
   3. While on Honors probation, the student may not be eligible for certain Honors privileges, up to and including early registration and participation in
honors events (including Common Day of Learning paper competition and sponsorship to attend conferences).

4. Regarding Inactive Status:
   i. Students who have not returned their cumulative GPA to 3.30 or above within two semesters will be placed on inactive status in the Honors College.
   ii. In order to register for Honors courses, inactive students are required to complete the “Petition to Enroll in an Honors Course” form.
   iii. Students on inactive status are not eligible for any Honors College benefits, including scholarships, participation in events, and attending Honors courses.

D. Academic Integrity
   1. At APU, all students are held to high expectations of academic integrity in their work. Honors students are held to these same high expectations and, in fact, are in a position to set positive examples for other students on campus. Academic integrity infractions may impact a student’s status in the Honors College. For example, a serious infraction or a repeat infraction may be grounds for moving a student from active status to probation status, or from probation status to inactive.

IV. PROCEDURE:
   A. Active status is reviewed and verified at the completion of the fall and spring semesters by the Honors College office.
   B. The Honors College Office produces an “Academic Update” report for each student. The student receives an emailed copy of the academic update prior to academic advising each semester.
   C. The Honors College Office notifies each student who is placed on a probationary or inactive status.
   D. Prior to the academic advising period each semester, the Honors College Office notifies the One Stop: Undergraduate Registrar of all students on inactive status. The students will be prohibited from participating in early course registration and registering for Honors classes.
   E. The Honors College Office will remove inactive students from mailing/communication rosters for the program if it is evident the student is unable to meet the requirements.

V. CROSS REFERENCES:
   APU Academic Integrity Policy
   Honors College Travel Policy