

## Graduating with Honors

All English majors who earn a cumulative average of 3.6 in English are eligible to graduate with honors. The average is based solely on the following kinds of course work:

- 1) All courses offered by the English Department at Hopkins, including independent study and directed reading courses, summer courses, graduate courses, and any courses cross-listed with English. Intersession courses do not count since they do not receive letter grades. "Covered" freshman grades also do not count.
- 2) Courses from other departments at Hopkins when permission has been granted to you individually to count them toward the literature component of the major. This does **not** include foreign language or general humanities requirements for the major. It does include literature courses offered by departments other than English that have been specifically approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies as counting toward the major in your individual case.
- 3) Courses taken at other institutions (transfer credits, study abroad programs, summer courses, etc.) that have likewise been approved as fulfilling the literature requirements for the major.

Obviously, departmental GPA must be calculated on the basis of *all* courses that fall within *any* of these categories. You may not limit the categories or number of included courses so as to boost your results. Even if you have taken more than the number of English courses needed to fulfil requirements for the major, you must include all of those courses when calculating your departmental GPA.

If you think you may be eligible to graduate with honors, download an online honors checklist form from Academic Advising ( [www.advising.jhu.edu](http://www.advising.jhu.edu) ). Then fill out the checklist and have it approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Students who plan to graduate in May should submit the form by no later than March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students who plan to graduate in January should submit the form by no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who need to include Spring grades in their senior year in order to qualify for honors may submit an honors checklist after they have received their final grades (i.e., after March 23<sup>rd</sup>). In that case, honors will not be listed in the commencement program but will be listed on the transcript. Students who finished course work in December 2006 may still submit an honors checklist in order to be listed on the commencement program for May, 2007.