Academic Honors & Awards

Scholars in Business Program: The Scholars in Business program allows alumni, corporations and friends of Olin Business School to provide scholarship funds to students of high academic promise who require financial support to attend the university. Students are considered for this award when they apply for financial aid in the fall of each year. Donors and students meet each other at the annual Scholars in Business dinner.

Dean’s List: Dean’s List honors are awarded to undergraduates who have completed a minimum of 14 graded units and achieved a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or above. No Incomplete or “N” grades may be outstanding as part of the student’s semester record.

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society: The top 7% of the junior class and the top 10% of the senior class will be considered for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, provided that the student’s cumulative GPA is in the top 7% or top 10% of their respective graduating class. A student's cumulative GPA will include their course work at Washington University as well as any course work taken out of residence. The student must have completed a minimum of 30 units at Washington University to be eligible.

Latin Honors: Graduating seniors in the top 5% of the class, based on overall university academic records, graduate summa cum laude. Seniors in the top 6% to 15% of the class graduate magna cum laude. These designations are recorded on the official university transcripts. All candidates for the BSBA degree in August, December or May will be considered as one group for purposes of final honors. Honors are determined in May for all graduates.

Honors in Management: The Honors in Management (HIM) Seminar is a two-semester sequence course that gives students the opportunity to work with senior-level faculty in a specialized format. In the fall semester, the HIM course will be team taught with various faculty members. For the spring semester, students will form teams to develop substantial research projects under the direction of one of the participating faculty for the remainder of the academic year. HIM students must successfully complete both MGT 490 and MGT 491 in order to receive the Honors in Management designation at graduation.

Honors Thesis: The Olin BSBA Honors Thesis challenges students to move beyond traditional course work and apply critical thinking skills to an academic business thesis. The Honors Thesis is a two-semester sequence in which the student engages in research and analysis during the first semester; with successful progress, the student writes, presents and defends their research during the subsequent semester. Students must apply and be approved to participate in this experience. All applicants must be senior BSBA degree students in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above.