

SCHL427 Scholars IV: Capstone CRN 24659

- A. **Course Description:** Scholars IV requires students to participate actively in Scholars Program activities, and to seek and complete a capstone learning activity related to your major. Scholars IV is intended to bring together all of the learning you have accomplished and leverage that learning into a final capstone activity. The selected capstone activity must be approved by the Scholars Executive Director in advance through B-Engaged. The Scholars IV requirement may be achieved through a variety of options. For students in SOM, DSON, Harpur Psych ABA Track, and Watson (Engineering programs only); the Scholars IV requirement is met by specific degree requirements. SCHL427 is a zero credit course that will be graded as P/F, and must be completed as part of the Scholars Program requirements.
- B. **Capstone Learning:** Responsibility for identifying an appropriate Scholars IV capstone activity rests with each Scholar. This should be something planned early in your time at Binghamton University, but certainly no later than your third year, and should be completed in your fourth year or earlier.
- C. **Approved Options for Completing SCHL 427:**
1. **Double Major:** Complete a major in two different departments in the same school or college (e.g., a degree in computer science and a degree in electrical engineering, both from the Watson School).
 2. **Double Degree:** Obtain a degree in two different schools/college (e.g., a degree from Harpur College and a degree from the School of Management).
 3. **Department Honors:** Earn honors in the department of your major (Check to see if your major has an honors program).
 4. **Decker School of Nursing senior year clinical:** NURS 471
 5. **Harpur college: Psychology ABA Track - PSYC 494** Assessment, Intervention and Evaluation III
 6. **Watson Senior Project** (engineering programs only, not CS): ISE 492, EECE 488, ME 494, BE 451
 7. **School of Management - MGMT 411** Global Strategic Management
 8. **The Guthrie Scholars Premedical Internship:** SCHL 396, An undergraduate medical residency program at Guthrie – Robert Packer Hospital
 9. **Capstone Course option 1:** Complete a 400-level (or above, minimum 3 credit hours) elective course that does not count towards the requirements of your major. Note that 400 level courses satisfying a minor or second major are eligible. A SCHL course cross listed with a 400 level course, being used to satisfy the SCHL 280/281/380 requirement, may not also be used to satisfy Scholars IV. If a course from another university is to be used to meet this requirement, the course must be the equivalent of 400 level (senior) courses at Binghamton.
 10. **Capstone Course option 2:** Complete a 400-level (or above, minimum of 3 credit hours) elective course that does count toward the requirements of your major and identify, with the help of your instructor, additional requirements related to the course, requiring a minimum of 40 hours, over and above all other requirements for the course.
 11. **Capstone Research, Project or Independent Study:** Under the guidance of a member of the Binghamton University faculty, complete a culminating project, research activity, or independent study. A minimum of 50 hours must be committed towards this activity. This work must be at the capstone level, as opposed to entry level or intermediate level work.
- D. **Credit:** SCHL427 is zero credit hours
- E. **Grading:** Pass/Fail only. Even though SCHL427 is 0 credit, a grade for the course will be present on your transcript

F. Instructions and Timeline Information:

1. **When to Begin:** Responsibility for identifying an appropriate Scholars IV capstone activity rests with each Scholar. This should be something planned from early on in your time at Binghamton University, but certainly no later than your third year, and should be completed in your fourth year or earlier.

2. **Submit Pre-Activity Application:**

All Scholars must complete the Scholars IV Pre-approval form on B-Engaged prior to the add/drop deadline regardless of the option selected. The application is available at <http://bengaged.binghamton.edu/organization/buscholars>, and click on “Forms.”

3. **Register for SCHL427:**

Scholars **MUST** register for SCHL427 **in the semester in which he/she will complete the requirements** for Scholars IV and registration must occur prior to the add/drop deadline. If the Scholars IV requirement is being completed while studying abroad, or during the summer or winter break, then Scholars must register for SCHL427 in the semester immediately following completion of the activity.

SCHL427 is a 0 credit course, but must be completed as part of the Scholars Program requirements. Those registering for SCHL427, but failing to complete all requirements will receive a grade of F for the course and this will appear on your transcript.

4. **Complete the capstone requirement:** A minimum of 40 hours must be devoted to the activity and the activity must be supervised.

5. **Submit Post-Activity Application using B-Engaged:**

Upon completion (or near completion for final semester seniors) of your Scholars IV activity, fill out and submit the Scholars IV Post-Activity Report form on B-Engaged. This will include a signed Scholars IV Post-Activity Supervisor Approval form, which can be found in the Documents section of B-Engaged. You will also need to upload a one page (single-spaced) summary of your activity. The Post-Approval Application and all supporting documents **must be submitted by December 1** if you plan to complete the requirement during the fall semester. If you plan to complete the requirement during the spring semester, **the deadline is May 1**. The Scholars IV Post-Approval form must be submitted in the same semester in which the Scholar registers for SCHL427. The Post-Activity form is available at: <http://bengaged.binghamton.edu/organization/buscholars>, and click on “Forms.” Be sure to login to B-Engaged or the forms will not be visible.

6. **Submit the Application for Completion of Scholars Program Requirements:**

Upon completion (or near completion for final semester seniors) of your Scholars IV activity, complete the *Application for Completion of Scholars Program Requirements* form on B-Engaged. This Application **must be submitted by December 1** if you plan to have completed all Scholars Program requirements during the fall semester. If you plan to complete all requirements during the spring semester, **the deadline is May 1**. The application is available at <http://bengaged.binghamton.edu/organization/buscholars>, and click on “Forms.” Be sure to login to B-Engaged or the forms will not be visible.