POTENTIAL meets OPPORTUNITY

THE HONORS COLLEGE at Oklahoma State University provides many opportunities and challenges for outstanding undergraduate students. Special honors sections of general education courses, interdisciplinary honors courses, topical honors seminars, and special honors projects enable students to enhance their learning experience.

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Advantages of the Honors College

**SMALL CLASS SIZE**
Classes are typically 20–22 students, and individually tailored honors independent study courses are often available.

**WIDE RANGE OF HONORS COURSES**
Honors courses are offered in a wide variety of subject areas — usually 60–70 courses each fall and spring semester.

**TOP TEACHING FACULTY**
The faculty who teach honors courses are experienced members of the OSU teaching faculty known for excellence in the classroom as well as in their academic fields. These professors especially enjoy working with the top students at OSU.

**SPECIAL HONORS ADVISING**
Honors advisors in The Honors College provide personalized attention to your needs and interests. All of the advisors have earned honors degrees here at OSU or elsewhere, so they have personal experience not only as honors advisors, but as honors students as well.

**FRINGE BENEFITS**
- Use of the Honors study lounge and computer lab
- Priority enrollment
- Extended library check-out privileges equivalent to the privileges offered to graduate students
- The option to live in honors housing if space is available

**Honors Housing Advantages**
- Honors-experienced staff can provide valuable insight into study techniques, honors classes and professors, and campus life at OSU. (All Resident Assistants are active honors students.)
- Enhanced study environment
- Special honors hall events

**BENEFITS ARE FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS**
You are eligible to receive all of the benefits and fringe benefits available to Honors College students as long as you remain an “active” participant. Freshmen and sophomore “active” participants undertake at least six credit hours of honors work each semester and twelve credit hours of honors work each two consecutive semesters. Juniors and seniors are “active” with three honors credit hours per semester.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW FRESHMEN**
New freshmen are considered for Honors College admission on the basis of:
- High school grade point average (usually 3.75 or higher, weighted or unweighted).
- Standardized test scores (usually an ACT composite score of 27 or higher or an SAT score of 1220 or higher), and
- An optional short essay response (see our web page for essay questions).

Honors College applications must be submitted electronically or postmarked by February 1 to be considered for normal admission. Applications submitted after this date will be considered only if space is available.

**CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR HONORS & TRANSFER STUDENTS**
- Fewer than 60 credit hours: 3.00 OSU and cumulative grade point averages
- 60–93 credit hours: 3.40 OSU and cumulative grade point averages
- 94 or more credit hours: 3.50 OSU and cumulative grade point averages

New freshmen must earn at least a 3.20 grade point average for their first semester.

**TRANSFER HONORS CREDIT**
Students may use up to 15 honors credit hours from other colleges and universities toward the requirements for the General Honors Award.

**OTHER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Through The Honors College you can enhance your education with special opportunities such as:

**HONORS CONTRACTS**
Honors contracts are a way to earn honors credit for a course in which an honors section is not available. You work with a faculty member on a special assignment or project that is beyond what is required in the regular content of the course. Upon completion of the contract and a course grade of “A” or “B” you receive honors credit for that course.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDY EMPHASIS**
Students may earn the Honors College Degree with International Study Emphasis by completing one of several specified academic minors (or individually approved equivalents) and an approved study abroad experience.

**AWARDS**
The Honors College offers three distinct awards: the General Honors Award; the College or Departmental Honors Award; and the Honors College Degree. All three awards usually fit within the courses required for a particular degree and normally do not add additional credit hour requirements beyond those needed for the degree.

**THE GENERAL HONORS AWARD**
This award is earned while completing your general education requirements.

**GENERAL HONORS AWARD REQUIREMENTS**
Twenty-one honors credit hours with grades of “A” or “B” with cumulative GPA and OSU GPA of 3.50, as specified below:

A. Twelve honors hours breadth requirement
B. Two honors seminars or interdisciplinary honors courses with a minimum of four hours
C. Additional honors hours to reach a total of 21 honors hours including at least three honors credit hours in upper-division work
D. Special experience option
- With advance approval, experience in study abroad, off-campus internships, cooperative education programs, research, or leadership may be counted toward the General Honors Award requirements.

**THE COLLEGE OR DEPARTMENTAL HONORS AWARD**
This award is earned in your major field.

**COLLEGE OR DEPARTMENTAL HONORS AWARD REQUIREMENTS**
Minimum of 12 upper-division honors credit hours with grade of “A” or “B.”

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Office of Undergraduate Admissions
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Chelsie Clement
Honors College Degree in Animal Science

"Working toward and completing my Honors College Degree helped me find my passion for research."

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John Leos
Honors College Degree in Theatre

"By contracting my major classes, I was able to gain in-depth knowledge that has made my resume more appealing in a competitive field."

You can also participate in all the other activities available to students in the residence halls, including intramural sports and social activities. Space is limited, so send in your residence hall application early.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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