

The Honors Program

FALL 2023

The Honors Program is offered to recognize and challenge the College's most academically talented students. Participation is voluntary for all qualified students. Most Honors courses are special offerings conducted in seminar format.

Requirements for Admission to Honors Program

Entering freshmen: high school cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and 1200 SAT score or 27 one-time ACT score.

Second-semester freshmen, sophomores and juniors: cumulative college grade point average of 3.5 or above and completion of ENGL 110, Written Inquiry for any student who has already completed a non-honors section of FYEX-101. Students entering mid-year may replace FYEX-101 with another three credit honors course.

Any student who has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 may enroll in Honors classes, subject to meeting any prerequisites, after students in the program have been accommodated.

A student must affirm his or her intention to complete the Honors Program no later than the second semester of the sophomore year by declaring the Honors minor through the Registrar's Office. To be eligible for participation in the program, including its co-curricular events, a student must maintain the following minimum cumulative grade point average by the end of each academic year: freshman, 3.25; sophomore, 3.4; junior, 3.5. Additionally, students may graduate with honors—e.g., Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude. Specific criteria for degrees with distinction are outlined in the academic catalog.

Requirements for Graduation with an Honors Minor

1	Freshman sequence	
	• FYEX 101, Intro. to a Liberal Arts Education (Honors) <i>(satisfies the requirement for ENGL-110)</i>	3 hrs.
	• FYEX 102, Portfolio Preparation (Honors)	1 hr.
	• FYEX 103 – 107, Applying a Liberal Arts Educ. To Community Issues (Honors)	1 hr.
2	Sophomore, junior and senior year	
	• Three 3-hr. Honors courses, OR Two 3-hr. Honors courses AND a semester study abroad	9 hrs.
	• Two 1-hr. Honors Seminars (INDS-310)	2 hrs.
	• INDS-401, Senior Experience: Portfolio (Honors)	1 hr.
		Total: 17 hours

3. Course substitutions may be approved at the discretion of the Honors Program Director.
4. A cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above.
5. All Honors credits must be earned through WVWC. Transfer credit, while counting toward graduation, will not count toward the completion of the Honors minor.
6. Attend an average three honor's program approved cultural events per year, including submitting a ticket with a reflection about the event via the link in the Honors Blackboard group.
7. Include the required Honors components in the ePortfolio completed for FYEX-102 and INDS-401.