

## *Testimonials from former students...*

“As an older student, I realize that it is important to positively set yourself apart from the rest of the ‘pack’ whenever the opportunity presents itself. I saw the Honors Program as such an opportunity. According to my advisor at SEMO, this will certainly help me with scholarship opportunities next year. Additionally, the flexible nature of the program allowed for me to learn the most in subject areas that were interesting to me, so it didn’t feel as if I was just doing ‘extra work’.”

*-- Robert Jones, Fall 2008 graduate*

“I took Honors courses because I wanted to be challenged further, going above and beyond average expectations for myself. I know by doing so it will show future employers I am dedicated and willing to give a little more than just what is expected.”

*--Stephanie Winkeler, Fall 2008 graduate*

“I took the Honors courses so that it would look good on my transcript and to help me polish my skills in those classes.”

*-- Melinda Womack, Fall 2008 graduate*

## *Quick Guide*

- > Contact your instructor during the first 2 weeks of classes (during 1st week in summer).
- > Fill out contract with instructor.
- > Make sure you fully understand what is expected of you to complete the honors section.
- > Make sure you are aware of the dates involved to add or drop an honors course.
- > During the semester that you apply for graduation from MAC, contact the Dean of Arts & Sciences to schedule an exit interview.

*Enjoy the experience!*

*Questions  
Feel free to contact*

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# *Honors Program*



**Mineral Area College**

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### *Who is eligible to take Honors Classes?*

To be eligible for admission to MAC's Honors Program, if you have no previous college-level work, you must meet ANY ONE of the following requirements:

#### *First time student:*

- Have a high school grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale;
- Have an ACT composite score of 19 or equivalent;
- Have a minimum Compass reading score of 81.

#### *If you are a returning student:*

- Have an overall grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale.

### *Why take Honors classes?*

If you take an Honors option in your class, you will receive the following:

- The Honors designation is entered into your college transcript;
- Those who look at your transcript will understand that you went above and beyond what was required for that class;
- You have a chance to explore areas, be exposed to material, or have experiences that you might not normally have.

### *How do I get started?*

Offering an Honors course is strictly instructor discretion, so ask your instructor within the first two weeks of class.

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### *What type of assignments might I be asked to do?*

Once an agreement is made between instructor and student to initiate the Honors option, students will be assigned projects that enrich the subject matter of the class, which should be detailed on the Honors contract. An assignment could be a paper(s)-research or reaction--a project, an oral presentation, a report, the recounting of an experience, or any combination thereof.

Honors courses offer accelerated and enriched content which will provide you as a student with a broader or deeper interaction with the material presented in regular sections.

### *What happens if I fail to complete my Honors requirement for that class?*

You may drop the Honors section before the eighth week of a 16 week class and the sixth week of an 8 week class. Students who fail to complete the work, and do not drop, will receive a one-grade penalty. For example, such



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a student may complete the requirements for the regular section with a "B," but failing to complete the Honors part would result in a "C" as the final grade in that class.

### *What do I have to do to graduate with Honors?*

In order to successfully complete the Honors Program at MAC and receive recognition at Commencement, you must meet **ALL** of the following:

- Maintain a 3.00 GPA in all college courses;
- Complete at least 12 hours of honors credit;
- Make no grade below a "B" in any honors course;
- Semester you are graduating -- schedule an appointment with the Dean of Arts & Sciences for an exit interview.

**Any student enrolled at Mineral Area College may take advantage of the various opportunities offered through honors credit as long as the instructor teaching the class is willing. Only those students who meet the criteria listed in the eligibility and completion sections of this brochure will be allowed to enroll in MAC's Honors Program and receive full recognition at Commencement.**