

MAC Honors Program

Honors Options Frequently Ask Questions - Student:

<p>If my instructor offers an Honors option as part of my class, why should I consider taking it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; <p>If you are eligible, you will be recognized at Commencement for your efforts.</p>
<p>Who is eligible to take Honors Classes?</p>	<p>A new student who has no college-level work must meet ANY ONE of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a high school GPA of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale; • Have an ACT composition score of 19 or equivalent; • Have a minimum Compass reading score of 81; <p>A continuing student must have a college GPA of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale.</p>
<p>How do I get started?</p>	<p>Offering an Honors course is strictly instructor discretion, so students should ask their instructor within the first couple of weeks of class about this option if the instructor has not already discussed it with the class.</p> <p>Once the instructor has agreed to take on the Honors options, the student needs to know what is involved in fulfilling the Honors contract (see below regarding assignments). This contract should be filled out and signed by both the student and the instructor. In addition, the student will need to fill out a drop slip to drop from this “regular” class and an add slip to be entered into the Honors section. All three pieces of paper come to the dean’s office. After the Dean has verified the student has met all the requirements, the instructor will receive the signed paperwork, one copy of which will be passed on to the student.</p>
<p>What kind of Honors assignments might I be asked to do?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>What happens if I fail to complete my Honors requirements for that class?</p>	<p>A student who fails to complete the work, who does not drop the Honors section, and who does not add back into the regular section by the deadline date for reversal will receive a one-grade penalty for the Honors grade. For example, such a student may complete the requirements for the regular section with a “B,” but failing to complete the Honors part will result in a “C” as the final grade in that class.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> There may be several deadline dates associated with being in an Honors section. Students must meet those deadlines in order to successfully complete their part of the contract.</p>
<p>What do I have to do to graduate with Honors?</p>	<p>In order to successfully complete the Honors program and receive recognition at Commencement, students must meet ALL of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an accumulative GPA of at least 3.00 upon submission of the graduation application; • Complete at least 12 hours of Honors credit; • Make no grade below a “B” in any Honors course; • Schedule an exit interview with the Dean of Arts & Sciences during the semester of graduation, at least two weeks prior to the graduation date.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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