

Honors Program Fact Sheet

Mission Statement

The mission of the Honors Program at Point Park University is to enhance the academic experience of qualified students who desire a challenge, take responsibility for learning, and seek intellectual and personal growth. This especially motivated community of learners has opportunities beyond the classroom to develop to the fullest potential through community/University service projects, colloquia and leadership activities. Honors students will be expected to participate in Honors Program activities on and off campus because the program serves as a catalyst for innovative development, not only within the curriculum but also with other University courses and within the larger community.

Goals

The goals are to enhance the educational experience for students and prepare them for further study or careers after graduation and to develop bright, motivated students. We believe honors students should continually challenge their intellectual limits, working creatively and seriously to reach their highest potential as scholars and leaders.

The Honors Student

We're looking for students who want to get the most out of college by participating in the program, which goes above and beyond traditional classroom instruction, challenges their thinking and considers the whole person as a member of the community. Honors students will demonstrate initiative and experience depth of study beyond the conventional expectations of collegiate education with a learning process that encourages engagement, creativity and imagination.

Benefits

- Enhanced educational opportunities
- Additional extracurricular opportunities
- Smaller classes via special honors sections
- The ability to honorize other classes – working on individual projects you chose with faculty
- Early reservation of courses each semester – ahead of all other students
- Early move-in for resident students and pre-semester workshops and activities
- A community of learners
- Community service opportunities
- More emphasis on communication and critical thinking skills
- Leadership opportunities
- Mentoring opportunities

How to Become Part of the Honors Program

- Students who have earned a minimum 3.5 QPA in high school and scored more than 1700 on the SAT test or 25 on the ACT test are automatically admitted.
- Other interested honors students need to submit a completed application to the Honors Program director.
- The application requires an essay be completed from one of six quotations listed on the application.

Honors Program Completion Requirements

To complete the program, a student must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and compete 18 hours of honors credits, maintaining a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher in honors courses. Transfer students who have taken honors classes at their previous college may be eligible to transfer in up to nine credits of honors classes.

Honors credit may include:

- Core classes, independent study courses, upper-level courses or contract courses
- Senior honors thesis or project

To learn more about the Honors Program or to request an application, contact:

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