

Honors College

SPECIAL STUDIES

The Honors College at Kent State University is one of the oldest and most respected honors programs in the nation. It is the focal point of Kent State's long tradition of providing special attention to undergraduates with outstanding intellectual and creative ability.

The Honors College offers these students (regardless of major) enriched and stimulating courses and programs, opportunities for close relationships with their peers and faculty and careful advising responsive to their interests and goals. In addition, the Honors College supports many of its students with merit scholarships.

Recognizing the value of study abroad, the Honors College offers its members and other qualified students semester and yearlong exchange programs at Leicester University in England and at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. These programs combine academic study with enriching cultural and social experiences.

THE HONORS CURRICULUM

Honors courses are available throughout a student's undergraduate years and can be combined with courses from the regular curriculum to meet requirements in all degree-granting divisions of the university. All honors freshmen are enrolled in the yearlong Freshman Honors Colloquium, a rigorous course in reading, thinking and writing about literature and ideas.

In addition to the Freshman Honors Colloquium, students can choose from among the many honors courses offered by distinguished faculty from academic departments across the university. Enrollments for these classes are small, allowing students to get to know each other and their professors in an environment that encourages learning through discussion, reading, individual work and writing.

Honors students are encouraged to undertake Individual Honors Work (study on a one-to-one basis with a faculty member), an arrangement promoting self-directed learning and exploration beyond the limits of the classroom.

ADMISSION TO THE HONORS COLLEGE

High school students who are enrolled in a college-preparatory program and have a strong record may apply to the Honors College starting in the early fall of their senior year. Applicants must have their guidance counselor submit an official high school transcript directly to the Honors College showing six or more semesters of credit (through the junior year), grade point average, class rank, senior year coursework and ACT or SAT scores. Each applicant will be considered for both membership in the Honors College and for merit scholarship awards.

Students currently enrolled at the university and transfer students can apply for admission to the Honors College as late as the end of their junior year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Honors College awards merit scholarships to selected entering freshmen who have the potential for superior scholarly and creative work at the university. Scholarship recipients are members of the Honors College and can retain their scholarships for their undergraduate years by meeting specified academic expectations. All entering freshmen are eligible to participate in the Freshman Honors Scholarship Program for honors scholarships ranging from \$1,200 to full tuition (in-state), room and board per academic year.

Students who wish to be considered for these scholarships should submit their high school transcripts, including grade point average, class rank and ACT or SAT scores. Although most honors scholarships can be used by students in any major, some are designated for particular majors: journalism, chemistry, business, education and physics, among others.

Additional scholarship recipients are selected from participants in the Creative Artist Awards Competition held on the Kent Campus. This competition recognizes academic ability and talent in the creative and performing arts with renewable merit scholarships ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per academic year.

Current Kent State University students and transfer students from Kent State's Regional Campuses, from four-year colleges and universities and from area community colleges may apply for Honors Academic Achievement Awards. These \$1,000 scholarships are awarded in the summer for the following academic year.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONORS STUDENTS

ADVISING

The Honors College provides careful and comprehensive advising beginning in the students' senior year in high school, when students discuss opportunities for honors work and agree on their first course schedule. Students subsequently maintain frequent contact with their adviser and are encouraged to develop a long-range plan in accordance with their interests and career aspirations.

HOUSING

The Honors Center houses the administrative offices of the college, as well as accommodations for approximately 200 freshmen and returning honors students. Additionally, the center houses a library/seminar room, computer laboratory, cafe and lodging for visiting artists and scholars.

The center is a community of honors staff and students in an environment that encourages learning and provides opportunities for cultural and social activities.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Students may assume an active role in the Honors College by serving on the Honors College Policy Council, by participating in regional and national professional conferences and by volunteering in the community.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

The Honors College offers several programs for Graduation with Honors. Each program requires a minimum grade point average, active participation in honors work and the successful completion of a Senior Honors Thesis or Project (a sustained scholarly or creative work completed under faculty guidance).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Interested students can obtain further information or arrange to visit the Honors College by contacting:

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