

HONORS PROGRAM



JOIN US!

Incoming first-semester students are invited to join the Honors Program if they have a high school GPA of 3.5 and a combined SAT score of at least 1750 (or an ACT score of at least 26).

Students who do not meet both of these requirements may apply for admission to the Honors Program based on the strength of either an excellent GPA with a minimum of 1500 on the combined SAT (23 on the ACT) or an excellent SAT/ACT score with at least a 3.25 GPA. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Transfer and current students may apply to the Honors Program if they have a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Courses taken for Honors credit at another college may be used to complete FSU's Honors Program requirements.



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University Honors Program



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An Educational Adventure

Do you welcome a challenge?

Do you look for opportunities to expand your current knowledge base with actual experiences, rather than just reading a textbook?

Do you want to explore intriguing and dynamic issues in classroom discussions?

Through the **Honors Program** at Frostburg State University, you will discover the most challenging level of higher education. You will pursue your passions in engaging seminar-style classes together with students from diverse backgrounds who have fresh perspectives and dedicated professors who possess strong mentoring skills.



"The program is a great way to meet people who share the same desire to excel. Almost everyone I knew in my classes in the Honors Program has gone on to leadership positions on campus."

- Ashley Anderson

Honors students will realize their fullest potential.



"My favorite courses taken at Frostburg are, without a doubt, Honors courses. The active learning environment, focus on debate and discussion, and excellent teachers make this program worthwhile for any major on campus."

- Aaron Blough

HONORS PROGRAM FEATURES:

- priority registration
- Undergraduate Research Opportunity Stipends
- smaller classes
- Honors/International Housing
- single rooms available
- opportunities to co-facilitate classes with a faculty mentor
- co-curricular activities
- classes emphasize active learning
- travel/study courses
- Honors Program Learning Communities
- sense of community

Honors Course Overview

"Engaging, innovative, challenging, dynamic" are words Honors students have used to describe their classes. Courses encompass more than one discipline so students can benefit from a holistic learning experience fueled by internationally renowned faculty who create unique and supportive learning atmospheres. Examples of recent course offerings include Digital Storytelling, Social Entrepreneurship, Mental Health and Mental Illness, Power and Control in American Education, Mythology as Sacred Geography, Metaphysics and Modern Physics, and Native Peoples of North America.

Honors classes delve deeply beneath the surface to allow students to uncover personal meaning and understanding, rather than the usual memorization of facts. Upon graduation, FSU Honors students discover they have cultivated important critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they successfully progress to their careers or additional schooling. They also take away a renewed respect for varying perspectives and strong relationships with both fellow students and faculty members.



"FSU Honors Program professors push students to reach new heights of excellence during their college education and after it."

—Dana Bridges Bohrer



Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Stipends (UROS) give students an opportunity to be mentored by, and eventually collaborate with, an FSU professor. Honors students apply for the program at the end of their first year. If selected, they receive a yearly \$1,000 stipend to assist the faculty member with an ongoing research project.

A unique feature of the UROS program is that students and faculty also receive a yearly stipend to travel to professional meetings. The student's work in the UROS project forms the basis for a senior thesis.

Co-Facilitating Opportunities

Upper-class Honors Program students may have opportunities to assist FSU faculty with introductory-level courses. The students are not merely graders or clerical aids for the courses; rather, they function as role models and discussion leaders for the beginning students. The program allows Honors Program students to take a very active role in their own and others' education.

Honors Housing

Freshman Honors Program students will have the opportunity to have a single room in Frost Hall or a double for students who wish to have a roommate. Students will reside with other freshmen in the Honors Program.

Upperclass Honors Program students have the opportunity to take a single room in Cambridge Hall. Cambridge Hall offers air conditioning and cluster-style living. Students will reside with Honors Program and international students.



Freshman Honors Program students reside in Frost Hall.

Graduating with Honors in General Education

Most of the students in the Honors Program are pursuing the distinction of "Graduating with Honors in General Education." This requires completion of 24 credits of Honors course work: three credits of Honors English composition, 15 credits of Honors variants of General Education Program courses and 6 credits of Honors upper-level interdisciplinary courses. The upper-level interdisciplinary courses can be any two of the following: IDIS 351 (Honors: Advanced FSU Colloquium), IDIS 491 (Honors Seminar), IDIS 493 (Honors Thesis) and/or an Experiential Learning Option.



"I have had an excellent experience in the Honors Program at Frostburg State! The classes are smaller and are based much more on active learning and interactive discussion."

—P.J. Boch

Honors Program Advantages

Honors Program students are involved in various student activities and organizations. Some are athletes, some have presided over Student Government, and some are active in the performing arts. Honors Program students can participate in a variety of activities through FSU's affiliation with the national, regional and state honors councils. Honors Semesters, Sleeping Bag Seminars and annual meetings are just a few of these opportunities.

Honors Learning Communities, such as Red States/ Blue States: Cultural Wars in American Society, offer first-year students an integrated and intensive initiation into Honors education.

Priority Registration

Priority Registration allows Honors Program students to register for classes early and have a better choice of classes. This privilege is given to students who are progressing toward completion of Honors in General Education.