

HONORS PROGRAM



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ABOUT THE HONORS PROGRAM

Since 2004, the Monroe University Honors Program has provided advanced learning opportunities to our most accomplished students. Available to all majors at Monroe, the Honors Program challenges students with an enhanced curriculum and unique, engaging social and academic activities. The Honors Program is committed to ensuring that students are prepared for a successful career or graduate study upon graduation.

With our students in mind, the Honors Program is flexible! Students can customize their program, choosing many of the classes they take and the activities they get involved in. Available in-person, virtually, and online, Honors can be for any student!

Advantages of Honors

GO BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: When part of an Honors course, students learn outside the classroom by visiting museums, and attending performances and lectures. Students can also propose to national and regional honors conferences and get the chance to travel around the country!

APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF GIVING BACK: Honors students participate in community service and volunteer activities every semester.

SERVE AS A LEADER: Honors students can opt to run for the Honors Student Advisory Board or contribute to the Honors newsletter.

OBTAIN A GRADUATE DEGREE: Graduates from the Honors Program often go on to receive graduate degrees in top programs.

EXPLORE ENHANCED ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Honors students have the opportunity to propose projects they've completed to conferences that are held throughout the continental United States. When accepted, students travel and present their work.

Honors Requirements

Honors is manageable! It fits into your degree program and takes no extra time nor costs extra tuition.

+ ASSOCIATE DEGREE

- Complete The Honors Experience course
- Choose two other Honors elective courses
- Complete one Honors Experiential Activity
- Maintain a 3.3 GPA

+ BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- Complete The Honors Experience course
- Choose four other Honors elective courses
- Complete Honors Program Research Seminar course
- Complete three Honors Experiential Activities
- Maintain a 3.3 GPA

“Before joining the honors program, I do not think I would have ever had the aspirations to attain my MBA. Because I was challenged during my undergraduate degree, I wanted to pursue graduate study. Further, the experiential learning components of the program fostered my ability to be open-minded. I continue to carry this with me as I pursue my MBA and in my career as a hospitality professional. I left the program a stronger person than when I came in with the desire to challenge myself more!”

— Eli Pemberton



“The Honors Program provided me with a foundation in research methodology that has helped me build and thrive in my career. The opportunities for public speaking and networking presented by various conferences and events also widened my horizon and made me fearless about pursuing my dreams and passions. Completing the program gave me a powerful toolbox. Since graduation, I have earned my MBA/JD from New York University and my Ph.D. in Business Administration from Harvard. Everything I learned in honors has continued to fuel my success.”

— Thrupthy Krishnan



“Some of my most memorable Honors experiences include attending and presenting research at the NRHC and NCHC conferences. They were great venues to meet, learn from, and share ideas with students from other universities. I also explored my interests in open data and civic innovation through my thesis proposal for Honors Research Seminar (HN-450). These experiences whetted my appetite for research, allowed me to hone my communication skills, and deepened my interest in becoming a data practitioner. Today, I work as a data engineer in the educational technology sector and am pursuing a Master’s in Computer Science focused on Interactive Intelligence and Programming Languages at Georgia Institute of Technology.”

— Onel Harrison



HONORS COURSES

Students in the Honors Program have access to a broad range of amazing courses, as listed below.

THE HONORS EXPERIENCE. An interdisciplinary examination of art, science, social issues, history, and more. This course introduces students to the “honors” way of thinking and writing.

DECADES: A CULTURAL EXPLORATION. Travel back in time and study a decade through the lens of music, history, politics, and social change.

DECODING SECRET MESSAGES THROUGH MEDIA. There are hidden messages all around us. Study encryption and decryption to communicate like a pro.

THE ART AND CULTURE OF WORLD DANCE. Learn about the influence of music and dance on national culture and identity — and bring your dancing shoes!!

THE WORLD OF MODERN ART. Understand some of the major influences on famous artists and their work. Follow in their footsteps by putting paint to canvas yourself.

INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS. An interdisciplinary study of ethical theorems in everything from science and medicine to criminal justice and sports management.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY. Analyze how social, political, cultural, and historical influences affected the decisions and actions of various American presidents.

HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS IN HISTORY. By critically examining human rights atrocities throughout history, understand political, economic, and societal factors and consequences. Empower yourself to be an advocate for social justice.

CONTEMPORARY LITERARY GENRES. Engage in an in-depth exploration of a particular literary genre. Learn how it was developed and examine its richness and impact.

WORLD-CHANGING DISCOVERIES. This course looks at the “game changers” of technology, starting with fire and leading up to modern day innovations like 3D printing.

COMPARATIVE URBANISM. Visit several major U.S. cities to study first-hand how historical, social, and political influences had an impact on their culture, evolution, and infrastructure.

HONORS PROGRAM RESEARCH SEMINAR. Never look at research the same again. Construct a research proposal and write a literature review, both essential skills for graduate school!

General Education courses in English, Social Sciences, Mathematics, along with major-area courses, are also offered with honors!

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