About the Honors Program

Since 2004, the Monroe College 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.

Advantages of Honors

GO BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: When part of an Honors course, students learn outside the classroom. These experiences include trips to museums, lectures, and performances as well as overnight travel opportunities that compliment each course’s curriculum.

EARN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: 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.

UNDERSTAND 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 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.
**Honors Requirements**

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

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“As a member of the Honors Program, there have been many opportunities for me to serve the community. In my view, serving the community is one of the most important things to me. It only takes one kind act to impact or change someone’s life.”

— Eli Pemberton, Class of 2015

“Being honored as the NCHC Student of the Year at a Four-Year Institution has been the most incredible and rewarding experience in my time as an Honors student. Being recognized at a national level for all the work I’ve put into Honors is an extremely overwhelming experience that I will never forget. The NCHC award is not only a huge accomplishment for me but also for the entire Honors Program at Monroe. It proves we have an excellent program that is able to change people’s lives and stand out on a national level.”

— Nathalie Waldschmidt, Class of 2017

“Presenting my research for the first time at the 2015 NRHC Conference in Gettysburg, PA was really fun. I continued to put myself in situations where public speaking is something I had to do. I also traveled with the Honors Program to the 2016 NRHC Conference in Cambridge, MA and presented at the 2016 NCHC Conference in Seattle, WA. I really enjoy attending such events. I think coming together and sharing information and perspectives at conferences, at the very least, makes us aware of how little we know, which in turn puts us at the gate of further learning.”

— Onel Harrison, Class of 2016
Honors Courses

These are the amazing courses offered by the Honors Program! We also offer Honors sections of general education and major-area courses, too!

**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 more.

**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.** Explore three different dances and their origins in this course, where you will get to actually dance!

**THE WORLD OF MODERN ART.** Delve into the minds of great artists and their work. Become an artist yourself—you’ll get to actually paint!

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

**THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.** You will study the careers of seven American presidents, questioning their decisions and actions.

**HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS IN HISTORY.** Through the exploration of tragedies, such as the Holocaust, you will learn how to advocate so such things never happen again.

**CONTEMPORARY LITERARY GENRES.** For book lovers, this course explores a particular literary genre (like romance or science fiction) and its evolution.

**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.** Never look at cities the same way again! This course will challenge students to understand how cities are built and cultivated.

**HONORS PROGRAM RESEARCH SEMINAR.** Never look at research the same. Learn how to construct a research proposal, a handy skill for graduate school!

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