

# Honors

## Honors Program

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Faculty are chosen from all disciplines to teach honors seminars, topics courses, and general education courses.

The mission of the Honors Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato, is to provide a challenging interdisciplinary program of study for a highly motivated group of undergraduates and to function as an alternative to the traditional general education curriculum. By providing opportunities for students to meet weekly with professors in small, personalized classroom settings, the Honors Program allows participants to become part of a community of scholars that includes experienced faculty who share a commitment to the program's goals. Honors Program participants have opportunities to attend special lectures, go on field trips, and work at their own pace in a setting that encourages goal-setting, perspective-taking, and independence. The MSU Honors Program is designed to help ensure a successful undergraduate experience, foster creativity and self-direction, and prepare students for future professional and post-graduate work.

A student invited to join the Honors Program typically has 1) graduated in the top 10 percent of his or her high school class, 2) attained a composite score of 25 or above on the ACT or its equivalent, or 3) attained a GPA of 3.3 in college-level course work. Transfer and international students are admitted on an individual basis after eligibility has been determined.

### Required Courses (35 credits):

The Minnesota State University, Mankato, Honors Program offers participants an alternative to the University's general education requirements, which are waived for Honors students; instead, the Honors program requires 35 credits under the following four categories:

- I Honors Seminars (4-8 credits)
- II Honors Sections of General Education Courses (17-23 credits)
- III Honors Special Topics Courses (4-8 credits)
- IV Honors Senior Project (2-3 credits)

Cultural diversity requirements must be satisfied as required by the university.

Students pursuing a BA degree will also be required to complete at least one year of a foreign language; selected AP or CLEP credits may be used as a part of the student's general education program.

English and math competency must be satisfied by meeting the requirements of one's major field of study.

**GPA Policy.** A student in the Honors Program is expected to maintain a 3.0 (cumulative GPA) during the first year, a 3.1 during the sophomore year, a 3.2 during the junior year, and a 3.3 during the senior year. An Honors Program student who has attained a 3.3 GPA upon graduation will be eligible for University Scholar designation. An undergraduate who does not fulfill Honors Program requirements must complete the standard general education requirements set by the university.

**P/N Grading Policy.** A student in the Honors Program may take a maximum of 6 credits as P/N.

**HONR 201 (1) Honors Seminar**

**HONR 202 (1) Honors Seminar**

**HONR 401 (1) Honors Seminar**

**HONR 402 (1) Honors Seminar**

**HONR 450 (2-4) Honors: Special Topics**

**HONR 499 (1-6) Individual Study**

## POLICIES/INFORMATION