The Honors Program at Northwest

What is the Honors Program?
The Honors Program at Northwest is for high-ability, motivated students. In the first trimester, honors students typically enroll in one or two honors classes. These classes are sections of existing courses that are enhanced for honors students. With the chance to take smaller classes, they have opportunities to express themselves and interact with professors and classmates in an intellectually enriching environment.

Honors sections include the following:

• extensive reading and/or ambitious laboratory work,
• in-depth discussions,
• exploring connections within and among disciplines,
• relate course material to a diverse global society, and
• challenging educational experience beyond the classroom and more opportunities for research and capstone experiences.

The honors student’s transcript and diploma will indicate graduation with honors.

Eligibility and admission
To be considered for entrance into the Honors Program, a first time/entering student must have a minimum ACT composite score of 26 and a minimum high school grade-point average (GPA) of a 3.5. Transfer students or second trimester freshman and above must have a minimum college GPA of a 3.5 to be considered. Students will be selected from eligible applicants.

Requirements for continuation in program after admission
Honors students must maintain a 3.5 Northwest cumulative GPA each trimester. If a student falls below a 3.5, he or she has one trimester to regain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or be removed from the program at which point the student must reapply for admission to the program.

Graduation requirements
To graduate with honors, students complete a unique program at Northwest that allows them to experience a combination of designated coursework and honors experiences. Students complete 12 credit hours, or typically four courses, from among a selection of Honors designated Northwest Core courses, or in combination with upper division courses with honors credit agreements. In addition, Honors Students get the opportunity to complete their honors credential by engaging in three honors experiences from among the following – choosing at least one in each of the two categories listed below:

Service/Leadership category includes:
• alternative spring break opportunities sponsored by a faculty member,
• Lead Green sponsored by Exemplary Leadership Academy through the office of Student Involvement,
• community service and/or service learning (20 hours) in one academic year,
• study abroad trip,
• other student ideas as approved by the Honors Advisory Committee.

Personal/Academic Growth category includes:
• presentation of original creative work (not at Northwest),
• publication of original work,
• participation in colloquia that includes;
  • lecture series,
  • creative and performing arts,
  • diversity, equity and inclusion,
• participation in a professional internship related to a possible career,
• other student ideas as approved by the Honors Advisory Committee.

See www.nwmissouri.edu/academics/honors/eligibility.htm for more information.
Scholarships
Most honors students qualify for Presidential, Regents or Honors scholarships, which are awarded on a competitive basis. Honors students pay no additional University fees to be a part of the program.

Benefits
- Honors students receive priority class registration privileges
- Designated housing
- Added experiences to enhance their resume
- The Honors Student Association (HAS) provides a common place to voice concerns and comments regarding the Honors Program and forms a bridge between honors students and honors faculty members. This organization provides opportunities for students to participate in various activities outside the classroom setting and within the Maryville community.

Honors classes
This list does not include all honors courses and is subject to change.

Fall trimester courses
- Accelerated Composition
- The United States to 1877
- Fundamentals of Oral Communication
- General Statistics
- People and Cultures of the World
- General Psychology

Spring trimester courses
- Introduction to Literature
- Computers and Information Technology
- Introduction to Geography
- Enjoyment of Music
- Introduction to American Government and Politics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Geology

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