What is the Honors Program?
The Honors Program at Northwest is for high-ability, motivated students. In the first semester, 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.

Eligibility and admission
To be considered for entrance into the Honors Program, a first time/entering student must have a minimum ACT super score of 26 and a minimum high school grade-point average (GPA) of a 3.5. Transfer students or second semester 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 semester. If a student falls below a 3.5, he or she has one semester to regain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or be placed on provisional status.

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, typically four courses from a selection of Honors-designated Northwest Core courses or in combination with upper division courses with Honors credit agreements. In addition, Honors students must complete 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,
• 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 nwmissouri.edu/academics/honors/eligibility.htm for more information.
Scholarships
Most, if not all, Honors students qualify for a number of available scholarships based upon academic credentials through the Financial Aid Office. Honors students also are eligible for special funding to support study abroad travel, internships, and research and other creative work.

Benefits
- Honors students receive priority class registration privileges
- Designated housing opportunities with the Honors Academic Living Community
- Deeper connections with faculty in designated Honors classes
- Added experiences to enhance their resume

Honors classes
This list does not include all Honors courses and is subject to change. Courses are offered alternate years.

Fall courses
- Fundamentals of Oral Communications
- Peoples & Cultures of the World
- Introduction to Geography
- General Psychology
- Accelerated Composition
- General Statistics

Spring courses
- Computers & Info Technology
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- The United States since 1877
- Enjoyment of Music
- Introduction to Literature
- Introduction to American Government & Politics

For more information:
email honors@nwmissouri.edu
or call Northwest Admissions at 800.633.1175
nwmissouri.edu/academics/honors