The University Honors College

A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

Millersville’s University Honors College is a center for intellectual and social engagement dedicated to the development of the whole person. More than an academic program, the University Honors College is a community of scholars committed to interdisciplinary inquiry, critical thinking and creative expression in the liberal arts and sciences. Honors College students and faculty interact in the classroom and outside the classroom through seminars, service projects and special cultural events. Eligible students come from every major department and program at the University.

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

Admission to the Honors College is select and offered to students who demonstrate they have the intellectual skills to succeed in a more challenging program of study than the typical undergraduate. Although grades, SAT scores, and class rank are considerations for admission to the Honors College, the program is also looking for students who are willing to be active participants and leaders. Normally, students who have been offered admission to the University and are in the upper 10-15% of their graduating class, and have a combined SAT score of 1200 or higher, will be encouraged to apply for admission to the Honors College. However, students who do not meet these criteria and are interested in admission to the program are encouraged to apply. A separate admission decision is made for entry to the Honors College. Once enrolled, students must continue to meet academic standards to continue in the program.

THE HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULUM

Honors College courses do not compete with General Education core courses; rather they complement General Education requirements and often can be coordinated with your departmental major. Students are required to complete 25 Honors credits, and the capstone experience includes a research thesis or creative project (depending on one’s major and interests). The Honors College curriculum enhances an excellent undergraduate education and prepares students for professional careers, advanced studies, and admission to some of the finest graduate and professional degree programs offered anywhere. Many Honors College students study abroad or complete internships. As a community of scholars, we take seriously the responsibility to support each student in achieving a fulfilling undergraduate career that prepares them for life. Eligible students come from every major department and program at the University.
BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Honors College provides a university experience that is both fulfilling and fun. There are many benefits to membership in the University Honors College. In addition to smaller classes and greater opportunity for interaction with the teaching faculty, Honors College students receive priority registration throughout their undergraduate careers. Students also have the opportunity to live in Honors College housing for all four years. Freshmen who reside on campus are required to live in Honors College housing during their first year. This is done to enhance the experience of a living and learning community. The Honors College also provides additional academic support and advisement services, and a professional mentoring program assists selected students in achieving their career goals. Conferences, symposium, informal chat sessions, and group social events are all part of the mix of providing a safe and enjoyable environment in which to live and learn. Many students appreciate the emphasis on faculty-student research, and study abroad opportunities.

HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

There is an active Honors College Student Association that provides social opportunities and programming on campus and in the community. HCSA gives students an active voice in the development of Honors College initiatives and academic decisions. Students are encouraged to participate in the service events sponsored by the HCSA. Honors College students also receive a number of cultural opportunities not available to other students. In addition to Honors College sponsored day trips to New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., students have access to tickets to local musical and theatrical performances. There are special awards and scholarships earmarked for Honors College students.

MENTORING

The University Honors College is focused on student-centered success! Through advisement and a well-developed mentor program, the University Honors College offers hands-on academic and professional advice. The Beideman Initiative creates opportunities for established alumni and other professionals to interact with Honors students and assist in realizing career and professional goals. Individual student mentors and the Honors College overall Peer Mentor support entering students in finding their way on campus. Honors students frequently live and study together in Reighard Hall, which reinforces the value of community and academic and social achievement.

The University Honors College strives to make a difference on campus and in the community, and to open the “wideness of the world beyond” to each and every student. The Honors College is committed to helping students enjoy their college years and grow into the individuals they are meant to be.

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