

HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULUM

Overview

Columbus State invests in high achieving students by providing dedicated advising and innovative courses that are engaging and intriguing. Honors students are encouraged take their education beyond the boundaries of classrooms with study away programs, internships and study abroad.

Established in 1998 with a small cohort of students, the successful honors program flourished and garnered tremendous community support. In 2014, the Board of Regents approved the creation of our Honors College, which annual serves 1 in every 20 undergraduates at Columbus State.

Graduates are awarded the Honors College regalia in recognition of completing a rigorous honors curriculum that complements their baccalaureate degrees. Graduates have conducted undergraduate research, engaged in interdisciplinary studies, participated in service learning, and studied internationally. Through experiential learning and creative endeavors, all honors students have the opportunity to design engaging collegiate experiences that prepare them for graduate school and professional careers. The Honors College provides scholarships to support their education and co-curricular experiences that build critical, professional skills needed to impact our community and world.

High achieving high school students enrolled at Columbus State through Dual Enrollment are invited to participate in the Honors College. This program creates another mechanism for support for these students and grants them access to take lower division courses offered through the Honors College. Because these courses are limited in size, students are able to engage with their professors, learn about their research, and participate in unique field experiences. Join Honors College students and outstanding faculty as they work on archaeological digs or tours of historical sites, tour museums and more! This also allows them to get ahead on earning the Honors Seal on their diploma if they complete their degree at Columbus State.

Admission Requirements

Dual-Enrollment Admission Requirements and Application:

- Students should complete the Honors College Application through our online application available at <https://honors.columbusstate.edu>.
- Admission requirements for dual enrollment students are:
 - An ACT composite score of 24 or a combined SAT Math and Reading score of at least 1100 with a minimum of 500 on each subsection - SAT Scores received since the March 2016 test date must be converted to the previous scoring scale.
 - A high school academic GPA of 3.5 or higher

Honors College students have served as editors to campus publications, interned in the Georgia Legislature, published research articles in professional journals, presented at statewide conferences, and studied at Oxford University as visiting students. Our graduates attend medical,

law and graduate schools at universities such as Auburn, Emory, Columbia, Harvard, York and Oxford.

Honors College students also become members of Honoris Causa, our award-winning student honor society. Honoris Causa members impact our entire campus and community by participating in community service, engaging activities on and off campus, and helping Honors College students feel welcome as they adjust to campus life.

Entering Freshmen Admission Requirements and Application

To be considered for the Honors College, applicants must have applied for admission to Columbus State University.

- Students should complete the Honors College Application through our online application available at <https://honors.columbusstate.edu>.
- Entering freshman will be selected holistically with consideration given to grade point average, class rank, SAT/ACT scores, participation in AP/Honors/IB or dual enrollment coursework, and participation in high school and community activities.
- Admitted honors first year students must not have College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) deficiencies (based on state of Georgia requirements) that prevent regular admission to Columbus State University, and scholarship recipients typically meet at least two of the following three requirements:
 - SAT score of at least 1200 with a minimum of 550 on each subsection or an ACT composite score of 26
 - A high school academic GPA of 3.50 or higher
 - In the top 10% of their graduating class

Students are admitted to the Honors College on an ongoing basis as applications are received.

All applications will be considered for eligibility for scholarships. Students deemed eligible will be notified of additional steps they should take.

Transfer/CSU Undergraduate Enrollment Requirements and Application

In order to qualify for admissions, current CSU students or students transferring to CSU must meet the following criteria for admissions to the Honors College:

- Completion a minimum of 15 semester hours earned that are applicable to a degree program
- An overall cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher in academic courses that are applicable to a degree program*
- Recommendation form completed by a university faculty member

Program of Study

Enrollment Requirements

Once admitted into the CSU Honors College, members must enroll in a minimum of nine semester hours per semester, maintain a 3.40 cumulative GPA, and show progress toward earning an honors diploma. Members receiving honors scholarships must enroll in a minimum of twelve semester hours per semester.

Curricular Requirements

- Complete ITDS 1779H [ITDS 1779 (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/search/?P=ITDS%201779>) Scholarship Across the Disciplines] (2 credit hours)
- Earn a total of 30 Honors Points by documenting accomplishments into each of the following areas:
 - Academic Enhancement – 10 points required
 - Research & Independent Inquiry – 10 points required
 - Personal Enrichment – 10 points required
- Complete HONS 3555 (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/search/?P=HONS%203555>) Great Conversations
- Complete the Honors Senior Project Sequence (3 credit hours)
 - HONS 4901 (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/search/?P=HONS%204901>) Honors Senior Project Proposal
 - HONS 4902 (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/search/?P=HONS%204902>) Honors Senior Research & Independent Inquiry
 - HONS 4903 Honors Thesis, Defense & Exhibition

Students must graduate with cum laude honors (3.4 GPA) or better.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the Honors College curriculum, students will be able to:

- Analyze the commonalities and discords of two different disciplinary perspectives.
- Demonstrate critical and creative thinking through independent inquiry.
- Synthesize and integrate relevant research to illustrate a comprehensive knowledge of the subject.