

THE HONORS COLLEGE

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Oklahoma State University is an active member of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Great Plains Honors Council. The Honors College Degree is composed of a university-wide General Honors component and specialized upper-division components at the departmental or college levels. The Honors College provides academically talented students with the opportunity to study, conduct research and exchange ideas in an exciting and supportive academic environment. Honors sections are offered in many general education courses, and special honors seminars, add-ons and interdisciplinary honors courses also are available. Honors classes are taught by outstanding faculty members and the classes are small in size to facilitate active student involvement. Additionally, the honors experiential learning program allows students to earn honors credit for meaningful, substantive activities that take them beyond the classroom. A wide range of specified activities (arranged under the headings Academics, Arts, Leadership, Study Away, and Service) can qualify for honors points (equivalent to hours) that can be applied toward the general honors award (GHA), to maintain active status, and/or toward additional hours needed for the honors degree after completion of the GHA and departmental/college awards.

Completion of the requirements for the General Honors Award leads to special designation on the student's OSU transcript, as does completion of the requirements for the Departmental or College Honors Award in the student's academic major. Students who earn a minimum of 36 honors credit hours and complete the Departmental or College Honors Award, as well as the General Honors Award, with a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average at graduation, receive the Honors College Degree, including a special entry on their transcripts and special honors diplomas.

Additional advantages for active participants in The Honors College (minimum of three honors credit hours per semester and nine honors credit hours for each two consecutive semesters for freshmen and sophomores and three honors credit hours per semester for juniors and seniors) include use of The Honors College Study Lounge in Old Central (with a computer lab), extended check-out privileges for library materials, priority enrollment for the following semester and an honors housing option in Stout Hall or Bennett Hall (on a rooms-available basis).

Admission of new freshmen to The Honors College is based on an ACT composite score of 27 or higher (or comparable SAT-R score) with a high school weighted or unweighted grade-point average of 3.75 or higher. Application forms are included in the OSU Application for Admission. Entering freshmen who fall just short of these criteria may request a petition form from The Honors College. Students other than new freshmen may be admitted to The Honors College on the basis of their graduation/retention grade-point average (7-59 hours earned: 3.30; 60-93 hours earned: 3.40; 94 or more hours earned: 3.50). Transfer freshmen must have completed at least seven college credit hours (not including concurrent enrollment while in high school) to be eligible on the basis of college performance if they do not have the required high school grade-

point average and ACT score. There is a February 1 deadline for regular acceptance based on the criteria outlined above. Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered on a space-available basis.

For additional information about The Honors College, interested students should consult the Dean or Program Coordinator of The Honors College, 101 Old Central or visit <http://honors.okstate.edu>.