

Departmental Honors Courses

A. To encourage scholarly initiative and in-depth investigation within a limited area of study, Messiah College provides able students with an opportunity to pursue honors courses within their major. Students may qualify for an honors course by

- 1) earning a GPA of 3.50 for all courses and completed at the College to the middle of their junior year and
- 2) meeting all other requirements as prescribed by the department (e.g., GPA for major courses).

B. Each department offering an honors course prescribes the nature of the work, the point at which it shall begin, and whether the credit in whole or in part may be counted toward fulfillment of a student's major requirements. The Department must also approve a student's work for a given semester before permission can be given to proceed with the next semester's work.

C. Up to six semester hours of credit in honors courses may be earned at the rate of three hours per semester. Only the grades of A and B will carry credit. If the honors work is of such high quality as to merit the grade of A, the student will graduate with honors in the discipline, provided he/she has completed six semester hours.

D. Students participating in the College Honors Program may meet their senior honors project requirement through an approved Departmental Honors Course.

E. Graduation with honors in a discipline is recognized at Commencement and is noted on the student's diploma and academic transcript. Only senior students may participate in Departmental Honors courses.