

# Messiah University

## Honors Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **1. What are the new requirements for Honors Congresses/Events?**

All students in the Honors Program will attend two Honors Events every semester they are enrolled on the Mechanicsburg campus.

**a. If I have already completed my three semesters of events, do I still need to go to two each semester from now on?**

Yes

**b. If I'm a senior and completed everything, do I still need to comply with the new event guidelines?**

Yes

**c. Are they called Congresses or Events now?**

Events

**d. Are there specific events I need to go to each semester?**

You can choose any two Honors Events, unless you are a first-year student. In that case, you must attend required Book-of-the-Year events.

**e. What happens if a student does not fulfill their Honors Events Requirements?**

The student will be given the opportunity to remediate their situation with attendance at Honors Events. After this if they still do not fulfill the requirement, they lose membership in the Honors Program.

## **2. What Honors classes will be offered each semester? Where can I find this information?**

Every semester:

- one honors non-western ID course
- one honors ethics/pluralism/worldview ID course
- one honors senior seminar

Fall semester:

- one honors science, tech & the world ID course

[https://www.messiah.edu/info/21056/resources/1547/honors\\_courses](https://www.messiah.edu/info/21056/resources/1547/honors_courses)

## **3. What are the requirements for senior Honors projects?**

[https://www.messiah.edu/info/20098/honors\\_program/1551/senior\\_year\\_experience](https://www.messiah.edu/info/20098/honors_program/1551/senior_year_experience)

### **a. When should I start talking to my professors to plan out if I want to do a senior honors project?**

Fall of junior year - application must be submitted by March 1st of junior year

### **b. Do I have to reach out to my faculty advisor for my honors project myself? When should I do that?**

Yes, anytime in the fall of your junior year. Dr. LaGrand is also happy to meet with honors students to discuss ideas for an honors senior project.

### **c. When do I give my presentation?**

The last month of your last semester on campus.

### **d. Is the Honors project and presentation separate from my department's projects and presentation/symposium?**

Only if you are enrolled in HONR 498/HONR 499

### **e. Can I fulfill this requirement before my senior year?**

Only if you are graduating early. Accommodations may be made for semesters off-campus.

**f. Can some of the credits be taken over the summer?**

No

**g. Are there credit requirements for each semester of my project?**

The project must be completed during two consecutive semesters (fall-spring or spring-fall) for a total of 4-6 credits. Your advisor can help you decide how to split up the credits based on your schedule and project.

**h. How do I sign up for my senior project?**

[Senior Project Application \(click here\)](#)

**i. Do I need to meet with Dr. LaGrand before I start my project?**

No, but he is always willing to meet with students who need help developing a topic or finding faculty advisors.

**4. Are GPA requirements based off each semester by itself or by my cumulative GPA over all semesters?**

GPA's are audited every May. If a GPA falls below the threshold, a student has one semester of probation to work on getting their GPA up.

**5. What counts as leadership? Does the program have a leadership requirement?**

The Honors Program does not require any leadership activity in order to graduate. However, we value student leadership and encourage you to contribute to our program. There are many ways to do so:

- Apply to serve on the Honors Leadership Council.
- Serve as a mentor to a younger Honors student.
- Suggest or lead an Honors event, including student-led book discussions.

Beyond these opportunities for leadership within the Honors Program, we also encourage you to pursue leadership opportunities in other organizations and clubs on campus that interest you.

**6. *What is there that shows I am an Honors Program participant? Are we recognized at graduation, or is there anything on my transcript?***

If an honors student successfully completes all requirements of the Honors Program, this achievement will be noted on their diploma and transcript with the designation "Honors Scholar." This designation is noteworthy on resumes, applications, and with employers. The Honors Program graduate will also receive a large metal medallion on a blue and white ribbon to be worn during Commencement in recognition of their achievement. Finally, the Honors Program has honors merchandise available for purchase.