The College Honors Program exemplifies Messiah College’s commitment to academic excellence and fostering an intellectually rigorous Christian worldview. The College Honors Program is designed for students who demonstrate high scholarly ability early in their academic career.

The program provides a series of interdisciplinary honors courses which satisfy selected general education requirements. Participation in the program culminates in an honors research project, typically during the senior year. In addition, various campus activities are designed each semester for participants in the College Honors Program.

Admission to the program is highly selective and students chosen for the College Honors Program receive either full tuition (Trustees’) or partial tuition (President’s or Faculty) scholarships.

Current enrollment:

415 HONORS STUDENTS representing all four academic schools and nearly all 85+ majors

Our honors students are from

10 COUNTRIES

28 STATES

21ST ANNIVERSARY (founded 1997)

30 average ACT score for honors students—four points higher than class of 2022 average

1406 average SAT score for honors students—nearly 210 points higher than class of 2022 average

100% of honors students receive merit scholarship aid

NUMBER ENROLLED (CLASS OF 2021)
Trustees’ Scholarship: 5 • President’s Scholarship: 78 • Faculty Scholarship: 32

Honors Congress

9 to 13 Honors Congress events held each semester

RECENT KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
• Dr. Greg Moore, Google vice president
• Ruth Naomi Floyd, jazz vocalist
• Eric Metaxas, best-selling author
• Dana Gioia, National Endowment of the Arts chair

OTHER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES:
• Engage nationally recognized authors, scholars and artists
• Attend on- and off-campus cultural events and field trips

Curriculum Requirements

First Year
• First year honors seminar
• Created and Called for Community

Sophomore and Junior Years
• Two interdisciplinary courses of your choosing

Senior Year
Select one of the following:
• Honors project • Senior honors seminar • Service learning project • Scholarship in an academic department

Co-curricular Involvement

15% of College Honors participants take part in intercollegiate sports

College Honors participants hold leadership positions in many college clubs and organizations.

For more info:
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