

Honors Program

● CAREER DEGREE ♦ TRANSFER DEGREE  MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS

Program Description

The Honors Program was created to offer highly motivated and talented students an opportunity to develop their potential more fully as they study for the associate degree. Honors courses are selected from the areas of: English, social science, arts, communication, humanities, math, biology, movement science and business. Honors sections of these courses follow the Socratic dialogue format and offer enrichment through alternative texts, outside readings, research projects and abstract concept development beyond the traditional course section. Additionally, students complete three honors seminars, the service course and the capstone project.

The Honors Program is open to both full and part-time degree-seeking students

Program Outcomes

Students will:

Learn and integrate: Through independent and collaborative learning, acquire and apply knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences, within and across disciplines.

Question, think and create: Use multiple higher order inquiry and thinking strategies to examine real-world issues, explore creative avenues of expression, solve problems and make consequential decisions.

Communicate: Acquire, create and convey intended meaning using oral, written and non-verbal methods of communication that demonstrate respect and understanding in a complex global society.

Clarify purpose and perspective: Explore one's life purpose and meaning through transformational experiences that foster an understanding of and respect for self, relationships, and diverse global perspectives.

Practice citizenship: Apply principles of ethical leadership, collaborative engagement, socially responsible behavior, respect for diversity in an interdependent world, and display a service-oriented commitment to advance and sustain local and global communities.

For expanded Program Learning Outcomes, please visit [the Honors web page](#).

Admissions Criteria

The SUNY Orange Honors Program uses a holistic process to determine who is accepted. We seek well-rounded candidates who want to earn an honors designation, experience a more collegial academic environment, are prepared to engage actively in the opportunities we offer, and meet the program's requirements. We help individuals develop into life-long learners who think critically and innovatively, solve problems creatively, understand diverse viewpoints, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively. We will review all application files until our available seats are filled.

ALL applicants must:

- complete the Honors Program application;
- take the required College Placement Assessment in English and math and place into Freshman English 1 without support module OR otherwise be placed into Freshman English 1; **
- provide one letter of recommendation from faculty, counselors, administrators, or qualified community leaders; ***
- attend an honors interview / roundtable meeting.

We also recommend (but do not require) having one of the following:

- a 90+ high school GPA;
- a high school ranking within the top 10% of the class;
- an SAT score of 1200+ on math & verbal sections;
- an ACT score of 27+;
- a 3.30+ cumulative college GPA.

Please note: This does not mean only candidates with one of these scores will be accepted. Rather, these are suggestions. If you would like to join us but have a significantly lower than recommended score, apply and provide a short letter explaining your situation, strengths in other areas, and intent.

** Students who already have college credit for ENG 101 and / or ENG 102 need not retake those courses. However, the Honors Program requirement of three or six honors English credits must be made up through other writing-intensive honors courses, as determined by the Honors Program Coordinator.

*** Current SUNY Orange students may replace the formal letter with a short, emailed recommendation from one of their SUNY Orange professors.

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We welcome students of all backgrounds and experiences, including (but not limited to): GED holders, home schooled students, veterans, adult learners, part-time, and international students. Please speak with the Admissions office and Honors Program Coordinator to determine eligibility and / or alternative documentation.

Transfer Options

Completion of the Honors Program may enhance transfer and scholarship opportunities to more selective colleges and universities and prepare students for the academic work required for continued pursuit of undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Our students have successfully transferred to many prestigious schools including:

- Smith College
- Clemson University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
- Vassar College
- Emerson University
- American University
- Cornell University
- Bard College
- Johns Hopkins University

Requirements for Honors Designation

In order for students to show the Honors Designation on their transcripts and seal on their diplomas upon graduation, they must have been accepted to and have attained the following in the Honors Program:

1. Completion of all degree requirements;
2. Achievement of a 3.5 GPA at the time of graduation, with no semester GPA less than 3.0.

Honors Program Gateway Courses:

The Honors Program includes students from a wide variety of disciplines. Due to this, the Gateway Courses, Key Courses and suggested Electives may vary depending on your degree program. It is recommended that you discuss these options with your Academic Advisor to help guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience.

A. A. Degree

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
HON 120H	Honors Service Learning**		1
ENG 101H	Honors Freshman English 1	P	3
ENG 102H	Honors Freshman English 2	P	3
_____	Honors Social Science		3
_____	Honors Humanities		3
_____	Honors GE1 or GE2*		3-4
HON 201H	Honors Seminar		1
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HON 290H	Honors Capstone 1: Planning & Research	P	1.5
HON 291H	Honors Capstone 2: Writing & Presentation	P	1.5
	Total Honors Credits		22-23

Milestones

- N/A

A.S. Degree

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
HON 120H	Honors Service Learning**		1
ENG 101H	Honors Freshman English 1	P	3
ENG 102H	Honors Freshman English 2	P	3
_____	Honors Social Science		3
_____	Honors Social Science		3
_____	Honors GE1 or GE2*		3-4
HON 201H	Honors Seminar		1
HON 201H	Honors Seminar		1
HON 201H	Honors Seminar		1

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
HON 290H	Honors Capstone 1: Planning & Research	P	1.5
HON 291H	Honors Capstone 2: Writing & Presentation	P	1.5
	Total Honors Credits		22-23

Milestones

- N/A

A.A.S. Degree

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
HON 120H	Honors Service Learning**		1
ENG 101H	Honors Freshman English 1	P	3
ENG 102H	Honors Freshman English 2	P	3
_____	Honors Social Science		3
_____	Honors Humanities or Honors Social Science ***		3
_____	Honors GE1 or GE2*		3-4
HON 201H	Honors Seminar		1
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HON 201H	Honors Seminar		1
HON 290H	Honors Capstone 1: Planning & Research	P	1.5
HON 291H	Honors Capstone 2: Writing & Presentation	P	1.5
	Total Honors Credits		22-23

Milestones

- N/A

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: N/A**Notes:**

* May be fulfilled by taking non honors MAT 205 OR by taking one of the following non honors math courses AND one of the following non honors science courses, depending upon degree requirements:

Math:

- MAT 113 Mathematics for Liberal Arts
- MAT 120 Introduction to Statistics
- MAT 121 College Algebra
- MAT 122 College Trigonometry
- MAT 131 Pre-Calculus

Lab Science:

- BIO 101 General Biology 1
- BIO 143 Field Biology
- CHM 101 General Chemistry 1
- GLG 101 Earth Science
- GLG 110 General Geology
- PHY 101 General Physics 1
- PHY 103 General Physics with Calculus

** The seminar, service (taken three times), and capstone credits are specific requirements of the Honors Program. They also may be counted as Liberal Arts or General Electives. They are restricted to those students who have been admitted into the program.

*** dependent upon the courses required by the specific A.A.S.