

Advising Honors Students

To qualify for the honors program, incoming students have an ACT composite or superscore of 26 or higher, a high school GPA of at least 3.5 (or rank within the top 10% of their class), and a completed and approved honors program application. Transfer and currently enrolled students must have a current GPA of 3.5 or higher with at least 15 college credits, plus a completed and approved honors program application. Most incoming students who qualify were already given the opportunity to apply. If your student is interested in the honors program and has not applied, applications are available at www.missouriwestern.edu/honors. If you are not sure whether your student is an honors student, please contact the honors office at 4535, or e-mail Kim Gray (kgray@missouriwestern.edu).

Steps for advising honors students:

1. Check to see if your student is an honors student in GPS by going to “student info.” Under “additional student info,” you will see a “Y” next to honors program. Students should have a 3.25 overall to remain in the Honors Program. **If your student has fallen below GPA but still shows the “Y” by the Honors Program he or she should STILL ENROLL in honors courses.**
2. Advise students to enroll in one or two General Studies Honors classes per semester until they have completed 12 hours. General Studies Honors classes are indicated with -80 or -81, except for ENG112, ETC 200, and MAT167. **Note: Dual-credit (unless completed through MWSU and “always honors”) or AP classes are not recognized as general studies honors classes. At this time, no transfer classes are recognized as substitution for GS honors classes.** You can find a listing in the course schedule by indicating “all departments,” then checking the “all honors” box under “course type.”
3. Advise students to enroll in an Honors Colloquium until they have completed four hours total. Honors colloquia are special topics classes, and are designated as HON195 or HON395. Three to four sections are offered per semester. Incoming freshmen that are accepted into the Honors Program generally complete the two-credit-hour HON195 their first semester. You can also find a listing in the course schedule by indicating “honors program” under “department,” however, this will not yield detailed descriptions of the colloquia.
4. Advise students to enroll in 2 credits of UNV 201 (Community Service Learning) by going to the Center for Service located in Eder Hall 201 and enrolling. Students can do that at any time during the semester.
5. If students are interested in Majors (Departmental) Honors, direct them to the “Majors Honors Approval Form” from the honors homepage. Majors Honors requires an overall GPA of 3.50, additional coursework within the sponsoring department, as well as additional colloquia.
6. If you feel that the Honors Director needs to be aware of any advisement issue, record it as a general note under the “Note” section of Griffon GPS. This comment will remain at the

bottom of the screen and cannot be removed. If your student has visited the Honors Director for academically-related issues, this will also appear on Griffon GPS.

7. Griffon GPS indicates progress towards achieving General Studies Honors in its own section, similar to tracking achievement toward a major or minor. Please note that students need 18 hours total, with 4 credits coming from HON. "General Studies Awarded" will appear on the student's transcript once all requirements are fulfilled. Griffon GPS does not track progress toward Majors Honors and these courses will appear in the elective section on GPS.
8. If you have questions, please contact Joel Hyer (jhyer) or Kim Gray (kgray) or call 4535.

PROGRESS: Honors students must demonstrate progress toward General Studies Honors. To maintain honors status and privileges, they should take at least one General Studies Honors class or Colloquium per semester until completing the program. Students who lapse more than one semester are notified by the Honors Program. Golden Griffon Scholarship recipients are required to actively pursue General Studies Honors.

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