

# Stand Out!

The MAC Honors Program offers you a chance to stand out when applying for scholarships, colleges and jobs by completing a limited number of honors assignments with support and guidance from an instructor. You'll also receive special recognition and your Honors Medallion at Commencement.

The Honors Program at MAC is a way to enrich your knowledge through additional coursework.

## Through Honors you can:

- gain a competitive edge for programs, scholarship applications, transferring to other institutions and job applications.
- explore an area in depth
- demonstrate your dedication to learning and see the results appear later on your official transcript
- gain recognition at Commencement
- see your efforts rewarded with an Honors Medallion
- showcase your skills and talents



## Statements from students...

*Learn more by making it personal. It's manageable and designed just for you!*

- "I believe my work ethic and professional communication skills have improved and will help me in the future with communicating with my co-workers and patients."
- "I feel more able to prepare learning resources for other people and present them to an audience in a professional and educational manner."
- "Never give up, don't not do something just because you don't have to. Always strive for better and more."
- "...it's flexible and it incorporates students' personal interests into their honors projects."
- "I can learn more about the subject I am taking a class in than I would have without doing it for Honors."
- "The opportunity to have the self-directed learning. It's great to be able to pick something I'm passionate about and then turn that into a real-life project. I was happy to be able to do the work, but then to be able to share the information with my classmates made it all that much more worthwhile."

## Types of projects

**What you do is up to you and your instructor to decide!** *You could:*

- read a book and analyze the content
- conduct research and write a paper
- create an original work of art, music or literature
- give a scholarly report or presentation
- conduct an investigation or survey

*Accelerate your learning and gain a deeper understanding of the topics you're studying with the Honors Program!*



# How do I graduate with Honors?

## Am I eligible to begin the Honors Program?

Have any one of the following:

First-Time Students:

- high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- ACT composite score of 21
- ACT reading score of 21
- Compass reading score of 89

Returning Students:

- overall GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale
- complete projects within the semester the contract is signed

## Students are limited to:

- 2 Honors courses per semester
- 1 Honors course per instructor in any one semester.

## What happens if I change my mind?

Fill out a "Request to Reverse the Honors Option" form by the published last date to drop a class.

## How do I graduate with honors?

Meet all of the following criteria:

- an overall GPA of 3.0 or above
- complete a minimum of 4 classes totaling at least 12 credit hours of Honors courses receive at least a "B" in all Honors courses

NOTE: A "C" or below in any Honors course will disqualify you from the program! You may not take an extra Honors course to make up for a "C."

- schedule an exit interview with the director of the Honors Program/Arts & Sciences Dean, in the semester you plan to graduate

NOTE: The Honors option excludes extensions or an "incomplete" grade.

*For her honors project, future nurse Ally Ward created a dissection manual and presented it to her class.*



## How do I get started?

1. Review the program requirements
2. Ask your instructor within the first two weeks of class if he or she would recommend you for the Honors Program (or the first week for summer classes). Students enrolled at any MAC campus may take advantage of honors credit as long as the instructors teaching those classes are willing. Your instructor will discuss the details of your honors project plans and help you sign up.
3. Know the dates to add or reverse an Honors course
4. Schedule your exit interview with the director of the Honors Program/Arts & Sciences Dean, the semester you plan to graduate.

## Questions?

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- ✓ Stand out on scholarship, university and employment applications
- ✓ Receive special recognition at Commencement



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