

## Waubonsee Community College Honors Program: FAQs for Students



### What is the Honors Program?

The Honors Program at Waubonsee Community College is designed for students who would like an additional intellectual challenge in their coursework. This challenge may come from working on a special project in a specific course under the mentorship of a specific

faculty member. Potential projects could include an exploratory research project, a service-learning project, the creation of artwork or a musical piece or performance, or the designing of digital media, and more. Students will decide upon a particular project in conjunction with their faculty mentor. Students may consider 100 and 200 level coursework for the Honors Program. Courses that are scheduled for less than eight weeks and developmental courses are not eligible.

### What are the Benefits of Being an Honors Student at Waubonsee Community College?

Not only is participation in the Honors Program an excellent experience to include on one's resume, but it is also a great way to work closely with a faculty member and pursue an interesting, independent project. In addition, students who successfully complete a class in the Honors Program and earn either a grade of A or B on their Honors Project and an A or B as a final course grade in honors courses will receive honors recognition reflected on their transcripts. Students who achieve 12 or more semester hours of honors courses, a 3.25 overall grade point average, and a 3.0 grade point average in their honors courses will have the notation Honors Program Graduate printed on their diplomas.

### Scholarship Opportunities

Honors students earning 12 or more semester hours of honors credit may be eligible for consideration for a full tuition scholarship at North Central College (Naperville, IL) and Elmhurst University (Elmhurst, IL).

### What are the Criteria for Acceptance Into the Honors Program?

Criteria for admission into the Honors Program are as follows:

Students entering college for the first time must have high school transcripts or their equivalent on file with the Registrar's office. Evidence that a student graduated with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher from high school class or attained an ACT composite score of 25 or higher or SAT composite score of 1200 or higher.

Students with existing college credit must have achieved at least 12 college transfer-level hours at Waubonsee Community College or another accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and be on file with the Registrar's office.

**Note:** Admission to the Honors Program requires a 3.5 GPA. After admission, students will need to maintain a 3.25 to continue in the program.

### How do I Apply?

Interested students who meet the criteria above should submit the Application Form. Next, review the Honors Project Contract and talk with a current faculty member. Finally, complete the Honors Project Contract. The Honors Project Contract must be reviewed and approved (with signature) by the faculty member before it can be submitted by the faculty member. All materials should be submitted by:

- September 15 for the Fall Semester
- February 15 for the Spring Semester

**Note:** If the 15th occurs on a weekend, contracts will be accepted through the end of the day the following Monday.

### Who Can I Contact for Further Information?

You can submit questions to:

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