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Statement of Values

Members of the Honors College community at Michigan State University value integrity, critical thought, and collaboration. We approach learning with an openness and inclusivity that encourages consideration of diverse perspectives. We aspire to excellence – challenging ourselves and crossing boundaries of disciplines, communities, and cultures as we innovate for tomorrow.

Message from the Dean

Since our founding in 1956, the Honors College has provided a unique academic experience for high achieving students. Honors students are crafting an individualized academic program that balances challenge and rigor with flexibility and opportunity, while also meeting degree requirements. The Honors community is embedded into campus, represented by faculty, staff, and students rich in curiosity, talent, motivation, and experience.

This handbook is intended for new and returning Honors College students seeking guidance and resources to maximize their Honors experience. From information on benefits and requirements, to advising, research, education abroad, and service, this handbook can serve as a starting point.

We hope that you will connect with Honors faculty and staff early and often with questions and ideas about your Honors experience and navigating Michigan State University as you prepare for your future.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore
Dean and Professor
Honors College
Recognizing that effective academic advising is the key to student success, academic advisors will collaborate with the MSU community and stakeholders to proactively assist, support, and develop students.

Source: MSU Academic Advising Mission

Core Expectations: Collaboration

- Demonstrate to students that MSU is committed to their success
- Be responsive — listen to the individual experiences of students at MSU and begin necessary conversations to proactively engage with students
- Create spaces where students feel valued
- Challenge and support students in their personal, educational, and professional growth
- Educate students to prepare them for experiences at MSU and beyond

See more at:
http://undergrad.msu.edu/programs/academic-advising#Mission
Honors College Advising System

Honors College Academic Advisor

See for:
- Honors College membership requirements
- University Integrative Studies substitutions
- Honors experiences
- Academic Progress Plan (HCAPP)
- Honors education abroad

Where are they located?
Honors College advisors are located in Eustace-Cole Hall (circled in red on the map). This is on the north side of campus, across from Olin Health Center.

Honors Departmental (Major) Advisor

See for:
- Major/academic college requirements
- Research and internships
- Education abroad programs related to major
- Co-curricular experiences

Where are they located?
https://honorscollege.msu.edu/academics/departmental-advisors
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To schedule an appointment with your advisor visit
https://msu.campus.eab.com
Discover Your Purpose

• By individualizing your degree program with hundreds of course substitutions. Approval required.

Stretch Yourself

• By taking Honors courses, sections, Honors Options - or even graduate courses.
• By, in some cases, bypassing course restrictions and pre-requisites.

Prioritize

• By planning for the first day of annual enrollment, even strategizing a graduation plan with your major advisor.

Make Connections

• By joining Honors College sponsored activities and student organizations

International Scholars Advisory Board    First Year Council
Dean’s Advisory Council    Service Club    H-STAR
Honors Times Two    First Generation Honors Association
Honors College Activities Board    MOSAIC

In the Honors College:

To see a full list of Honors College benefits, visit
https://honorscollege.msu.edu/admissions/academic-benefits-and-requirements.html
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1 UNIVERSITY INTEGRATIVE STUDIES REQUIREMENT SUBSTITUTIONS

Honors College students must complete departmental course substitutions to replace University Integrative Studies (IAH/ISS/ISB/ISP) and Writing (WRA). Each course must be 3-4 credits:

One (1) course — Honors Writing
Two (2) courses — Arts & Humanities (AH)
Two (2) courses — Social Sciences (SS)
Two (2) courses — Natural Sciences (NS)

• University Lab and University Diversity Distribution requirements linked to Integrative Studies are eligible to be waived upon completion.
• Engaging in international/multicultural diversity opportunities via substitutions coursework is encouraged.

2 HONORS EXPERIENCES

Honors College students pursue an enriched program of study that requires at least 8 Honors-caliber courses.

• Three of the eight Honors experiences required by the end of the spring semester of the second year at MSU.
• Two degrees require 10 Honors experiences for Honors College notation on both degrees.

3 HONORS COLLEGE ACADEMIC PROGRESS PLAN

Complete the Honors College Academic Progress Plan (HCAPP) — 2 portions:

• The Self-Reflection Summary (SRS) form MUST be submitted annually during enrollment time each Spring (due by May 15 every year).

• The University Integrative Studies Requirements Substitution form must be completed ‘as needed,’ when a student enrolls in a substitution course. Substitutions should be approved in advance of taking the course.

4 GPA

Establish and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 until graduation.

Student records will be reviewed regularly. Students who do not meet the above continuing membership requirements will be released from the Honors College.

https://honorscollege.msu.edu/academics/requirements.html
University Integrative Studies – Substitution Summary

For Honors College members, disciplinary courses replace the University Integrative Studies requirement. The Tier I Writing requirement can be fulfilled by WRA 195H or an approved substitution course. This summary provides a starting point for planning substitution courses for IAH, ISS, ISB and ISP, but is not an exhaustive list. Note that any substitution course requires approval from an HC Advisor using the online request form in the Honors College Academic Progress Plan (HCAPP.)

- HONORS SECTIONS in IAH, ISS, ISB and ISP ARE acceptable in fulfilling University Integrative Studies.
- HONORS OPTIONS in Integrative Studies courses will NOT fulfill University Integrative Studies requirements.

1 course in WRITING - WRA 195H or an approved departmental course in consultation with an HC Advisor – should cover composition, critical reading and research skill development.

2 courses in the ARTS & HUMANITIES area (replaces IAH)

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<tr>
<th>Philosophy - PHL (130 &amp; above)</th>
<th>Religious Studies - REL (150 &amp; above)</th>
<th>Linguistics - LIN (200, 225, 401)</th>
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<td>Political Philosophy – PLS courses (170, 371, 372)</td>
<td>English - ENG (210 &amp; above)</td>
<td>History - HST (140 &amp; above)</td>
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<td>Music and Theater – MUS / THR w/ History, Literature &amp; Culture focus (MUS 211, 212; THR 110, 330, 350)</td>
<td>World Languages - typically 300 level w/ History, Lit &amp; Culture focus</td>
<td>Anthropology - ANP (Archaeology courses only, i.e. 203, 264)</td>
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<td>History of Art - most HA</td>
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2 courses in the SOCIAL SCIENCE area (replaces ISS)

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<th>Psychology - PSY (PSY 101H - Honors Section only; most courses PSY 200 &amp; above)</th>
<th>Human Development &amp; Family Studies - HDFS (211, 212, 225)</th>
<th>Economics - EC</th>
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<td>Social Work - SW 200</td>
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<td>Political Science - PLS (160 &amp; above)</td>
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<td>Sociology - most SOC courses 131 &amp; above</td>
<td>Anthropology - ANP (200, 205 excluded)</td>
<td>Geography - Most GEO courses 200 &amp; above (excludes technical courses)</td>
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<td>Criminal Justice - CJ (220, 275 only)</td>
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2 courses in the NATURAL SCIENCE area (replaces ISB/ISP)

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<th>Biological Sciences - BS, MMG, PSL, IBIO</th>
<th>Physical/Earth Sci</th>
<th>PSY, ANP w/ Nat Sci focus</th>
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<td>Chemistry - CEM</td>
<td>Geography GEO 203, 206</td>
<td>PSY 209; ANP 206</td>
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<td>Physics - PHY</td>
<td>Geology - GLG 201, 202</td>
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<td>Human Genetics - MMG 141</td>
<td>Entomology - ENT 205</td>
<td>Plant Biology - PLB 105</td>
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- Substitution courses must be 3-4 credits and above the introductory level.

- Courses that are not acceptable: skill-based/practice-based (i.e. music performance, language-learning); research methodology; required on the primary degree
Any combination of **8 Honors Experiences are required** to graduate from the Honors College.

Small, in-depth, accelerated

Honors courses are designated by an “H” after the course number where Honors sections are designated by an “H” after the section number.

500-800 levels

Be sure to consult with your Honors College and Honors major advisors. You will need a departmental level override.

https://honorscollege.msu.edu/academics/program-flexibility.html
• The Honors Option is one way in which an Honors College student who is enrolled in non-Honors course can earn an Honors experience.

• An Honors Option is more extensive or more advanced work than is required of all students in a regular course. The professor must approve the format, timeline, and scope of the project.

• The quality of an Honors Option project does not affect the grade assigned for a course; however, in some cases the department may require a minimum course grade.

TO-DO:

1. Check whether your course is approved by the department for Honors Option credit at: https://honorscollege.msu.edu/faculty/honors-option-authorization.html

2. Talk to your professor early in the semester to see whether they would be willing to oversee an Honors Option

3. Complete an Honors Option Agreement Form located on the Registrar’s website at reg.msu.edu by selecting “Student Instructor Forms”

   • If you are doing a service-learning Honors Option, an Honors Option with a Service Learning Focus form is required

4. At the end of the term, the instructor approves the Honors Option if the work was completed and the department’s requirements satisfied

Please note: Honors Option approval typically takes 2-3 weeks

https://honorscollege.msu.edu/academics/honors-option.html
The HCAPP is a two-part electronic form required to be completed to maintain Honors College membership.

[Link to HCAPP form]

1. **University Integrative Studies Requirements Substitution Approval Form**

   • Submit as needed when enrolling for a course intended to substitute for the University Integrative Studies requirement. Submit no later than the end of the semester taking the proposed substitution course.

2. **Self-Reflection Summary (SRS)**

   • Submit every Spring semester during preparation for annual enrollment, usually after meeting with your departmental Honors advisor. The deadline is May 15 each year. Honors College members who do not submit the SRS by the May 15 deadline will be released from the Honors College. To confirm the SRS has been submitted, log back into the HCAPP.

**Tips**

• Access the HCAPP anytime to see submissions, approvals, comments, etc.
• Use Degree Navigator (MSU’s degree audit tool) to review degree requirements — those completed and those left to be completed — and to confirm your approved University Integrative Studies Requirement substitutions have been entered.

[Link to Degree Navigator]

Access Degree Navigator at:
https://degnav.msu.edu/index.asp
Pursuit of Graduate/Professional School Immediately Following Graduation

30% of MSU Graduates

49% of Honors College Graduates

Funding for Graduate/Professional School

87%
Have full or partial funding to pursue an MA/MS or PhD

58%
Have full or partial funding for any type of graduate/professional education

For 2014-2016 Honors College graduates attending graduate/professional school

Representation in World’s Top Research Universities

17% | Top 25

19% | Top 50

69% | Top 100

Of Honors College graduates pursuing graduate or professional school immediately following graduation
Undergraduate research is an excellent way to extend your learning beyond the classroom to explore topics in greater depth. Engaging in research and creative scholarly activities provides students with hands-on experience extending our understanding of the world, solving pressing problems, creating new theories or contributing to the arts.

Facts about research:
• On average (last 3 years), the Honors College offered 15 Honors Research Seminars with nearly 200 students enrolled per year.
• 2/3 of Honors College graduates report participating in at least 1 semester of undergraduate research
• 14% report publishing at least 1 article in a disciplinary journal prior to graduation
Engage in Research

Resources available to Honors College students:

- **Honors Research Seminars – UGS 200H**
  
  Offered to first and second-year Honors College students, HRSs are small course-based research experiences where students collaborate on a faculty-designed research topic. Seminars count as an Honors experience and can also, with approval, serve as a University Integrative Studies requirement substitution.

- **Honors College Research Scholars Programs**
  
  Targeting first and second-year students, the Honors College Research Scholars Programs are application-based programs offering students funding to support faculty scholarship as a paid research assistant.

- **Funding to Support Research Activities and Conference Travel**
  
  The Honors College has several individual awards for students needing support to conduct independent research, to travel to a conference to present their research or to complete thesis or capstone research prior to their senior year.

  https://honorscollege.msu.edu/programs/scholarships-for-current-students.html

- **Red Cedar Undergraduate Research Journal (ReCUR)**
  
  ReCUR is an annual publication for Honors College students to publish their research or creative work.

  Submissions are evaluated on a rolling basis.

  https://www.recur.msu.edu/

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Advancing Inclusion Through Research Award**
  
  In an effort to build the body of work authored by students that supports the MSU and MLK, Jr. ideals of inclusive excellence, the Honors College encourage submissions of student research papers and creative projects on topics on inclusion, diversity, and marginalized populations.

  MSU members of Honors College, James Madison College, Lyman Briggs College, or the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities are eligible to apply.

  https://honorscollege.msu.edu/programs/mlk-research-award.html
National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) Office

Michigan State University students have successfully competed for the most prestigious national and international fellowships and scholarships. The National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) Office helps interested students pursue major national and international opportunities by providing information and direct support throughout the application process for more than 20 competitive awards, including:

- **Mitchell Scholarship**
  All disciplines
  1 year of graduate study at any university in Ireland
  Seniors/recent graduates, 3.7+ GPA
  Deadline: August 1

- **Truman Scholarship**
  Public service and government
  Leadership training, and funding for up to 3 years of graduate study at an accredited U.S. university
  Juniors, 3.3+ GPA, U.S. citizens
  Deadline: November 1

- **Goldwater Scholarship**
  Mathematics, natural sciences and engineering
  1-2 years undergraduate study
  Sophomores/juniors, 3.7+ GPA, U.S. citizens & permanent residents
  Deadline: November 1

- **Beinecke Scholarship**
  Arts, humanities, social sciences
  Up to 5 years of graduate study
  Juniors, 3.0+ GPA, U.S. citizens, financial need
  Deadline: December 1

- **Rhodes Scholarship**
  All disciplines
  2-3 years study at Oxford University
  Seniors/recent graduates, 3.7+ GPA
  Deadline: August 1

- **Udall Scholarship**
  Environmental fields, future Native American & Alaska Native leaders in public/community health care/public policy
  1-2 years of undergraduate study
  Sophomores/juniors, 3.0+ GPA, U.S. citizens & permanent residents
  Deadline: Early January

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https://nifs.msu.edu/
Engage with the World

Honors College students are encouraged to participate in an education abroad experience. There are a variety of ways to do this including: research abroad, study/coursework abroad, international service-learning/community engagement, and international internships. Honors College members are eligible to participate in the **EuroScholars Research Abroad Program**, a semester-long research placement at a top European institution for juniors or seniors of all majors.

**Scholarships:**
- Cole International Study Award – For summer, fall & academic year programs
- Benschop International Enrichment Award – For winter/spring break & spring programs
- Honors College Study Abroad Planning Grant – For first year underrepresented students
- Schoenl Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas — For international development projects

Need help finding a program or funding?
Contact Dr. Kristin Janka, Director of International Engagement, hcgglobal@msu.edu

https://honorscollege.msu.edu/programs/global.html
JOB PLACEMENT

Over the past 5 years (2013-17)

96% Honors College job placement rate

92% Placement rate for all MSU grads

STARTING SALARIES
Average = $49,697  High = $120,000

$61,504 75th Percentile

$49,585 50th Percentile

$38,148 25th Percentile

JOB PLACEMENT IN THE TOP COMPANIES

18% Fortune 100

31% Fortune 500

33% Fortune 1000

Of Honors College graduates working for Fortune magazine ranked companies