

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
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UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Scholarship, Leadership, Service

The MSUM Honors Program provides excellent teaching, mentorship, and long-term intellectual development to academically advanced students seeking an interdisciplinary liberal arts program. Emphasizing the development of the student's unique worldview and intellectual potential, the program focuses the student's academic talent through small classes that motivate thinking across disciplines. All of the requirements for the Honors Program fulfill Dragon Core requirements, providing advanced students with a challenging curriculum suited to their needs and abilities.

Students begin with a core curriculum, the Honors Foundation, including Honors sections of Foundation Four courses. Building upon this solid foundation, the Honors Colloquium develops students' analytical, logical, and critical reading skills and is structured to encourage open discussion of current issues and broadly interdisciplinary intellectual themes. The Honors seminars enable students to refine their intellectual skills across a range of disciplines. The senior Capstone Experience enables students to extend skills and abilities developed over the course of their experience, writing intellectual and/or professional theses that integrate their disciplinary major with their interdisciplinary training.

Benefits of the Honors Program

- Small class sizes
- Individualized advising with Honors Mentor
- Extracurricular activities designed for Honors students
- Increased faculty contact
- Interdisciplinary and integrated general education
- Greater marketability at graduation

Entrance Requirements

Seeking the best scholars, the Honors Program Committee will review applications on a rolling basis. Admission to the Honors Program will be primarily based on

- Short sample (4–6 pages) of academic, creative, or intellectual written work

Students should provide the Honors Program Committee with their best written work. The Committee will also consider

- SAT and/or ACT scores for entering freshmen
- Personal statement
- Minimum high school, college transfer, or current college GPA: 3.6 (recommended)

The Honors Program committee understands that intellectual and scholarly ability can be effectively measured in a number of distinct ways. To that end, dedicated scholars are encouraged to apply regardless of any individual admissions requirement.

Honors Housing

- Extended, secure Dorm Quiet Hours 9 p.m.–9 a.m.
- Network of dedicated classmates and study groups
- A community with shared professional goals
- Resident advisors conversant with Honors Program
- Living environment that extends student success



Sample Honors Program Offerings

Courses:

- Human Nature as the Psychologist Sees It
- The Dangerous Eighteenth Century
- History of Science
- Tellings and Retellings: Classic Stories in Different Versions

Discussion Group:

- *War Is A Force That Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges
- *Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace* by Vandana Shiva

Lecture Series:

- The Rise of China and India: Making Economic and Business History
- A Western Approach to the Buddhist Thesis of No-Self
- Philosophical Reflections on War and Peace from MSUM's Hiroshima Peace Studies Tour

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