

# University Honors College

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The Honors College curriculum is designed with the needs of the superior student in mind. It is a University-wide program, leading to a degree with University Honors in a major of the student's choice. Emphasis is on small classes, excellence of instruction, and interaction between students and professors.

The University Honors College is housed in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, a facility designed to provide a sense of community among high-achieving students.

Entering freshmen are eligible to participate in the Honors College if they have a minimum high school GPA of 3.50 and a 25 composite score on the ACT. Returning MTSU and transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or greater to enroll in Honors classes.

Participation in the MTSU Honors College does not afford students an automatic waiver of out-of-state tuition.

## Graduation Requirements

To graduate from the College of University Honors, a student must

1. complete a minimum of 20 hours of lower-division Honors coursework;
2. complete a minimum of 4 hours of upper-division coursework (one hour of which must be a UH 3000 Honors Lecture Series);
3. complete a minimum of 3 hours interdisciplinary coursework (additional hours of interdisciplinary course hours may substitute for upper-division hours);
4. complete the Honors Thesis Tutorial, UH 4900, for 1 hour credit;
5. complete the Honors Thesis, UH 4950, an independent research or creative project, for at least 3 hours credit (an engraved University Honors College medallion is awarded);
6. have a minimum 3.25 GPA;
7. file an Intent to Graduate with University Honors form no later than the beginning of the semester of graduation.

## Recognition

Students who graduate with University Honors

1. receive a certificate upon completion of 20 hours lower-division Honors coursework;
2. have all Honors coursework designated on their transcripts;
3. have University Honors College graduate designated on the official transcript;
4. wear special academic regalia at graduation.

## Departmental or School Honors Offerings

Honors sections are offered in the following schools or departments:

Accounting	History
Aerospace	Health and Human Performance
Art	Journalism
Biology	Management and Marketing
Business Communication and Entrepreneurship	Mathematical Sciences
Chemistry	Music
Economics and Finance	Philosophy
Educational Leadership	Physics and Astronomy
Electronic Media Communication	Political Science
Elementary and Special Education	Psychology
English	Recording Industry
Foreign Languages and Literatures	Social Work
	Sociology and Anthropology
	Speech and Theatre

Honors students may receive Honors credit in non-Honors upper-division courses under special circumstances (see Honors Contract guidelines).

## The Honors Living and Learning Center

Students who enroll in at least one 3-hour Honors class per semester qualify for residence in the Honors College Living and Learning Community in Lyon Complex. MTSU Housing and Residential Life has worked with the Honors College to create a total learning environment that unites the educational and the residential experiences. The Lyon Complex, located in the historic section of campus, is home to a diverse group of students from all academic disciplines and includes both Honors and non-Honors students. Recently renovated, Lyon Complex includes Miss Mary and McHenry Halls and can house 236 students. Qualifying students may request residency on a first-come, first-served basis and may request a specific roommate. Amenities include

- computer lab
- resident assistant on each floor
- meeting rooms and study rooms with carrels
- service-learning classroom
- floor lounges
- community kitchens and laundry facilities on every floor
- activities and programs to encourage community and academic growth
- blue bus route transports students to the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building with pickup every 5 to 10 minutes
- Honors Advisor available during peak times

## Courses in University Honors [UH]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.