HONORS AT MIZZOU
What’s your advantage?

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Why Mizzou Honors?

“Honors faculty are extraordinary teachers and caring mentors”
– Andrew Allee, Class of 2015

Challenging

- High-impact practices
- Experimental
- Higher rates of success
- Collaboration
- Skills
- Rewarding

Engaging

- Globalism
- Creative assignments
- Invigorating

Fulfilling

Distinguished faculty
Friends
Small classes
Intriguing
Dynamic

Emphasis on critical thinking
Smaller classes and Priority Course Registration.

Over 400 Research & Artistry experiences.

Scholarships and grants that support your learning.

Honors Advisors and extended advising.

Engaged and accessible faculty and administration.

An intellectual community of peers in the Honors Learning Community.

Additional and extensive co-curricular opportunities.

Higher overall GPA and higher GPA in Honors courses than regular courses.
Why Honors at Mizzou?

The Best of Many Worlds

The University of Missouri

- 300+ academic majors
- $270 million research funding annually
- A leader in student support services and opportunities
- Top-ten institution for undergraduate research

Honors College

- Innovative, challenging curriculum
- Greater faculty-student engagement with over 150 of MU’s best faculty
- Enhanced leadership, creative, and research opportunities
- Exciting and dynamic student-scholar learning community

Founded in 1958, we are the oldest Honors College in the US.
# Honors Admission Requirements

**[First Time College/Freshmen]**

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| • 29+ ACT (SAT 1290* pre-March 2016 exam or 1350 redesigned SAT)  
  • Top 5% of your class or  
  • Core GPA of at least 3.91 | • 30+ ACT (SAT 1330* pre-March 2016 exam or 1390 redesigned SAT)  
  • Top 10% of your class or  
  • Core GPA of at least 3.74 | • 31+ ACT (SAT 1360* pre-March 2016 exam or 1420 redesigned SAT)  
  • Top 15% of your class or  
  • Core GPA of at least 3.58 |

Students who do not meet direct eligibility requirements are encouraged to petition for consideration through our **Alternate Admission** process in which we consider a student’s entire academic and co-curricular profile.

*You must apply via the application on our website by March 1!*

*You are not admitted until you receive an official email and admission letter from the Honors College.*
Honors College Profile
Class of 2021

First Year Students – 587
Mean ACT – 31.3
Students with 4.0+ – 167

States – 32 | Countries – 5

All eleven undergraduate MU Colleges and Schools are represented. Those with highest Honors enrollment are:

Arts & Science – 157
Journalism – 121
Engineering – 99
Trulaske (Business) – 68
CAFNR – 59

“You must be someone who strives for academic excellence...posses a breadth of intellectual curiosity...loves to learn...aspires to be a leader...and strives to make your Mizzou experience an adventure. In all of this, Honors is your advantage.”
How Honors Works at Mizzou

- You must take a minimum of 4 courses within your first four semesters (two per year, required) and a total of **24 credit hours** designated as Gn_Hon or H.

- Sustain a GPA (cumulative and Honors) of **3.5 or higher**, every semester at MU. We allow students one semester of probation, if needed.

- There is no required Honors curriculum, so it is **highly customizable**.

- Honors College students have **Priority Registration** for all MU classes, after their first semester.

- Students must get approval or provide us with advance notice for **arranged courses** within the College’s offerings – graduate courses, learning-by-contract, independent study, study abroad, etc.

- The College provides its own **catalog of course listings and advising services** for you each semester.

- Students who receive Honors College **scholarships** must be enrolled in at least one Honors course for each semester of the award, regardless of how many other Honors credits have been earned.

- We use a **Student Response Model** and **Quirk Theory** to build our curriculum and programming – in short, this means that the College is focused on **you**!
Honors Courses

...more challenging, engaging, in-depth, and different.

- Series Courses
- Seminars and Colloquia
- Departmental Courses
- Tutorials (limited to five - ten students)
- Study Abroad
- Contract and Independent Study
- Writing Intensive Courses

Honors partners with the Law School, Medical School, and Truman School of Public Affairs for classes!
The Honors Series Courses

Something for everyone!

Humanities Series
- Art
- Religious Studies
- Philosophy
- Music
- Literature
- Classics
- Theater

Kinder Institute Series on Constitution & Democracy

Social & Behavioral Sciences Series
- Economics
- Geography
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Journalism
- Business
- Education

Sciences Series
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Math
- Biology
- Geology
- Engineering
- Astronomy
- Environment
- Agriculture

Government
- History
- Public Affairs
- Law
The Humanities Series

- The Ancient World – FA
- The Middle Ages & the Renaissance – SP
- The Early Modern World – FA
- The Modern Era – SP

Taught in consecutive rotation, with The Ancient World offered in odd numbered years

Interdisciplinary courses exploring cultural and societal expressions and values
The Behavioral & Social Sciences Series

- Personal Identity
- Identity in Groups
- Social Organization
- Global Citizenship

Interdisciplinary courses focused on the multiple levels of personal, interpersonal, group, and societal interactions
The Science Series

- Environment: From Molecules to the Cosmos – Fall
- Energy: From Particles to Civilizations – Spring

Interdisciplinary courses focused on important applications and manifestations of scientific and mechanical knowledge
Interdisciplinary courses that explore the American founding principles and context as well as contemporary issues.
Honors Tutorials

- Photographic Representations of Race, Ethnicity, and Identity
- Arbitration
- GMOs: Biotech Bully or Savior?
- Death and Dying in the Civil War
- Modern History of Financial Crises
- Running and Writing
- BBQ: Culture, Cuts, and Consumption
- Monarch Butterflies and Their Migration
- *Unbound*: Reading with a Purpose
- True/False and the Documentary Film
- National Museum of African American History and Culture

Topical, limited enrollment (usually five students), highly engaging, enhanced.
Writing Intensive and Writing Intensive Honors Courses

Why Writing-Intensive Matters

• Enable closer instructor-student engagement in disciplinary work

• Vast majority of employers say writing skills are vital for employment

• Internationally recognized Campus Writing Program

• 87% of students strongly value the WI experience at MU

WI courses are offered as Honors sections employing a unique approach
The Cherng Program in Honors

- CIRCA (Curriculum in Interdisciplinary Research, Challenges, and Action) and CIRCA Scholars
- Cherng Scholars and Cherng Summer Scholars
- Global and International Learning
- Leadership development
- Innovative Programming and annual Conference on Student Leadership and Learning

Supported by Andrew and Peggy Cherng and the Panda Charitable Foundation for three years at $1.5 million in expendable funds.
Undergraduate Research & Artistry

• Research or Artistry beginning in your first year
• Scholarships or stipends for most participants
• Dedicated programming (co-curricular and networking)
• Special advising and assigned faculty mentors
• An unparalleled, high-impact opportunity to make the most of your educational career at MU

ASH Scholars, Blatchford Scholars, Brazeal Scholars, Cherng Scholars, Cherng Summer Scholars, CIRCA Scholars, Discovery Fellows, International Scholars, National Merit Finalist and Semifinalist, PreMed Scholars, Show-Me Scholars, Stamps Scholars, and Suggs Scholars.
• Comprehensive pre-professional program guides you through both the academic preparation and application processes

• Advising services for students with career interest in:
  • Medicine (Allopathic and Osteopathic)
  • Dentistry
  • Optometry
  • Podiatry
  • Physician’s Assistant

• A *significantly higher success rate* for admission to post-grad programs

• Students must indicate “Pre-Med” on their MU application and sign-up for the program during Summer Welcome
Advisers and Coordinators who will help you navigate your academic path …

KIRSTINA BRADLEY
General Advising

AVA CORN
Scholars & Fellows Programs

SUSAN GEISERT
Pre-Health Advising

DARCY HOLTGRAVE
Pre-Health Advising

“One of the greatest advantages of the Honors College is the exceptional team of advisors, who look out for you, who are available whenever you need them, and who care about your success.”
Belquis Elhadi, Class of 2016
...and guiding the College.

J.D. Bowers  
Director

Jenelle Beavers  
Associate Director

Megan Boyer  
Assistant Director

“The College has decisive and exemplary leadership. They create a standard for the excitement, engagement, and pursuit of excellence that make it such a wonderful place for students”

Samantha Franks, Class of 2016
Honors Learning Communities (HLC) and Residential Life

- Highest residence hall cohort GPA on campus
- 520 residents, almost all of whom are in the Honors College
- HFIGs reside and function within and on the various floors

“Mark Twain Hall has the perfect balance of academics and fun with abounding opportunities to get involved outside the classroom. I wouldn’t want to live anywhere else.” – Christian Cmhil-Warn, Class of 2020

The HLC expanded into Mark Twain and Discovery Halls beginning in fall 2015.
Which FIGs are Honors?

The Honors Experience
Pre-Medicine Honors
Pre-Medicine
Constitutionalism & Democracy
Honors Journalism
Journalism and Social Justice

What is a FIG?

• Twenty students (max)
• Same residence hall floor
• Co-enrolled in up to three courses
  • One FIG Seminar
  • Up to two 1000-2000 level courses
• Peer Assistant (PA)
• Coordinating Faculty (Co-Fac)
• Limited coordinated Spring enrollment
• Higher success rates at MU
  • Higher GPAs
  • Higher retention
  • Higher graduate rates (in four years)

We are also affiliated with the Women & Leadership and Walter Williams Scholars FIGs!
Honors Beyond the Classroom

- Honors College One Read Program
- Community Engagement and Outreach
- Campus Leadership
- Internships and Externships
- Fellowships (National and International)
- Service-Learning
- Undergraduate Success Program
- Public Scholarship and UG Journals

Partners with the Fellowships Office, International Center, Undergraduate Research, Academic Retention Services, Service Learning, Kinder Institute, MU School of Law, School of Medicine, Truman School of Public Affairs, Writing Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, and Phi Beta Kappa.
In the Honors College, there truly is something for every MU student.
MU Financial Aid and Scholarships

- **National Merit Scholar** Finalist & Semi-Finalist Scholarships

- **Mizzou Land Grant Honors** Award
  - Meets 100% of unmet need for Pell-eligible MO residents who are admitted into the Honors College

- **Stamps Scholars** Program
  - Full tuition, fees, room & board, plus an Educational Enhancement Fund of $16,000

- **Curators, Chancellor’s, Mizzou** Awards …

Visit [https://admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships](https://admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships) for more information and be sure to apply by December 1.
Annual Scholarships and Support

- Active students eligible to apply for additional **Honors-only scholarships** each spring. Including:
  - Honors College Class Year Scholarships
  - Rhodes Clay Scholarship
  - W. Alton Jones Memorial Scholarship

- Honors College **Sequence Scholarships and Awards**

- Honors College **Travel and Research Grants**

... and many others. See our website for the complete list.

The MU Honors College has over $1.75 million in scholarships to award every year.
The MU Honors College has over 11,000 living alumni, residing locally, in every MO county, throughout the US, and around the world.

Honors Graduation

We celebrate our graduates …

The Honors Certificate appears on your transcripts.

We hold a special Honors Graduation Ceremony every semester.
MU Honors College ...

your advantage!

MU Honors College, since 1958.