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Marshall University Honors College

Institution Name: Marshall University

Program Name : The Marshall University Honors College

Country: USA

State: West Virginia

City : Huntington

ZIP Code: 25755-2170

Dean or Director of Honors : Nicki LoCascio

Website Address: <http://www.marshall.edu/honors>

Institution Type: Public or State College

Institution Characteristics : 4 Year College, Scholarships Available, Transfer Students Accepted, Academic

Honors Program Characteristics : General Honors Program, Departmental Honors Program, Large Program (more than 500 students)

Other Institution/Honors Characteristics: The Society of Yeager Scholars is a prestigious academic and leadership program that serves as a core element of the Honors College. The program provides scholarships to individuals who have proven themselves exceptional in both academics and through their willingness and ability to take on various leadership roles in the communities of which they are a part. There is a separate application process for this scholarship.

General Information: Established in the Fall of 2010, the Honors College has become a vibrant, integral part of Marshall University committed to our mission of fostering academic excellence in a community of learners whose undergraduate education is enhanced through innovative teaching and learning, an engaging interdisciplinary curriculum, creative and critical inquiry with talented faculty, and diverse leadership and service opportunities. We are home to an energetic and exciting group of scholars representing many different majors and interests at Marshall University. Our honors curriculum of small seminars, developed by talented faculty, is designed for thoughtful and highly capable students using authentic learning and ethical scholarship. The Honors College at Marshall University is never static and is continuously renewed and transformed by new faculty, new students, and new ideas. Our vision for Marshall University's Honors College is to give talented and motivated students a vibrant community where they can achieve distinction within a supportive and challenging environment.

Admission Criteria: Admission to the Honors College is by invitation. An invitation arrives with a student's Financial Aid package which is mailed after receipt of a completed application to Marshall University. Incoming first-year students who have applied and been accepted to Marshall and have a composite ACT score of 26 or higher (1240 SAT composite or 1170 SAT combined critical reading and mathematics prior to March 16, 2017) from a single test date (no superscoring) and a high school grade point average of at least 3.50 will be invited to join the Honors College. These requirements must be achieved and reported before May 1 of the admission year. The deadline for accepting the Honors College offer of admission is stated in the invitation letter sent to eligible students who are admitted to Marshall University.

Honors Program Requirements: Students entering the Honors College complete 24 hours of Honors coursework in order to graduate with University Honors. These hours are achieved through completion of two shared seminars among all Honors students, two elective interdisciplinary upper-level seminars, and a combination of other honors-designated or -optioned coursework and/or projects chosen by the student in consultation with their academic advisors among a wide range of options



(as noted below under "Honors Curriculum"). This coursework may replace many General Education requirements and thus serve "double duty." Students must maintain a 3.30 cumulative GPA to be in good standing with the Honors College.

Honors Scholarships: Students admitted to the Honors College as incoming freshmen are eligible for merit-based scholarships. West Virginia residents receive either the John Marshall or Mary Willis Marshall Scholarship, Metro residents the Board of Governors Scholarship, and non-residents the John Laidley Scholarship. Renewal of merit scholarships requires maintenance of a 3.20 GPA in the first year and a 3.50 GPA thereafter. Honors students may apply for travel grant support to present at conferences or study abroad.

Honors Curriculum : Honors students are required to complete a total of 24 credit hours in Honors as follows: (1) a First-Year Seminar of 3 credit-hours; (2) a Second-Year Seminar of 3 credit-hours; (3) Two required interdisciplinary Honors Seminars at 3 credit-hours each; and (4) Twelve additional credit-hours achieved through some combination of additional Honors Seminars, departmental Honors [H] courses, leadership in the Honors College Student Association (HCSA) Steering Committee, editorial or writer duties with The Honors Oracle publication, Honors independent study, H-option courses conducted in contract with an instructor to enhance a non-Honors course, and/or study abroad (for which a student may apply to receive 3-6 Honors credit hours).

Honors Faculty: Honors College faculty come from colleges across the University and are consistently among the most highly respected and awarded at Marshall. These highly accomplished and committed faculty mentor Honors students through classroom contact in designated departmental honors courses, HON designated seminars, and honors thesis research experiences. In addition, faculty teaching in Honors routinely work with students to prepare for and present at regional and national conferences.

Honors Advising: In addition to a student's major advisor, every Honors student is given individualized Honors College advising to assist them in completing the honors curriculum successfully while maximizing opportunities to earn credits toward General Education requirements that apply to all students at Marshall University.

Honors Opportunities: Students in the Honors College are provided with a number of distinct benefits afforded them for their sustained membership. These include a scholarship, Honors Living Learning Communities in the residential halls, smaller class sizes for honors courses, interesting interdisciplinary Honors Seminars, early course registration privileges and extended library borrowing, exclusive computer labs and study lounges within the Honors College, and opportunities for travel support to present at conferences or study abroad. All Honors students have access to the full resources of the Office of National Scholarships at Marshall University. The office has had demonstrable success helping students from across the campus navigate and ultimately win highly competitive national scholarships. These include the Fulbright, Boren, and Gates Cambridge, which have demanding application processes. The Office of National Scholarships helps all students find nationally-competitive scholarship programs that are a good fit with them and their professional goals. They assist students to stay up-to-date with deadlines and guide them throughout the application process.

Honors Program Website Link: <http://www.marshall.edu/honors>

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Admissions Website Link : <https://www.marshall.edu/admissions/>

Scholarships Website Links: <https://www.marshall.edu/sfa/>

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