

The Honors College Curriculum



Honors College Website

Our curriculum requires **24 credits** equally divided across two distinct areas. *As many as 15 credits can be earned through fulfilling requirements in other areas, e.g., General Education and those of your major college.*

CORE HONORS

A total of **12 credits**, as seen below.

Lower Division Seminars

[6 credits in two required seminars]

- **FYS 100H** – First-Year Seminar
- **HON 200** – Second-Year Seminar in *Leadership, Ethics & Civic Engagement*
> HON 200 is offered in the **spring** semester only and must be taken by the end of your second year.

Upper Division Seminars & Experiential

[6 credits in some accepted combination]

You must **obtain permission** to reserve a seat and register for the courses below during [Honors Advising](#).

All students must complete at least one 3-credit section of HON 480 and may alternatively take 3 credits of HON 300 or HON 483 to complete the required 6 credits.

- **HON 480** – Special Topics Honors
> Taken during your third and/or fourth year after HON 200 is completed. Topics change each semester. See our [website](#) for details each semester.
- **HON 300** – Honors Peer Mentoring
- **HON 483** – TEDxMarshallU Internship
> Requires two consecutive semesters for a total of 3 credits. *Requires internship application to Faculty Mentor.*

GENERAL HONORS

A total of **12 credits** in any combination of the following.

Departmental Honors-Designated Courses [H]

- Offered by departments to honors students as General Education courses, e.g., ANT 201H. See a list each semester: www.marshall.edu/honors/courses/.

Additional Sections of HON 300, HON 480, or HON 483

- Additional sections of these courses are counted as “General Honors” when not already applied to Core Honors.

Other Experiential Learning Opportunities

Require permission from the college. May require a *form* as well.

- **HON 484** – Honors Oracle News (student-led reporting)
- **HON 488** – Steering Committee of the Honors College Student Association (student-led, SGA-recognized organization)
- **Study Abroad** -- May be substituted for up to 6 General Honors credits by contract with the Honors College. **Form required.**
- **H-Options** – Arranged through **contract** with Faculty Mentor to enhance a non-Honors course. *Must seek permission in advance to submit a proposal form and have a proposal approved by the Dean. Not generally recommended. Form required.*

College Credit Waiver for Incoming First-Year Students:

- Appeal to have 3-6 hours of General Honors credits **waived** if you have earned at least 15 hours of AP or DC college credit in high school. **Form required.**

Forms page: www.marshall.edu/honors/forms

Preliminary Plans for Honors Credits

Course	Credits	Semester to Take	Course	Credits	Semester to Take

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

- Attend a **First Year Check-In** appointment during your first semester in the Honors College and remain enrolled full-time in a bachelor's degree program at Marshall.
- Earn at least an overall 3.00 GPA in your first semester here. Good standing will be 3.30 after that (as seen below).
- Complete **at least 6 honors credits** in your first academic year. 6 credits are an **absolute minimum**. *It is best to earn 15-18 honors credits in your first two years* (e.g., via FYS 100H, HON 200, and most General Honors).
- Register for and successfully complete **HON200 by the spring of your 2nd year**. In special circumstances, students may submit an Exception Request to the Honors College Dean to take it in your 3rd year.
- After your first year, complete **at least 3 honors credits each year** until completing the Honors College Curriculum

GOOD STANDING

- You must **maintain an overall GPA of 3.30 or higher**. Students below this GPA will be given **one semester** of Honors College Probation. Those who return their GPA to 3.30 or higher at that semester's end will be reinstated to Good Standing in the Honors College. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the college (which means loss of benefits).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Know Where to Go:

- Participating in the Honors College means you are a member of at least two different colleges at Marshall. Keep these things in mind when thinking about what that means for you:
 - The Honors College is not a “*degree-granting*” college. We add value to your degree earned in another college. The college that houses your primary major is responsible for your degree completion requirements, **so general policy questions, course substitutions, etc., must be addressed by that college**.
 - If you need a Dean's signature on a form, you will only need the Honors College Dean's signature **if the form has to do with a course that begins with HON or you are asking for some sort of exception to an Honors College policy** (e.g., H-Options, approval of a credit waiver for Study Abroad, etc.).
 - You have at least two different advisors. Your primary advisor is the Academic Advisor in your degree-granting college. You also have an Honors Advisor who will see you regarding completing the Honors College's required curriculum. For your degree-granting college's policy regarding a specific issue, you should see the Academic Advisor in your college to ensure you get accurate information.

DegreeWorks:

- Be sure to familiarize yourself with your **DegreeWorks**. A separate “block” (or section) of your DegreeWorks for your Honors College requirements exists. It will help you monitor what you have done and what you still need to do to complete your Honors College requirements. If you have questions about what you see in the Honors College section of your Degree Works, please let us know so we can follow up as needed. **The academic advisor for your major college must NOT change the Honors College block.**

Financial Assistance:

- Although when you were admitted to the Honors College, you were given the **Honors College Scholarship**, you must remain an active student in the Honors College to continue receiving it.
 - Student Financial Assistance handles all aspects of administering and renewing the scholarship. It is **not** possible to leave or be dismissed from the Honors College and remain eligible for the Honors College Scholarship. It **is** possible to lose your Honors College Scholarship (e.g., through failure to take at least 30 total credits at MU in an academic year) and still be a member of the Honors College and receive all other benefits.