

# Welcome to the Honors College!

## Here's what you need to know:

Check out our website:  
[marshall.edu/honors](https://marshall.edu/honors)

**Honors College Curriculum:** *Requires a total of **24 credits** that break into 2 groups of 12 credits each*

### Seminar Requirements (12 credits)

These are generally 3 hour courses, so you will take a total of 4 seminars.

**These courses are mandatory.**

**FYS100H** – First Year Seminar

**HON200** – Second Year Seminar

Focus: *Leadership, Ethics & Civic Engagement*

Only offered **spring** semester. Must be taken by end of second year at Marshall.

**HON480** – Special Topics Honors Seminar (**2**).

These upper-division, *interdisciplinary* seminars will be taken during your third and fourth years at Marshall. A wide range of topics are covered and those change each semester.

- **You must reserve a seat and obtain permission to register for these seminars** through Honors advising.
- Additional HON480 seminars taken can be used to fulfill remaining credits in the *General Honors Requirements*. →

### General Honors Requirements (12 credits)

Options for earning “*General Honors*” credit include:

- Register for **Honors sections of general education courses**. Find a list of courses offering an Honors section on our website: <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/courses/>.
  - **Take Honors sections** (with **H** at the end, e.g. ANT201H) **as much as possible in completing your Core courses**.
- Take an **Honors Leadership Course** as *Honors College Newsletter* staff (HON 484) or member/officer of the *Honors College Student Association Steering Committee* (HON 488).
- Have a **Study Abroad** experience to potentially waive 3-6 hours of *General Honors* credit requirements. Review information at the top of the *Study Abroad Substitution form* on the forms link below for details. The form needs to be submitted before you leave.
- Complete an **H-Option** in a course that does not offer an Honors section. An Honors Option guide and form are on our website at the forms link below.
- Appeal to have some of these hours **waived** if you have earned at least 15 hours of college credit in high school. Follow the **Honors Forms** link: <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/forms/>.

## To make SATISFACTORY PROGRESS in the Honors College

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**All Honors students are responsible for meeting these requirements:**

- Be enrolled full-time in a bachelor's degree program at Marshall
- Attend a **First Year Check-In** appointment during your first semester in the Honors College
- Earn overall **3.00 GPA or higher** in your first semester at Marshall (3.00–3.29 = *Honors College probation*)
- Complete a **minimum of 6 Honors credits** in your first 2 semesters at Marshall. *It is best to earn 15-18 Honors credits in your first 2 years (FYS100H, HON200 and, generally speaking, the bulk of your 12 General Honors credits). 6 hours is an **absolute minimum**, NOT a suggestion for the best path to complete the curriculum.*
- Register for and successfully complete **HON200 by the spring of your second year** at Marshall or obtain an *approved waiver* to take it in your third year
- Complete at least 3 honors credits each academic year until completing the Honors College Curriculum

## To stay in academic GOOD STANDING in the Honors College

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- You must **maintain an overall GPA of 3.30 or higher**. Students who fall 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.

## GENERAL INFORMATION about the Honors College

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- Participating in the Honors College means you are part of at least two different colleges at Marshall. That can cause a bit of confusion. To help clarify, keep these things in mind:
  - 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. for H-Options, an Honors College Exception Request, approval of a credit waiver for Study Abroad, etc.).
  - You have at least two different advisors: the Academic Advisor in your college and your Honors Advisor. **The Honors Advisor can answer Honors-related questions**, but if you have questions regarding completing the curriculum for your major or your college's policy regarding a specific issue, you should take those to the Academic Advisor in your college (often referred to as your **College Advisor**) to be sure you are getting accurate information.
  - The Honors College is not a "*degree-granting*" college. That will be handled by the college that houses your major, **so general policy questions, permissions for substitutions, etc. must be addressed by that college.**
- Be sure to familiarize yourself with your **Degree Works** degree audit if you haven't already. It is your guide to what you need to complete in order to graduate. There is a separate section of your Degree Works for your Honors College requirements (generally toward the bottom of your report). It will help you monitor what you have done and what you still need to do in order to complete your Honors College requirements. If you ever 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.
- Be aware that although you entered the Honors College by accepting an **Honors Scholarship**, and you **must** remain active in the Honors College to continue to receive that scholarship, **they are two separate things.**
  - Student Financial Assistance handles all aspects of administering and renewing the scholarship.
  - Our office handles all the academic aspects of the Honors College.

### KEEP IN MIND

**It IS possible to lose your Honors Scholarship  
and still be in the Honors College.**

**It is NOT possible to leave the Honors College  
and remain eligible for the Honors Scholarship.**