

The Honors College offers an academic program specifically designed to enrich the knowledge base, skills, and educational experience of high achieving and exceptionally motivated undergraduate students. Students in The Honors College declare a major from among those offered by UCM's academic colleges and complete requirements specific to The Honors College.

Among many other benefits, students in The Honors College have unique access to Honors-designated course sections and interdisciplinary colloquia, and are provided with the support and resources needed to pursue advanced-level research and creative projects in their areas of academic interest.

## ***Admission Criteria***

The Honors College considers applications for admission from qualified high school graduates (minimum ACT score of 25 and a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5), transfer students and current UCM students (minimum cumulative college GPA of 3.5). Students interested in learning more about The Honors College are encouraged to visit The Honors College Web site:

[ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege](http://ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege). Alternatively, prospective students may contact the The Honors College by phone, 660-543-4633 or email ([thehonorscollege@ucmo.edu](mailto:thehonorscollege@ucmo.edu)).

Students interested in applying to The Honors College should do so online at [ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege/apply](http://ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege/apply).

## ***Features of The Honors College***

Among other benefits, students in The Honors College enjoy:

- Early enrollment privileges
- Honors-designated course sections
- Honors-only colloquia
- Internship opportunities
- Research resources and support
- Vibrant living and learning community (Honors SHIP)
- Study abroad travel grant
- Transcript recognition

Typically, Honors-designated course sections include:

- ECON 1010: Principles of Macroeconomics
- ENGL 1030: Composition II
- ENGL 1080: Advanced Composition
- LIS 1600: University Library and Research Skills
- MATH 1111: College Algebra
- PSY 1100: General Psychology
- SOC 1800: General Sociology

## ***Required Honors Courses***

HONR 3000 Honors Colloquium..... 2 credit hours  
HONR 4000 Honors Project..... 4 credit hours

All honors students are required to complete HONR 3000 and HONR 4000. ***These courses are reserved solely for honor students and may count as free choice electives towards the minimum hours for a degree.*** Not all majors require free choice electives, see major program in the undergraduate catalog. For such majors, these hours will be in addition to minimum degree requirements.

HONR 3000 is an interdisciplinary course taught by selected faculty. Content varies from semester to semester. This course may be repeated for a maximum of six credit hours.

Enrollment in HONR 3000 requires sophomore standing (30 earned hours) or approval from The Honors College.

HONR 4000 is a capstone research or creative project pursued under the supervision of a UCM faculty advisor selected by the student. After the student obtains 60 credit hours, they should discuss their Honors Project ideas with the Coordinator of Undergraduate Research.

The Honors Project Proposal must be approved and on file in the honors office prior to enrolling in HONR 4000. Enrollment in HONR 4000 requires senior standing (90 earned hours) or approval from The Honors College. Additional information regarding the Honors Project can be found in "The Honors Project Brochure," available online: [ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege](http://ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege).

## ***General Education Program Requirements***

Students in The Honors College must fulfill the 42 hours of general education as outlined in their undergraduate catalog.

Students should consult with their UCM Academic Success Advisor prior to selecting courses.

**There are a few differences in the general education program for students in The Honors College Program.**

***Writing I and II.*** Honors students with an ACT English score of 26 or above are strongly encouraged to enroll in ENGL 1080. Students who earn a grade of C or higher in ENGL 1080 will be awarded an additional 3 hours of special credit (CR) for ENGL 1020 and will have fulfilled the six hours of writing requirement in the general education. Students who earn a grade of D in ENGL 1080 may either opt to repeat the course or enroll in CTE 3060/ENGL 1030 to fulfill the six hours of writing requirement in the general education. Students whose major requires CTE 3060 to fulfill the second writing course should not opt to take ENGL 1080.

***Knowledge Area I.*** In the regular general education (for non-honors students), this area is comprised of nine credit hours: literature, fine arts, and a third choice. ***Within these nine hours, honors students are required to take a literature class and two semesters (6 hours) of a single modern foreign language (placement policy applies).*** The three extra hours of modern foreign language take the place of the Fine Arts requirement.

## ***Honors Course Substitutions***

Each participant in The Honors College will be required to conform to the policy guidelines of The Honors College and the General Education Program. Please be aware that Honors choices consist of those courses permitted on the major/minor programs or in the General Education Program requirements. In areas where majors require specific general education courses, alternative options may not be selected. See individual major requirements in the undergraduate catalog. Should a student leave The Honors College Program any prior approved changes in general education will be honored.



