

General Honors Program

Mission

Consistent with and supportive of the mission of the College, the General Honors Program seeks to offer special challenges and enhanced opportunities to students of proven academic achievement. The mission of the General Honors Program is to further the personal, intellectual, and ethical growth of students who excel academically.

Learning Outcomes

1. Learn the main defining beliefs of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam as found in their sacred literature.
2. Be able to state the main ideas and insights of selected significant thinkers, scientists, and leaders in world civilization and place those ideas and insights into their historical context.
3. Develop an ability to communicate, support, and defend complex ideas effectively in writing.
4. Arrive at their own informed position on selected major ethical issues confronting modern humans.
5. Develop an ability to synthesize learning from multiple disciplines and perspectives into an effective and defensible whole.
6. Demonstrate the ability to pursue a significant research project.

Eligibility Requirements

The General Honors Program is open to entering first year students with a SAT score of 1100 or above (or equivalent ACT score) and a high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 or above.

In addition, if space permits, other entering students may petition the Director of General Honors for acceptance. At the end of the Fall Semester of their first year, students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better may petition to enter the General Honors Program. Transfer students with a 3.35 college GPA or better may also petition for entrance to the General Honors Program.

Curriculum

First Year: Fall

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| HON 150: Honors Enrichment | 1 credit |
| HON 250: Introduction to Honors | 1.5 credits |
| HON 252: Ethical Issues Seminar | 1.5 credits |

First Year: Spring

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| An Honors section of Writing Workshop II | 3 credits |
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Sophomore Year

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| Special Honors sections of SAGE 230 and SAGE 240 | 6 credits |
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Junior Year

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| HON 300: Modern Civilizations | 3 credits |
| HON 361: Junior Seminar in Honors | 3 credits |

Senior Year: Fall

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| HON 400: Senior Honors Thesis | 3 credits |
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Certification

Students who complete all General Honors courses with a grade of B or better, and who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better, will be awarded a General Honors Certificate. All honors coursework and successful completion of the General Honors Program will be noted on the student's official St. Andrews transcript.