How do I become an Honors Program completer?

Students who complete at least four Honors courses will be considered program completers and will have this designation marked on their transcript when they graduate from DCB.

Can I enroll only in an Honors section class?

No, students must also enroll in the "core" course. For example, you cannot enroll in 110H College

Composition I: HONORS (1 CR) without enrolling in 110 College Composition I (3 CR).

Are there tuition and fees charged for Honors courses?

Not for full-time students enrolled for 12 or more credits. However, part-time students will have to pay per credit since the "flat" rate tuition model won't apply as it does for fulltime students

Why would I volunteer or ask for an additional time and energy commitment by enrolling in an Honors course?

Enrollment in Honors courses demonstrates a desire to be challenged to do more than the minimum required to get by and an eagerness for the best education possible. Employers, scholarship programs, and transfer schools typically look favorably on the experiences gained through enrollment in an Honors Program.

How will an Honors course differ from the regular class of the same name?

It will not necessarily mean <u>more</u> work for the credit you will earn, but rather a <u>higher level</u> of work.

How does the Honors Program differ from "Dean's List" and "Honor Roll?"

"Honor Roll" and "Dean's List" designations are levels of recognition accorded to full-time students whose semester grade point average (GPA) is at least a 3.00.

If I take an Honors <u>course</u>, do I commit myself to the program?

No. You may take only one course or as many courses as are available.

What is the benefit to me?

The benefits are many. Following are just a few:

- Stimulating small classes
- Learn to think critically, creatively, and independently
- Broaden your academic experience
- Increase your self-confidence
- Take an active role in your own learning



Who should I contact if I have questions about Honors classes or the Honors Program?

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When can I apply for the Honors Program? Students may apply for the program up until the last day to add a class for the semester.

Is there a reason to join the Honors Program if I won't be here long enough to graduate from the college or complete the program?

Certainly. Your college grade transcript will reflect each Honors course you take which in turn indicates that you took advantage of an opportunity to develop your full potential.

Am I required to finish the program if I start it?

No. Students who are eligible for the program may choose as many Honors courses as they desire. However, they must earn at least four "honors" credits to be designated as a program completer and have this recognition recorded at graduation and on transcripts.

Is the Honors Program only open to certain majors?

No, any student who meets the eligibility requirement may enroll in an Honors course.

Do I need to be a full-time student to participate in the Honors Program?

No. However, part-time students will need to pay for the Honors section on a per-credit basis since the flat-rate tuition model applied for full-time students (12+ credits) will not apply.

Of what value is the one credit Honors course towards a diploma, certificate, or degree?

The credit will apply as an elective.

I'm an older student returning to school after many years. Am I eligible?

The program accepts any student who meets the eligibility requirements.

Do Honors Program students receive any special recognition?

- Each Honors course completed is so marked on the grade transcript.
- Students who complete the Honors
 Program by earning at least four Honors
 class credits will have this accomplishment
 designated on their transcript.
- Honors Program completers will receive special mention in the graduation program and at graduation ceremonies.





HONORS PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will the credit earned in an Honors course apply to my curriculum?

The one credit earned in an Honors course can be used to fulfill elective requirements.

May I drop an Honors course?

Yes. Regular "drop" deadlines for a semester long class will apply.

Who is eligible to enroll in Honors classes?

- Students entering from high school or who have earned less than 12 college credits:
 - ACT composite score of 22
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- High school GPA of 3.25
- Current and transfer students who have earned 12+ credits, excluding developmental course work:
 - Cumulative college GPA of 3.25
- To remain in the program, students must maintain a 3.25 GPA