



APPLY

Eligibility

Students are expected to meet the following criteria to be considered for admission into the Honors Program:

First Year Students:

- » High school grade point average of 3.3 or higher (3.5 or higher for scholarship consideration)
- » ACT composite of 25 or above (27 or higher for scholarship consideration)
- » Strong reading and writing skills

Current Kent State Students:

College grade point average of 3.25 or higher
Strong reading and writing skills

How to Apply

New first year students who meet the above criteria will receive an invitation to the Honors Program upon acceptance to Kent State University at Stark. An application for admission is not necessary.

Current Kent State Stark students and any motivated learners expressing a strong interest in the Honors Program are welcome to complete an application for admission.

To apply, visit: stark.kent.edu/academics/honors/apply.cfm

Scholarships

The Honors Program recognizes academically talented students by offering scholarships to those who are highly qualified.

For more information and to apply, visit:
stark.kent.edu/academics/honors/scholarships.cfm



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Honors Program

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PROGRAM

The Honors Program at Kent State University at Stark

Since 1986, Kent State University at Stark has offered academically talented students in any major the opportunity to take their education a step further by enrolling in the Honors Program. Students participating in the program can tailor their studies to meet their personal interests and professional goals, and enhance their overall college experience.



Honors Program Benefits and Features

- » Open to students in any major
- » Small class sizes; 15 students or less
- » Graduation with Honors distinction
- » Priority registration
- » Individual Honors work
- » Senior Honors thesis (optional)
- » Community service opportunities
- » Social events
- » Study away/abroad opportunities
- » Personal academic advisor
- » Connection to Kent State University's Honors College and Alumni Chapter



ACADEMICS

Honors Curriculum

Honors experiences, available with any major, are designed to teach students to be excited by ideas, to love discovery and to become independent, creative and self-confident learners.

In your Honors classes, you can expect:

- » Flexibility and freedom
- » Personal attention and intellectual challenges
- » To stretch intellectual ambition and excel in all academic work
- » Encouragement to take initiative in determining the direction of the course
- » Creative teaching approaches from the professors and creative responses from students
- » Openness and honesty in approaching what may be new and controversial topics from both faculty and students
- » Opportunities to get involved in research as an undergraduate
- » Greater responsibility for academic choices
- » Integration of various kinds of learning experiences

Academic Requirements

To graduate with Honors distinction, students must complete 24 credit hours of Honors courses during their undergraduate years. In order to maintain good standing, at least one Honors course must be taken each academic year. A 24-hour course outline might look like this:

First Year

Freshman Honors Colloquium (equivalent to two courses) plus one other course.

Sophomore Year

Junior Year

Senior Year

3 Honors courses

2 Honors courses

2 Honors courses

1 Honors course



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Honors Thesis

The optional senior Honors thesis is a 10-credit independent project. It may be traditional in nature or a creative project completed under the direction of a faculty member. Examples of previous theses include traditional research papers, film festivals, marketing campaigns and novels.

"Doing my senior Honors thesis was probably the most beneficial thing I did during my college career. It allowed me to utilize the skills/knowledge I acquired from my courses, and helped me grow and learn about myself. Completing an Honors thesis is not just an educational achievement, it's a life achievement." - Ashley Meinke

Student Conference

Each spring, the Honors Program hosts the annual Student Conference, where Kent State Stark students have the opportunity to present their scholarly research paper or project, and Honors students can present their Honors thesis.



Study Abroad

The Honors Program encourages students to expand their perspectives by studying abroad, and will assist students in selecting the right opportunity.