

## Honors Program

UAM Honors Program

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The University of Arkansas-Monticello is proud to provide an Honors Program for high-achieving undergraduates. Students seeking intellectual challenge and the opportunity to study with their peers in exclusive interdisciplinary colloquia are invited to apply to the Program. In general, the Honors curriculum consists of colloquia each spring which are open to all students in the Program, and a progression of independent study, directed reading, and a senior thesis during the junior and senior years. Students completing the Honors Program will have this distinction noted on their transcripts and will be invited to participate in the Honors Convocation.

Freshman and sophomore students in the Program are required to complete a minimum of four (4) Honors courses during the first two years. These courses may be any combination of: four (4) colloquia, three (3) colloquia and one (1) H-section\*, or two (2) colloquia and two (2) H-sections.\* The colloquia are exclusive Honors Program classes, designed to be interdisciplinary and very different from other courses listed in the University catalog. Some may even fulfill general education requirements.

<i>8-SEMESTER DEGREE PROGRAM:</i>	<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	Senior
Fall	H-section*	H-section*	Honors Option	Oxford Tutorial
Spring	Colloquium I/II	Colloquium III/IV	Honors Option	Senior Thesis/Project

\*Honors Program students are encouraged to enroll in H (Honors) sections of general education courses offered by the different disciplines on campus whenever possible.

Upper-level Honors Program students are encouraged to enroll in colloquia for Honors Option and/or enrichment credit. Students completing two (2) additional colloquia at the junior level may use these hours toward a collateral in lieu of a minor (see the Honors Program director for more information). At the upper level, students with junior and senior standing will engage in mentored study in their major discipline fields leading to a senior thesis/project/performance.

At the conclusion of their senior year, Honors Program students are recognized at a formal ceremony, the Honors Convocation. Graduating seniors are recognized by their academic advisors, members of the administration, thesis mentors, faculty, and members of the UAM Honors Council. This evening program is open to family and friends.

Students with significant academic achievements, with high grade point averages in the pre-college curriculum, and with strong college entrance exam scores are encouraged to apply to the UAM Honors Program. An interested student will be asked to complete an application packet, including supplying letters of recommendation from two (2) persons familiar with the applicant's academic and intellectual achievement. The packet may be requested from the Honors Program Director at the address listed above. Prospective students will be invited to campus to meet with the Program Director when the application process is complete.

Each semester, the Program Director reviews the overall performance of students enrolled in the Honors Program. Normally, students involved in challenging curricular and co-curricular activities who maintain a 3.00 grade point average, who complete a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours each semester while making satisfactory progress toward a degree, and who are completing the Honors Program sequence as per the Honors Student Handbook will be invited to continue their enrollment in the Program.

Students accepting an invitation into the Honors Program will be offered a full-tuition scholarship, all mandatory fees up to 18 credit hours, \$250 per semester as a book allowance, and the cost of a double-occupancy

residence hall room. Honors Program students choosing to accept the Chancellor's or the Achievement institutional scholarship will have the Honors Program book stipend added to their award; only the book stipend is subject to the Honors Program restrictions. Honors Program students choosing to accept the Academic institutional scholarship will have the book stipend and the double-occupancy room allowance added; only the book stipend and the room allowance are subject to the Honors Program restrictions. Students will continue to receive the Honors Program scholarship package as long as they continue in good standing with the Program but not longer than eight (8) consecutive semesters.

In addition, Honors Program students have exclusive use of the 24-hour Honors Center, a study lounge with computers, cable television, a full kitchen, and other amenities to maximize the Honors experience. The Program hosts cultural trips to museums, concerts, art galleries, and traveling exhibitions. Study groups and exam-preparation workshops are a regular feature of the Program. Students engaged in research are encouraged to submit manuscripts to undergraduate research conferences, and their travel is sponsored by the Program. Above all, the UAM Honors Program consists of students and faculty working together to achieve intellectual excellence.