The Honors Program

The Cincinnati State Honors Program supports the College goal of serving all aspects of the community by offering enhanced learning opportunities to academically talented, highly motivated students. The Honors Program curriculum complements existing degree programs by offering Honors sections of many required courses.

The Honors Program strives to establish an intellectual community among students and faculty by providing challenging coursework, academic enrichment activities, academic honors advising, and opportunities for student involvement. Honors Program graduates receive recognition at commencement and on their diploma and transcripts.

The Honors Program is open to full-time and part-time admitted degree-seeking students in all divisions of the College, as well as College Credit Plus (CCP) students, who meet the entry criteria listed below. Students are first admitted to a degree program and then to the Honors Program.

All Honors Program students must take HNR 100 Orientation to Honors as a prerequisite to or concurrent with other Honors classes.

Students accepted into the Honors Program who begin at Cincinnati State in the Fall Semester are eligible to apply for a full Honors Program scholarship. Current Honors Program students are eligible to apply for partial Honors Program scholarships.

In addition to HNR 100 Orientation to Honors, courses regularly offered as part of the Honors Program include:

BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3
ENG 102	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues	3
ENG 103	English Composition 2: Writing about Literature	3
HST 111	American History: Early Settlers to 1877	3
HST 112	American History: 1877 to Present	3
HNR 198	First Year Special Topics in Honors Program	1-9
LAW 101	Business Law	3
LIT 200	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT 210	The Short Story	3
LIT 240	The Novel	3
LIT 285	Women Writers	3
PHI 105	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology	3

Honors Program Entrance Criteria

1. For a new student, entering Cincinnati State from high school, must have one of the following:
   - High school GPA of 3.25 or higher
   - High school rank in top 20%
   - ACT score of 26 or higher
2. For a current Cincinnati State student: Must have college GPA of 3.25 or higher after 12 academic credits
3. For a transfer student entering Cincinnati State: Must have college GPA of 3.25 or higher after 12 academic credits

All students applying for the Honors Program must complete the Honors Program application and submit two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with their academic potential and performance in a teaching/learning environment.

For more information

Contact Dr. Andrea Trapp, Honors Program Chair, at (513) 569-1646, or visit the Honors Program (https://www.cincinnatistate.edu/academics/honors-program/) page on the College website.