

THE HONORS COLLEGE

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Oklahoma State University is an active member of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Great Plains Honors Council. The Honors College Degree is composed of a university-wide General Honors component and specialized upper-division components at the departmental or college levels. The Honors College provides academically talented students with the opportunity to study, conduct research and exchange ideas in an exciting and supportive academic environment. Honors sections are offered in many general education courses, and special honors seminars, add-ons and interdisciplinary honors courses also are available. Honors classes are taught by outstanding faculty members and the classes are small in size to facilitate active student involvement. Additionally, the honors experiential learning program allows students to earn honors credit for meaningful, substantive activities that take them beyond the classroom. A wide range of specified activities (arranged under the headings Academics, Arts, Leadership, Study Away, and Service) can qualify for honors points (equivalent to hours) that can be applied toward the general honors award (GHA), to maintain active status, and/or toward additional hours needed for the honors degree after completion of the GHA and departmental/college awards.

Completion of the requirements for the General Honors Award leads to special designation on the student's OSU transcript, as does completion of the requirements for the Departmental or College Honors Award in the student's academic major. Students who earn a minimum of 36 honors credit hours and complete the Departmental or College Honors Award, as well as the General Honors Award, with a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average at graduation, receive the Honors College Degree, including a special entry on their transcripts and special honors diplomas.

Additional advantages for active participants in The Honors College (minimum of three honors credit hours per semester and nine honors credit hours for each two consecutive semesters for freshmen and sophomores and three honors credit hours per semester for juniors and seniors) include use of The Honors College Study Lounge in Old Central, extended check-out privileges for library materials, priority enrollment for the following semester and an honors housing option in Stout Hall (on a rooms-available basis).

Admission of new freshmen to The Honors College is based on a high school unweighted grade-point average of 3.85 or higher OR high school unweighted grade-point average of 3.75 and an ACT composite score of 27 (or comparable SAT-R score). If a student has a high school unweighted grade-point average of at least 3.75 and does not have a standardized test score or would like to be considered for Honors College admission without a standardized test score being taken into consideration, the student may petition for admission. The petition form

is available when the student applies to The Honors College through the OSU admissions application. Students other than new freshmen may be admitted to The Honors College on the basis of their graduation/retention grade-point average (7-59 hours earned: 3.30; 60-93 hours earned: 3.40; 94 or more hours earned: 3.50). Transfer freshmen must have completed at least seven college credit hours (not including concurrent enrollment while in high school) to be eligible on the basis of college performance if they do not have the required high school grade-point average and ACT score. In addition to meeting the Honors criteria, admission to The Honors College is contingent on space being available. Please apply as early as possible for the best consideration. Students must be admitted to OSU to apply to The Honors College. Apply online at admissions.okstate.edu/apply (<https://admissions.okstate.edu/apply/>). There is no additional fee to apply to The Honors College. Honors eligibility is subject to periodic review, so be sure to check with The Honors College for current requirements.

For additional information about The Honors College, interested students should consult the Interim Dean or Program Manager of The Honors College, 101 Old Central or visit <https://honors.okstate.edu> (<http://honors.okstate.edu>).

OSU-Tulsa Honors Award

This award was created for OSU-Tulsa students and is ideal for transfer students. In general, the OSU-Tulsa Honors Award requires a minimum of 21 honors credit hours with a grade of "A" or "B", including a 3-hour thesis prep and 3-hour thesis or creative component, with a cumulative graduation/retention GPA of 3.50 or higher. Up to nine of the 21 honors credit hours can be transferred in from eligible honors programs. Students who earn the OSU-Tulsa Honors Award receive a certificate and the award is posted to their undergraduate transcripts.

For additional information about the OSU-Tulsa Honors Award, interested students should consult the Program Manager of The Honors College, 101 Old Central or visit <https://honors.okstate.edu>.