

# HONORS PROGRAM

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In keeping with the university's mission of serving the academic needs of a diverse student population, the Honors Program provides academically gifted students with the opportunity to develop fully their intellectual potential. The Honors Program provides an enriched educational experience by fostering a strong grounding in the liberal arts and sciences, small classes, interaction with other outstanding and motivated students, instruction from some of JSU's most innovative and engaging faculty, special activities, and special recognition for students successfully completing 24 hours or more of Honors courses. Students who are recipients of the JSU Honors Scholarship have additional requirements for the Honors Program. For more information about the requirements, please contact the Honors Office at [honors@jsu.edu](mailto:honors@jsu.edu). Incoming students are invited to apply for admission to the program based on a 25 composite ACT score or 1210 SAT and a high school GPA of a B or higher. Students with no ACT or SAT score, may be provisionally admitted with an initial English Ed Ready score of 71 or higher. Since test scores may not always provide a complete picture of ability, students may also apply to the Honors Program following the completion of their first semester at JSU if they earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher. May 8 is the priority deadline for entering freshmen applying to the Honors Program, but the Honors Program accepts applications throughout the year. The application and guidelines are available at <https://www.jsu.edu/honors-program/> or by calling (256) 782-5696.

JSU offers Honors courses which fulfill many 100-level and 200-level course requirements, as well as "Honors by Contract" opportunities for 300-level and higher numbered courses in most majors. Students who are members of the Honors Program enjoy priority registration in Honors classes. Students with the appropriate test scores and GPA who are not members of the Honors Program will be allowed to register for honors classes if seats are available.

University Honors (UH) Participation courses, UH 101 Honors Lecture (1), UH 201 Honors Forum (1), and UH 202 Honors Book Club (1), are designed for freshmen and sophomores in the Honors Program and offer a true Honors experience featuring smaller classes and engaging dialogue regardless of major. These participation courses count as part of the required 24 hours of Honors credit. Entering freshmen who have earned 31 or more credit hours may apply for a waiver of two of the three required UH Participation courses.

Students may select from a variety of general education courses to meet the required Honors credit or enroll in Honors by Contract courses in their major and minor to fulfill Honors credit. Students with Advanced Placement and/or Dual Enrollment credit may find the Honors by Contract option very advantageous in completing the required Honors credit. Students are encouraged to gravitate toward their strengths in selecting Honors courses. The Honors Program will work individually with students to develop a pathway to earn the required Honors credit.

Course	Title	Credits
ART 203	Honors Art Appreciation	3
BY 105	Honors Introductory Biology I	3
BY 106	Honors Introductory Biology II	3

BY 107	Honors Introductory Biology Lab I	1
BY 108	Honors Intro Biology Lab II	1
CS 202	Honors Introduction to Information Technology	3
CS 464	Honors Ethics and Legal Issues	3
EC 225	Honors Principles of Microeconomics	3
EC 226	Honors Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EH 103	Honors English Composition I	3
EH 104	Honors English Composition II	3
EH 219	Honors Literature I	3
EH 220	Honors Literature II	3
GY 254	Honors Physical Geography I: Atmospheric Patterns and Processes	3
HY 103	Honors Western Civilization I	3
HY 104	Honors Western Civilization II	3
HY 203	Honors American History I	3
HY 204	Honors American History II	3
MS 111	Honors Finite Mathematics	3
MS 205	Honors Basic Statistics	3
MU 236	Honors Introduction to Music	3
PSC 103	Honors Introduction to American Government	3
PSY 202	Honors Principles of Psychology	3
PSY 498	Honors Thesis I	3
PSY 499	Honors Thesis II	3
SY 222	Honors Introduction to Sociology	3
THR 252	Honors Introduction to the Theatre	3
UH 101	Honors Lecture	1
UH 201	Honors Forum	1
UH 202	Honors Book Club	1
UH 205	Honors Professional Preparation Seminar	1
UH 300	Honors Special Topics: Interdisciplinary	1
UH 398	Honors Study Away	1-18
UH 399	Honors Study Abroad	1-18
UH 439	University Honors Model Debate Team: Global Issues	1

For further information, contact the Dean of the Honors Program, Martin Hall 104, [honors@jsu.edu](mailto:honors@jsu.edu), or visit <https://www.jsu.edu/honors-program/>.