

## Marquette University Honors Program – Core Honors

### FAQs for Prospective Students

If your question isn't answered here or on our website, email or give us a call. Our contact information is at the bottom of this document.

#### **Q: Is there an ACT/SAT or GPA cutoff for admission to Core Honors?**

A: No, there is no score or GPA cutoff for admission to Core Honors. There are many ways an Honors applicant can demonstrate curiosity, open-mindedness, breadth of interests, and commitment to an inclusive community.

#### **Q: Are Core Honors first-years required to live in the Honors Living-Learning Community in Straz?**

A: No, the LLC is optional. But we **strongly** encourage the LLC for Honors students; it fosters both community and academic success. Note that only Honors students may live in the LLC, so you may not room there with a non-Honors roommate. Honors sophomores also have the option to live in the LLC.

#### **Q: Does Marquette offer Honors scholarships?**

A: No, there are no scholarships directly associated with the University Honors Program. We do offer competitive research fellowships and study-abroad awards to current Honors students.

#### **Q: Do Honors students get special advising?**

A: Yes, Honors students have Honors advisors throughout their careers at Marquette. We assist not only with Honors classes but with internships, research opportunities, and prestigious scholarships. Students also have college and major advisors.

#### **Q: Do Marquette Honors students get priority registration?**

A: Yes, Core Honors students register for both their non-Honors and Honors classes before non-Honors students. Incoming Core Honors first-years register for their first-semester classes before they come to the SPARK orientation program in June.

#### **Q: What are the benefits of being in the University Honors Program?**

A: Honors is a set of opportunities rather than perks. Please see our webpage on the benefits of Core Honors.

#### **Q: Can I apply to Honors after I arrive at Marquette, during my freshman or sophomore year?**

A: Core Honors is open only to incoming first-years. In rare cases transfer students will find that completing the Core Honors curriculum does not extend their time to graduation or require them to repeat classes; if you are a transfer student interested in Core Honors, feel free to contact us. Current students apply to Disciplinary Honors programs in their sophomore year.

#### **Q: Does Honors accept AP/IB/college credit?**

A: Honors students receive transfer credit toward their final degree according to the [Marquette policy here](#): Core Honors makes no difference in how this policy is applied, except that all Core Honors students are required to take the Honors First-Year Seminar, HOPR 1955H (which also satisfies the Rhetoric requirement in the Marquette Core Curriculum), regardless of whether they have transfer credit for Rhetoric (English). Note that professional schools, especially in health, are increasingly requiring not just college-level writing courses but writing courses taken in college, so the Honors First-Year seminar is a benefit to most pre-health students. Also, we do not accept AP/IB/transfer credit for Philosophy 1001 or Theology 1001 (test and transfer credit for these courses is extremely rare).

#### **Q: What Honors classes do Honors students take, and when?**

A: See our website for a full description of the [Honors curriculum](#).

#### **Q: I have a demanding major. Can I still fit Honors, and study abroad, and an internship?**

A: In recent years students in virtually every major at Marquette have graduated with Core Honors degrees, including direct-entry Physical Therapy students, Pre-Dental Scholars, and Pre-Law Scholars. We would be happy to talk with you

about how your major might fit with Honors; we consider it our mission to advise every student individually, with an understanding of what matters most to her or him. Sometimes Honors turns out not to be as much of a priority as other pursuits, and that's okay. For other very busy students, Honors turns out to be an anchor of their undergraduate experience.

If you have questions we haven't answered, please contact us!

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