

ADMISSION TO SPECIAL PROGRAMS

First-year applicants interested in the following programs should respond affirmatively to questions within the application for admission.

Admission to the Honors Program

UMW enrolls approximately 10% of the entering class annually into our interdisciplinary Honors Program, a four-year program that includes students from each of the Colleges. Strong applicants are typically enrolled in the most rigorous academic programs available to them, have earned a 3.9 GPA on a 4.0 scale or higher, and have received combined Evidence Based Critical Reading plus Math SAT scores of 1350 or higher or ACT Composite scores of 29 or higher. Students may apply test optional and be considered for the Honors Program. All applications for interested, qualified students undergo a holistic review that also includes essays, activities, and other elements. Students not admitted to the Honors Program as new first-year students may apply directly to the program after their first semester at UMW if they earn at least a 3.2 GPA. See the Honors Program description (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/special-programs/honors-program/>) for additional details about program requirements and opportunities.

Admission to the STP Program

Nearly 75 students participate annually in the Summer Transition Program (<https://www.umw.edu/stp/>) (STP) which begins with a free two-week residential summer session between high school graduation and the first semester at UMW and continues through the first year of enrollment. All first-year applicants may be considered for STP regardless of residency (domicile) or residential/commuter status. Students may be considered for both the Honors Program and STP.