

# HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program is a university-wide undergraduate program designed to offer highly motivated and advanced students the opportunity to enhance their intellectual and personal growth within a community of learners by engaging them in rigorous honors-designated coursework, interdisciplinary seminars, professional development opportunities, extended research and creative projects, and community service.

The program will offer courses that are small in size and that develop the intellectual potential of students through activities that:

- develop communication skills
- incorporate interdisciplinary focus
- prompt analysis of their own and others' assumptions
- enhance research skills
- develop critical reading, writing, speaking, problem solving, and thinking skills that incorporate information literacy, and an appreciation of audience
- include greater breadth than non-Honors course sections
- incorporate enrichment opportunities for students and faculty
- include innovative pedagogy and utilize flexible approaches that accommodate different learning styles

Most students entering the Honors Program will do so upon admission to the university (Track A). Students are admitted to the Honors Program based on screenings by the admissions office and the Honors Program committee that include consideration of high school GPA, application essays, activities, and rigor of high school curriculum. See additional details about admission to the Honors Program in the section of the Catalog explaining about Admission to Special Programs. (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/admission-enrollment/admission-to-special-programs/>)

Space permitting, others may apply for acceptance after matriculation, during their first year (Track B). Note that this application process is competitive and applicants must have a 3.2 overall UMW GPA or higher; an application with essay; a record of community service, campus involvement, or leadership; and one letter of recommendation from UMW faculty.

Completion of the Honors Program requirements will be recognized at graduation and indicated on the transcript as "University Honors." Note that departmental Honors will continue to be distinct from the Honors Program. Honors in each discipline will still be administered by academic departments based on requirements they determine (see individual departments for details).

## Student Learning Outcomes for the University Honors Program

Upon the completion of the Honors Program at Mary Washington, in addition to earning the appropriate credits for their degrees, students will be able to:

- evaluate carefully the relevance of disciplinary contexts when presenting a position using a methodology specific to the discipline of study
- apply interdisciplinary approaches to research demonstrating multiple disciplinary contexts to articulate the value of such study
- actively pursue independent educational experiences inside and outside of the classroom.
- articulate an appreciation of ethical behavior and the values of good citizenship and service.

## Honors Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
HONR 101	Honors City as Text	1
HN-designated coursework (could include HN-FSEM 100)		12
HONR 201	Honors Service Learning	1
Honors Capstone Project <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>17</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course approved by Honors Program Committee.

Additionally each student will be required to:

- complete the HONR 005 Honors Capstone Preparation at least one semester prior to the capstone project,
- complete the Honors Program leadership requirement, HONR 002 Honors Leadership,
- maintain an Honors portfolio, HONR 004 Honors Portfolio,
- complete one co-curricular event summary per semester at UMW, HONR 003 Honors-Co-curricular Events, and
- maintain the required GPA.

## Honors Program

Kelli M. Slunt, Program Director and Professor of Chemistry  
 Brooke E. Di Lauro, Associate Director and Professor of French  
 Robert L. Wells, Associate Director and Associate Professor of Music

*The Honors Program thrives on the exemplary teaching of UMW's fine faculty. The following faculty members have offered Honors-designated courses or sections:*

## College of Arts and Sciences

### Anthropology

E. Eric Gable  
 Jason C. James  
 Laura H. Mentore

### Biological Sciences

Swati Agrawal  
 Dianne M. Baker  
 Theresa M. Grana  
 Alan B. Griffith  
 Lynn O. Lewis  
 Ginny R. Morriss  
 April N. Wynn

### Chemistry and Physics

Janet A. Asper  
 K. Nicole Crowder

Leanna C. Giancarlo  
E. Davis Oldham  
Randall D. Reif  
Kelli M. Slunt

## **Classics, Philosophy, and Religion**

Jennifer A. Barry  
Kalpesh Bhatt  
Mary Beth Mathews  
Jason P. Matzke  
Angela L. Pitts

## **Communication and Digital Studies**

Emily D. Crosby  
P. Anand Rao  
Sushma Subramanian  
Zachary N. Whalen

## **Earth and Environmental Sciences**

Pamela R. Grothe  
Sarah A. Morealli  
Grant R. Woodwell

## **English and Linguistics**

Antonio Barrenechea  
Shumona Dasgupta  
Paul D. Fallon  
Mary Katherine Haffey  
Janie Lee  
Eric G. Lorentzen  
Maya Mathur  
Colin T. Rafferty  
Gary N. Richards  
Mara N. Scanlon

## **Geography**

Dawn S. Bowen  
Stephen P. Hanna  
Melina A. Patterson

## **Historic Preservation**

Christine R. Henry  
Andréa D. Livi Smith  
Michael G. Spencer  
Cristina Turdean

## **History and American Studies**

Nabil S. Al-Tikriti  
Susan R. Fernsebner  
Claudine L. Ferrell  
Will B. Mackinstosh  
Jeffrey W. McClurken  
Krystyn R. Moon  
Jason R. Sellers

## **Modern Languages and Literatures**

Maria Laura Bocaz-Leiva  
Ana Garcia Chichester  
Antonia L. Delgado-Poust  
Brooke E. Di Lauro  
Marisa Isabel Martinez-Mira

Martha Patricia Orozco

## **Music**

James Brooks Kuykendall  
Christopher O. Ryder  
Robert L. Wells

## **Political Science and International Affairs**

Stephen J. Farnsworth  
Surupa Gupta  
Emile J. Lester  
Jared A. McDonald

## **Psychological Science**

Mindy J. Erchull  
Miriam N. Liss  
Christine A. McBride  
Hilary E. Stebbins

## **Sociology**

Nora Huijung Kim  
Kristin L. Marsh  
Leslie E. Martin

## **Theater and Dance**

Gregg Stull  
Kevin J. McCluskey  
Michael G. Benson  
Bridgette Dennett  
Marc A. Williams

## **College of Business**

### **Business**

David L. Henderson, III  
Kashef A. Majid

### **Computer Sciences**

Karen M. Anewalt  
Stephen C. Davies  
Ian Finlayson  
Jennifer A. Polack  
Jessica Zeitz

### **Economics**

Amrita Dhar

### **Mathematics**

Melody B. Denhere  
Julius N. Esunge  
Randall D. Helmstutler  
Debra L. Hydorn  
Janusz Konieczny  
J. Larry Lehman  
Jennifer M. Magee  
Keith E. Mellinger  
Suzanne Sumner

## College of Education

### Education

Janine Schank Davis

Melissa S. Wells

## Agreement with The George Washington University Medical School

This agreement allows UMW Honors Scholars to apply for conditional acceptance to the medical school during the second year of college. Individuals with competitive SAT or ACT scores, who are in good standing in the UMW Honors Program, have at least a 3.5 UMW GPA, have completed at least two semesters of chemistry and two semesters of biology or physics, as well as a social/behavioral science course with no science grade below a B-, and have participated in some patient related health care are invited to apply in March of their sophomore year at UMW. Early acceptance candidates must pursue a major or minor in a humanities area and complete all required pre-medical coursework.

**Note:** the application process is competitive and not all students who meet the criteria will be selected. All decisions of The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences are final and there is no appeal process.