



Northeastern University

Honors Program

The Honors Program at Northeastern University is a vibrant and active community of learners. The Honors Program seeks to attract, retain and challenge a diverse group of talented and intellectually curious undergraduates by supporting excellence, creative and scholarly learning, and student engagement. Students in the Honors Program are engaged globally, supported academically, and are offered extracurricular opportunities to enhance their University experience.

Who are Honors Program students?

Honors students represent different majors, backgrounds, and interests who enjoy challenges and want to maximize their college experience.

How do I apply to the Honors Program?

Students are automatically reviewed for admission in the Honors Program as part of the University's admissions process. Students may apply for admission either Early Action Program (deadline is November 1) or Regular Decision (deadline of January 15).

What classes will I take?

There are three types of honors courses. The first group the Honors First Year Inquiry Series, developed for entering students, includes a number of course opportunities including Enhancing Honors, a team taught course with upper-class mentors. Second, there are honors separate sections which are honors versions of an existing class. These classes are typically small and provide opportunities for student-faculty interaction. Finally there are honors seminars which are thematic and interdisciplinary and can be taken by more advanced students in the program. Honors students also complete an Honors Junior/Senior Project that typically involves independent research or a series of college-based upper-class seminars. For a list of current honors courses, visit www.honors.neu.edu.

Will I earn special academic distinction as a member of the program?

Students can earn three Honors Program distinctions. Honors course distinction is earned after completion of six honors courses. Honors project distinction is earned after completion of the junior/senior honors project. University honors program distinction is earned after completing requirements for both of the previous distinctions.

Does the Honors Program offer facilities especially for its students?

West Village F is the home of the Honors Program office which has a computer lab and lounge for students along with staff offices. The program also offers a Living Learning Community for first year students in International Village and upperclass honors housing in West Village F.

What resources or activities are available to Honors Program students?

All incoming students participate in Honors Welcome Week. Welcome Week activities include the First Year Reading Project, a teambuilding retreat, a lecture and reception with the Reading Project author, community service and an Induction Breakfast. Honors students can write for the Honors *Perspective*, our award winning newsletter, mentor and/or become a teaching assistant in an honors class, attend Pizza and Prof evenings once a month, and travel to national level events such as the National Collegiate Honors Council annual meetings and Partners in the Parks. In addition, students take advantage of subsidized tickets to cultural events in the Boston area such as the symphony, ballet and theater. Special programs including our Networking Event with alums and our annual Honors Evening which showcases student research help to round out a wide range of program activities. Honors staff provide regular and specialized advising and hold workshops on developing research topics and applying for competitive fellowships. Students actively work with honors staff in developing programming such as the First Year Reading Project and Welcome Week and curriculum offerings such as Enhancing Honors.

As an honors student, will I be considered for special scholarships?

Entering freshman who receive the Trustee Scholarship are also enrolled in the Honors Program. Honors and other students may receive scholarships for incoming students on the basis of their academic achievement and/or financial need. After you complete a year of Honors course work, you may be eligible for various other scholarships. As scholarship policies change yearly, for more information visit the Office of Student Financial Services at 356 Richards Hall or online at www.financialaid.neu.edu.

What are the requirements to remain in the Honors Program?

First year students must participate in the Honors Welcome Week. To remain a student in good standing, you must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 3.4. To earn one of the Honors Program distinctions you must also complete the required number of honors courses each year.

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