

HONORS PROGRAM

Texas A&M University-Texarkana's Honors Program is designed to give motivated undergraduate students the opportunity to expand their understanding of their areas of study, develop leadership skills in and beyond the campus environment, and to work closely with faculty mentors in student-driven research projects.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Texas A&M-Texarkana Honors Program is to provide a community of exemplary scholars an enhanced and supportive learning environment responsible to the educational needs of both traditional and nontraditional students who are moved to pursue their education beyond typical course requirements. Honors students will have the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary activities including Honors colloquium series and seminars, increased opportunities for undergraduate research/creative activity, service learning and leadership opportunities, and participate in all Honors Program co-curricular activities.

Honors Opportunities and Perks

- Working one-on-one with A&M-Texarkana faculty experts in and out of the classroom
- Opportunities for mentored undergraduate research and creative activities
- Participation in co-curricular activities such as the Honors Colloquium Series and seminars
- Leadership opportunities in the Honors Program Advisory Group
- Scholarship opportunities available
- Enhanced library privileges
- Tutor and/or Academic Coach certification through the Student Success Center Honors Program

Admission to the Honors Program

All requirements are benchmarks, not cutoffs.

Four year students:

- Completed Honors Program Application
- Official Transcript on file, if already in college
- Letter of interest and commitment
- High school GPA of 3.4 or higher, or ACT score of 22 or higher

(Note- Holders of the Presidential and Valedictorian/Salutatorian scholarships are automatically members of the Honors Program)

Transfer students:

- Completed Honors Program application
- 3.25 GPA
- Official Transcript on file, if already in college
- Letter of interest and commitment

Application Procedures

To receive an application packet, information about A&M-Texarkana, and/or the upcoming semester, please visit the Honors Program (<http://www.tamut.edu/Academics/Colleges-and-Departments/Honors-Program/>) website.

Program Requirements

The University Honors Program is designed to work with every major at A&M-Texarkana. Every student will have the opportunity to take innovative, thought-provoking courses, to work one-on-one with faculty mentors, and to enrich their time here at A&M-Texarkana through Honors program events.

Students must complete both the Academic and Co-Curricular requirements to be eligible for graduation from the program.

Academic Requirements:

The academic requirements of the Honors program are built around the accumulation of academic "points"- successful completion of Honors courses, Honors-sections of existing courses, Honors projects, and Honors theses will earn points towards the overall academic requirements. (Current point values are available on the Honors Program website)

Freshmen students are required to take the Honors-section of IS 1100 in their first semester and students will also usually take the Honors-section of HUMA 1301; these courses should count towards the core requirements and will ideally be done during the student's first year. They also accumulate academic points.

Courses under the HONR heading are usually offered each semester. Successful completion of these courses counts towards an Honors graduation.

Honors projects and Honors theses are completed under the mentorship and supervision of qualified faculty.

Co-Curricular Requirements:

The co-curricular requirements of the Honors program, as with the academic requirements, are built around the accumulation of "points"- successful attendance and participation at the colloquium series, Honors workshops, academic conferences, and similar opportunities will earn points towards overall co-curricular requirements. (Current point values are available on the Honors Program website)

Colloquium Series

A core part of the co-curricular life of the Honors Program is the Honors Program Colloquium series. The Honors Program sponsors several colloquiums throughout the semester designed to give presenters the opportunity to discuss their research and to provide an engaging and enriched university experience. Presenters usually include university faculty and Honors Program students from across disciplines. These presentations are open to all university students, staff and faculty, and the general public.

Academic Conferences

The Honors Program encourages and supports students in presenting their work at regional and national conferences.

Community Engagement

Service to the community is an important aspect of being a member of the Honors Program. Honors students are encouraged to be active participants in the university and broader community. The Honors program will facilitate community engagement opportunities.

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