

HONORS PROGRAM

Texas A&M University-Texarkana's Honors Program is an enhanced and supportive learning environment for students moved to pursue an education beyond typical course requirements.

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 colloquia 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 in and out of the classroom
- Undergraduate research/creative activities
- Participation in interdisciplinary activities such as the Honors Colloquium Series and seminars
- Ability to serve on the Honors Student Leadership Council
- The Honors Student Showcase provides an opportunity for students to present original research or projects completed during the semester
- Invitation to private luncheons with faculty and administration at A&M-Texarkana
- Enhanced library privileges
- Opportunity for certification as Tutor and/or Academic Coach

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

Holders of the Presidential and the 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. In addition to the curricular expectations outlined below, Honors students must participate in at least one Honors colloquium, activity or event each semester.

Lower Division Requirements:

Freshmen students are required to take the Honors section of IS 1100 in their first semester. Students will also take HUMA 1301; these courses should count towards the core requirements and will ideally be done during the student's first year. Students will also complete one Honors add-on project with a full-time faculty member of their choice, with the advisement of the Honors Director.

Upper-division Requirements:

Students take HONR 345 in the fall of their junior (or initial fall semester for transfer students).

In addition to the required courses, students must complete an additional three add-on projects, usually with faculty in the student's major.

With the exception of required courses- IS 1100 and HONR 345- honors credit is non-academic credit and is not reflected on the student's official transcript.

**Honors Curriculum:
Required coursework and projects**

Freshmen students (four year students) complete 4 projects and required courses.

Year 1 and 2:

- HUMA 1301 Intro to Humanities and IS 1100 University Foundations.
- 1 Honors project

Year 3 and 4:

- HONR 345 Advanced Academic Argument (only offered in Fall semesters)
- 3 Honors approved upper-level add-on projects

Transfer students with two years or less remaining complete 3 Honors approved upper-level add-on projects

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Colloquia

The Honors Program provides several opportunities throughout the semester to attend colloquia and presentations designed to provide an engaging and enriched university experience. Presenters include university faculty, guest experts and professionals, and Honors Program students from across the disciplines. These presentations are open to all university students, staff and faculty, and the general public.

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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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