

The Honors Program

Welcome to the Honors Program at Youngstown State University. The program, which began in 1977, has recently experienced a tremendous increase in membership. Factors contributing to this growth include the inception of the University Scholars Program, interesting courses and dynamic faculty.

In this section you will find information regarding the eligibility requirements, courses offered, how to make a general course honors and forms. If you are eligible, we hope that you consider joining. You will never know whether or not the Honors Program is for you unless you try it. Take the time to go through the information and do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Mission

The Honors Program is designed to create a continuing community of intellectual excellence. Exceptional students brought together from diverse disciplines and challenged with extraordinary courses and learning experiences outside the classroom can find in the program opportunities to develop their full cultural and intellectual potential, their unique academic achievements being recognized with an Honors Diploma. Intended to foster interdisciplinary interaction, self expression, experimentation, leadership and academic excellence, the Honors Program serves as a tangible emblem of Youngstown State University's commitment to education, teaching innovation and cultural enrichment.

Eligibility

To be admitted into the Honors Program you must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- University, Presidential, and Dean's Scholars
- Students in the top 15% of their graduating class who scored at least a 26 on the ACT or 1160 on the SAT
- Current YSU students having completed at least 12 semester hours of college-level study (not to include remedial courses) with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4
- Students having completed at least 12 semester hours of college-level study accepted for credit at YSU (not to include remedial courses) with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4
- First-semester students in the top 15% of their graduating class or first-semester students who scored at least a 26 on the ACT or 1160 on the SAT, as well as other interested students, are encouraged to apply to the Honors Program.

Honors Program

Requirements & Information

Requirements include:

1. Of the 24 hours, at least 12 hours of honors general education courses distributed as follows: Four honors courses must be taken from three of the five knowledge domains. Two of the courses chosen for this requirement must be outside of your major and in the same knowledge domain. (The knowledge domains are: Natural sciences - NS; Artistic & Literary Perspectives = AL; Societies & Institutions =SI; Personal & Social Responsibility = PS; Selected Topics =ST)
2. At least six hours of honors work must be upper-division and outside your major.
3. At least six hours of honors course work shall be taken from actual honors classes (as opposed to contract honors credit). This requirement can be combined with #1.
4. At least one full credit hour of Honors Seminars or University Honors Seminars.

Senior Year Honors

During the senior year, a capstone thesis/project in the major department is required. This is generally worth 1-3 semester hours depending upon the department. A faculty advisor, selected by the student and approved by the Director of Honors, will oversee this project and be assigned an appropriate workload adjustment. The thesis should be bound and archived by the Library and stored in the Honors Office, Cafaro House. Certain projects other than theses could be presented in poster form or technologically recorded and similarly archived and stored. A public defense (exhibition or recital) is required. The student should also be encouraged to make a formal presentation at a regional or national conference. Projects completed by individuals, teams, and teams of students working with community officials are all appropriate.

Further Considerations

Students may join the Honors Program in the second or third year. Please note that the above requirements stand.

Students with multiple majors only have to complete one thesis and 24 semester hours of honors course work.

Transfer of Honors Credit

Honors credit from other institutions will be accepted as honors credit and can be used to partially fulfill the requirements for the Honors Program at YSU provided that the honors credit was earned in a college level course with a grade of B or higher.

Upon application, all students from other honors programs who were in good standing relative to their previous program will be admitted into the YSU Honors Program. Honors credit earned at other institutions will be accepted as honors credit and can be used to partially fulfill the requirements for Honors at YSU subject to review by the Honors Director.

To graduate with an Honors diploma a student must complete at least 12 of the total 20 semester hours of honors course work from YSU, fulfill the depth and breadth requirements of the Honors Program and complete a senior thesis in the major discipline. (For more details, consult with the Honors Director.)

Students who transfer into the YSU Honors Program have all the rights and privileges granted to its members, i.e., honors housing, priority registration, use of honors facilities, etc.

Honors Program Application

(please type or print)

Date _____ Date Entered the University (ex. Fall 2001) _____

Name _____ SS# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Campus Address _____

Campus Phone Number () _____

Intended Major _____

High School Attended _____

Class Rank _____ ACT _____ SAT _____

If you are currently attending YSU, give your accumulative GPA _____.

Are you in the BSMD program? YES/NO If yes, what is your projected graduation date? (Semester/Year) _____

List any Post Secondary Institution(s) attended, GPA, and number of transfer credits earned.

List the names of Honors Courses taken at other Universities and the credits earned with each.

Are you currently receiving any University Scholarships (Presidential, Deans, Leadership, etc.)? Give the name of the scholarship.

Return this form to:

University Scholars & Honors Programs
One University Plaza
Youngstown State University
Youngstown OH 44555

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Honors Courses Report (Example)

Major: Accounting

Term/Year	Course	H/C	Category	Credits
Ex. F00	Bio 1505	H	NS	3
F01	Art 1541	C	AL	3
S02	Art 1542	C	AL	3
S02	Phil 2609	H	PS	3
X02	Honor 2601	H	Honors Seminar	1
F02	Psych 1560	H	PS	3
S02	Psych 3407	C	PS	3
F03	Psych 3758	C	PS	3
S03	Accounting	H		3
S04	Senior Project	-		1

Requirements:

1. 4 honors courses taken from 3 of 5 areas. Two courses must be outside of major & in same knowledge domain.

NS (Natural Science):	Bio 1505	_____	_____
AL (Artistic & Literary Perspectives):	Art 1541	Art 1542	_____
SI (Societies & Institutions):	_____	_____	_____
PS (Personal & Social Responsibility):	Phil 2609	_____	_____
ST (Selected Topics):	_____	_____	_____

2. 6 hours upper division outside of major Psych 3707 Psych 3758
3. 6 hours of actual Honors Courses Phil 2609 Psych1560
4. One full credit of Honors Seminars Honor 2601
5. Senior Thesis Term to Complete S04

Title _____

Honors Program Requirements Completed: Yes No



Request for Contract Honors Credit

This form should be approved before registering for the course and must be approved by the end of the third week of classes.

Last Name, First (Please Print) _____

Address (If you live in the residence hall, please give that address)

Social Security Number _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

College _____ Degree _____ Major _____

Current Point Average _____ Hours Completed _____ Honors Hours Completed _____

I petition to earn honors credit in the following course during the _____ semester, 20__.

Name of Course _____

Department _____ Catalogue Number _____ Course Code _____

Semester Hours _____

Name and Email address of Faculty Member to Teach the Course (Please print and include title)

Ex. Dr. John Smith jsmith@xx.edu

Faculty Member: Please see attached form with complete instructions. **Due by:** Summer Semester:

First Term – May 29 **Interim Term** - June 25 **Second Term** - July 9

Fall Semester: September 16 **Spring Semester:** February 5

The faculty member must write the proposal in consultation with the student. The completed contract needs to be signed by the student, faculty member, and department chair must reach the University Scholars and Honors Office and returned to the Honors Office by the above date.

Approval and Routing:

1. Student, Date

2. Faculty Member, Date

3. Department Chair, Date

4. Send to University Scholars & Honors Office
(Cafaro House)

5. Chair of Honors Committee, Date

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Request for Approval of Honors Thesis

This form should be approved before the student begins the Honors Thesis requirement.

Last Name, First, Middle (Please Print _____)

Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Phone Number _____

College _____ Degree _____ Major _____

Current Point Average _____ Hours Completed _____ Honors Hours Completed _____

I petition to begin the Honors Thesis during the following semester _____, 20____.

What semester/year are you graduating? _____

Name of Participating Faculty Member _____

Department _____

Is this senior project associated with a course? _____ If yes, how many credits is it worth? _____

Senior Thesis Title: _____

(This information will be printed in the graduation program)

Faculty Advisor & Honors Student:

The Honors Student and Faculty Advisor develop the senior project together. A proposal of the senior project needs to be submitted for approval to the Honors Office three weeks prior to the desired starting date.

Included in the proposal should be: 1. The rationale, goals, as well as the strategies and activities for completing the project. 2. Proposal should stipulate how this project/thesis represents a greater effort than senior capstone projects required of other students in the major. Attach the proposal to this form, which must be signed by the student and participating faculty member and sent to the Honors Office for approval. Upon completion of the thesis an Honors Thesis Completion Form is to be submitted to the Honors office along with the completed thesis project or associated material. **Completion Deadline:** Graduating in Summer Semester – May 29; Fall Semester: September 16 and Spring Semester February 5

Approval:

1. Student Date

2. Faculty Member Date

3. Department Chair Date

4. Honors Program Director Date

Advising

Advisors are available to discuss all academic questions or problems of a general or specific nature in each college. Most departments do their own advising and you should consult with your particular department for further details. When possible Honors students should be advised by a departmental honors advisor.

Professional Advisors

College of Engineering and Technology:	ENGR 2285
College of Education:	BCOE 2001
College of Business:	WCBA 408
College of Arts and Sciences (undetermined majors):	DEBH 104
College of Health and Human Services:	CUSH 2064
College of Fine and Performing Arts:	BLSS 2310

Honors Student Registration

Honors Students are permitted to register early.

Make an appointment to see your advisor!

Make sure your advisor understands that as an Honors Student you have requirements to fulfill; i.e., Honors Program Requirements. Enter the courses agreed upon with your advisor into the SOLAR system. Make sure to obtain an advisement number: you will need this when you register.

If you are planning to live on campus and keep a car on campus, make sure to register for it on the SOLAR system. You have one week from the first day of the semester to apply for a parking permit (through the Bursar's office in Meshel Hall) before late fees are charged.

Schedule Changes

There is a period prior to the beginning of the semester when you may change your schedule (please refer to the Schedule of Classes for the current semester). The Director or Assistant Director of the Honors and Scholars Program can also help you with a change of schedule.

Useful Information

Add/Drop

If you wish to change your schedule after the start of the semester and you are still of Freshman rank, you must see an advisor before changing your schedule. If you are of Sophomore rank or higher, you need not see an advisor—simply change your schedule through SOLAR.

Adding a Class

You must add a class before the end of the first week of the semester. Classes cannot be added after this time. If a class you wish to add is full to capacity, speak with the instructor of the class about a permit. Note that the issuing of permits is at the discretion of the instructor and that a permit is not guaranteed.

Dropping a Class

You may drop a class until the ninth week. Withdrawal after the ninth week will result in an "F" for that course on the student's permanent record.

Registration of Classes and Student Information

YSU uses a system called SOLAR for the registration of classes. SOLAR is available from most university computers. If you go to a mainframe terminal with the YSU logo, please skip the next paragraph.

First, you must access the mainframe and then get to the YSU logo. Instead of using Telnet, you must use a program that emulates a protocol called IBM 3278. Such a program, tn3278, is available in computer labs across YSU. Open the application and connect to "ysub.ysu.edu." Once connected, use the arrow keys to move the cursor down to the "Command = >" line. Type "d vtam" and press enter. you should now be at the YSU logo.

Once at the YSU logo, type "solar" to enter the registration program. For detailed instructions, see the front of the semester registration booklets.

Instead of using solar, you can enter "sid" (Student Information Display) to check your records. You cannot register from SID.

Your initial password or PIN for both solar and sid is the month number and day number of your birthday. Include zero if your month or day is a single digit (for example, if you were born on June 3, your initial PIN would be 0603). You can change this PIN to any four digit number.

Always keep your solar PIN secret and do not forget to exit both solar and sid, otherwise someone else could change your schedule and your record.

E-mail and the Internet

YSU has a dedicated connection to the Internet. Many computer labs are available across campus to access the World Wide Web (WWW), electronic mail (e-mail), and newsgroups. Cafaro House residents can connect to YSU's network by several means to enjoy the Internet.

Getting Connected

Three main options are available to use the Internet. Using university computer labs is the easiest. Many labs are located across campus and most are connected to the network. Honors students have 24-hour access to the Cafaro House computer laboratory.

Cafaro residents also have the option to connect personal computers to the YSU network via a direct Ethernet network connection available in each room. To use this feature, you need a personal computer with an Ethernet card. You must also activate the connection by filing a Network Connection Request, available at Cafaro House's front desk. Once the form is processed, you will receive the necessary information to configure the Ethernet card software.

The third option is to connect to an intermediate server called Annex by modem. To read email, compile programs, or read newsgroups, you can use the terminal software that came with your modem. If you are running Windows, HyperTerminal will suffice. Configure the software to dial into the gateway server as listed in the table below. Other servers and numbers are listed for your convenience

Server Name	Domain Name	Dial In Phone Number	Terminal Type	Data Bits	Stop Bits
Gateway	cis.yzu.edu	480-7020	VT100	8	0
UNIX1	cc.yzu.edu	480-7020	VT100	8	0
YSU Mainframe	ysub.yzu.edu	480-7000	VT100	7	1
YSU Maag Library	jupiterysu.edu	480-7020	VT100	8	0
Youngstown Area	yfn.yzu.edu	480-7035	VT100	8	0

Info: Freenet

Once connected, choose the option number to connect to your desired service. A login prompt will appear if you choose gateway, at which you can login.

It is also possible to create a point-to-point Protocol (PPP) connection between your computer and UNIX1 over a modem. A PPP connection will act like a direct network connection, but much slower. To use this service, you need a UNIX1 account, available from the Computer Center in Meshel Hall. Once you obtain the account, configure your networking software to dial into UNIX1, but instead of selecting the UNIX1 option, choose the PPP option. To learn how to configure your networking software, see the documentation and help files that came with your computer.

Some Important Campus Phone Numbers

Admissions.....	2000
Alumni Association.....	3497
Arts and Sciences, College of.....	3409
Bookstore.....	3589
Bursar's office.....	3133
Business Administration, Warren P. Williamson, Jr. College of.....	3064
Cafaro Front Desk.....	4742
Campus Ministry, Catholic.....	747-9202
Campus Ministry, Protestant.....	743-0439
Campus Emergency.....	3333/911
Career Services.....	3515
Christman Dining Commons.....	1983
Computer Center.....	3036
Counseling Center.....	3056
Credit Union, YSU Federal.....	3204/3781
Dana School of Music.....	3636
Dental Hygiene Clinic.....	3342
Education, College of.....	3215
Engineering and Technology, William Rayen College of.....	3009
Escort Service.....	1515
Financial Aid and Scholarships, Office of.....	3505
Fine and Performing Arts, College of.....	3625
Health and Human Services, College of.....	3321
Honors Office.....	2772
Housing Services.....	3547
Intramurals.....	3488
The Jambar.....	3094
Kilcawley House.....	3547
Lyden House.....	1981
Maag Library.....	3675
Hours.....	3677
Math Assistance Center.....	3274
McDonough Museum of Art.....	1400
Media Services.....	3350
Parking Services.....	3546
Planetarium.....	3616
Sports Information.....	3192
Student Activities, Office of.....	3575
Student Affairs, Vice President for.....	3532
Student Government.....	3591
Student Health Services.....	3489
Student Life, Office of.....	4703
Ticket Office, Athletics.....	3482
Ticket Office, University Theater.....	3105
Weller House.....	1982
YSU Foundation.....	3156
YSU Police.....	3527
To request a campus directory, call.....	3110