

# Honors Program



## 3.25 & 25

Applying to the Honors Program is easier than you might think. Freshman applicants generally meet or exceed a 3.25 high school grade point average and a 25 ACT composite. Current Kent State Stark students are also encouraged to apply, with only Kent State University grades being considered.

apply today

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The Kent State University Stark Campus Honors Program is committed to making a difference in the lives of its students by offering a wide array of opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Since 1986 the Honors Program has provided an outlet for talented students to make the most of their college experience.

### Curriculum

The curriculum of the Honors Program can be completed with any major. The flexibility of the program usually allows for students to complete their major and Honors requirements without taking any extra classes. Honors classes are taught by select Kent State Stark faculty and are designed for advanced students. Participation and discussion are integral components of most Honors classes.



Honors students develop relationships with faculty and meet individually with their Honors advisors on a regular basis.

### Relationships

In addition to providing a rich academic atmosphere, the Honors Program sponsors social events to encourage students to have fun and make friends. The Honors Program Student Council helps plan and implement activities throughout the year. Members work closely with staff and students to ensure the success of events.

## features & benefits

Membership in the Kent State Stark Honors Program has its benefits:

- Class maximums of 15 students
- Graduation with Honors distinction
- Priority registration
- Individual Honors work
- Senior Honors Thesis
- Community service opportunities
- Social events
- Study abroad opportunities
- "Brown Bag Lunch" speaker series
- Honors Newsletter
- Personal academic advisor
- Connection to Kent State's Honors College

### Faculty

The professors who teach Honors classes are among the best on campus. They bring passion for the field to the classroom and are dedicated to providing high-quality instruction. Honors classes at Kent State Stark have been taught in these departments: English, history, geology, biology, sociology, psychology, art, anthropology, music, business and philosophy. Honors faculty have also helped facilitate internships, study abroad programs, senior Honors thesis projects and individual investigations.

Kent State University Stark Campus feels like a private college but with all the resources available of a major research university. Kent State Stark has a student body of nearly 5,400 and more than 100 students from all walks of life participate in the Honors Program. This small number of students makes the Honors Program feel like a community within the campus.

# Connection

In its latest review, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools hailed Kent State's Honors College as "one of the jewels of honors colleges in public institutions nationally." When and if the time comes to transition to the Kent Campus, any Kent State Stark Honors student in good standing will automatically be accepted into the Honors College - a great way to make a larger campus feel more intimate.

## on the Web

### Stark Honors Program Web site

[www.stark.kent.edu/CurrentStudents/HonorsProgram.cfm](http://www.stark.kent.edu/CurrentStudents/HonorsProgram.cfm)

### Apply to the Stark Honors Program

[www.stark.kent.edu/CurrentStudents/applyhonors.cfm](http://www.stark.kent.edu/CurrentStudents/applyhonors.cfm)

### Kent State University Honors College

[www.kent.edu/honors](http://www.kent.edu/honors)

**I**n the Honors Program, I find myself in an academic setting where I can research the most unique topics.

- Eric Beavers



"While all students benefit from learning something about philosophy, I find that Honors students tend to have a greater appreciation of philosophy as an activity. This gives an Honors class the opportunity both to learn about philosophy through challenging readings and assignments, but also to engage in the activity itself - to do philosophy."

- Thomas Norton-Smith, Ph.D

## Curriculum Outline

Honors courses are available throughout a student's undergraduate years and can be done with any major in the university. Honors Program freshmen are enrolled in the yearlong Freshman Honors Colloquium which takes the place of College Writing I and II.

Freshmen who join the Honors Program need to complete eight Honors experiences to graduate with honors distinction. Honors experiences can include designated Honors classes, individual Honors work, a senior Honors thesis and study abroad opportunities.

Students need at least one Honors experience per academic year to remain in good standing with the program.

## curriculum outline

To graduate with honors distinction, students need to complete eight Honors experiences during their undergraduate years. To remain in good standing with the program, at least one Honors course must be taken each academic year. An eight-experience outline might look like this:

<b>Freshman Year</b>	<b>3 experiences</b>
<i>Freshman Honors Colloquium (equivalent to two experiences) plus one other experience</i>	
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<b>2 experiences</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>2 experiences</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>1 experience</b>

## Scholarship Opportunities

The Honors Programs recognizes academically talented members by offering full and partial tuition scholarships.

The Freshman Honors Program Scholarship is available to incoming freshmen (recent high school graduates) accepted into the Honors Program. Full and partial tuition awards are available and these scholarships are renewable for one additional year. To apply, indicate your interest on the Honors Program application for admission. To learn more, visit [www.stark.kent.edu/currentstudents/applyhonors.cfm](http://www.stark.kent.edu/currentstudents/applyhonors.cfm).

The Rank Family Foundation Scholarship is available to current Honors Program members who demonstrate an active level of service to the program. Scholarships are awarded up to \$1,000. For more information, visit [www.stark.kent.edu/currentstudents/currentscholarships.cfm](http://www.stark.kent.edu/currentstudents/currentscholarships.cfm).

## Applying to the Honors Program

Students interested in applying to the Kent State Stark Honors Program should complete an application available in the Office of Student Services or online at [www.stark.kent.edu/currentstudents/honorsprogram.cfm](http://www.stark.kent.edu/currentstudents/honorsprogram.cfm).

The application requires a short essay, a copy of your high school transcript (the copy you provide with your admission application is sufficient), one letter of recommendation and a summary of your leadership and academic achievements. If you are a new freshman, you can indicate on the application if you'd like to be considered for the Freshman Honors Program Scholarship. For scholarship consideration, applications must be received by March 1. For more application information, contact Ryan Bucher at 330-244-3260 or e-mail [rbucher@stark.kent.edu](mailto:rbucher@stark.kent.edu).

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