Admission to the Western Honors Program

Western's Honors Program appeals to students who challenge themselves in the classroom and are seeking to get the most out of their college experience. While admission to the Honors Program is selective, application review is holistic and values a variety of student perspectives, experiences, and attributes.

Honors Program students have access to specific Honors advisors.

There are no additional fees for the Honors Program.

Applying to Honors

Complete the Honors Program application at www.edu/honors.

A complete application to the Honors Program includes:

1. A writing sample of your best graded work
2. A short essay response about your decision to pursue the Honors Program at Western
3. Consideration of the materials provided in your application for admission and scholarships to the university, including your high school transcripts, ACT or SAT scores and personal statement

Honors Program Application Deadlines

Early Action: Apply by January 1 to receive a response by February 15

Regular Decision: Apply by March 10

Late applications will be considered after all on-time applications have been reviewed.

Transferring to Honors

Current Western students and transfer students will meet with an advisor to develop an Honors plan of study.
VISIT

The best way to determine whether Western is right for you is to experience campus for yourself. Get in touch with us before you visit and we will arrange to show you the special Honors residential option and find an Honors class for you to attend.

Please let us know if you have any questions or plan on visiting campus.

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WESTERN'S HONORS PROGRAM

BE INSPIRED. FIND YOUR COMMUNITY. DISCOVER MORE.
TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING IN A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

Since its founding in 1962, Western’s Honors Program has functioned as a small college within a larger university, incorporating the best aspects of both. The small, diverse classes promote thought-provoking discussions that will challenge your perceptions and foster a strong sense of community within your Honors cohort. You can pursue any major, have access to fellowship and internship advising, and have the option to live in an Honors residential cluster. From captaining our national championship rowing team to editing newspapers to organizing our TedX event, Western Honors students are campus leaders.

Honors Program average class size
20 students

Classes taken in Honors
20-30%
“Honors has given me the opportunity to meet some amazing people and develop very strong friendships. I think that without Honors, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to take classes with and become friends with people outside of my major.”

**Pauline Mogilevsky**  
Renton, WA  
Environmental Studies with a Geographic Information Science Certificate

“My favorite part of the Honors Program (and the most notable way that it has shaped my Western experience) has been the people in the program.”

**Daniel Gallegos**  
Kent, WA  
Biology - Ecology (Evolution and Organismal Biology Emphasis), and Philosophy
**FIRST-YEAR HONORS CURRICULUM**

First Year Students in Honors take a year-long sequence that includes the following classes:

**HNRS 101 - The Big Picture:** Lecture series about the history of everything (1 cr)

**HNRS 103* - Navigating the Human Experience Pre-Modernity:** Texts from ancient times to the 13th century (4 cr)

**HNRS 104* - Navigating the Human Experience Modernity:** Texts from the 13th to 20th centuries (4 cr)

**HNRS 105* - Navigating the Human Experience Post-Modernity A:** Comparative culture in the modern world; emphasis outside North America and Europe (4 cr)

**OR**

**HNRS 106* - Navigating the Human Experience Post-Modernity B:** Comparative culture in the modern world; multicultural and gender studies (4 cr)

**SIXTH INTEREST**

Students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are encouraged to consider enrollment in our Honors Calculus* and Honors General Chemistry* sequences.

**LOWER DIVISION COLLOQUIA**

Two Honors Colloquia* are required. These 200-level classes are offered each year in areas such as economics, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, linguistics, and geology.

For a full list of classes, visit wp.wwu.edu/honors/classes.

**UPPER DIVISION SEMINARS**

A minimum of two Honors seminars is required. Faculty compete to teach these 20+ seminars, which cover an array of fields and topics that are refreshed each year.

For a sample of the annual selection of seminars, visit wp.wwu.edu/honors/upper-division-seminars.

**SENIOR PROJECT**

Students partner with faculty to complete their required Honors senior projects, which is concentrated work in a student's major field.

See past projects at cedar.wwu.edu/wwu_honors.

*Courses count towards GUR credit