

Academic Enrichment Programs

The Honors College

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Oklahoma State University is an active member of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Great Plains Honors Council. The Honors College is composed of a university-wide General Honors component and specialized upper-division components at the departmental or college levels. The Honors College provides academically talented students with the opportunity to study, conduct research, and exchange ideas in an exciting and supportive academic environment. Honors sections are offered in many general education courses, and special honors seminars and interdisciplinary honors courses also are available. Honors classes are taught by outstanding faculty members and the classes are small in size to facilitate active student involvement.

Completion of the requirements for the General Honors Award leads to special designation on the student's OSU transcript, as does completion of the requirements for the Departmental or College Honors Award in the student's academic major. Students who earn a minimum of 39 honors credit hours and complete the Departmental or College Honors Award, as well as the General Honors Award, with 3.50 OSU and cumulative grade-point averages at graduation, receive the Honors College Degree, including a special entry on their transcripts and special honors diplomas.

Additional advantages for active participants in The Honors College (minimum of six honors credit hours per semester and 12 honors credit hours for each two consecutive semesters for freshmen and sophomores and three honors credit hours per semester for juniors and seniors) include use of The Honors College Study Lounge in Old Central (with a computer lab), extended check-out privileges for library materials, priority enrollment for the following semester, and an honors housing option in Stout Hall (on a rooms-available basis).

Admission of new freshmen to The Honors College is based on an ACT composite score of 27 or higher (or comparable SAT score) with a high school grade-point average of 3.75 or higher. Weighted grade point averages certified by the high school may be used. Application forms are included in the OSU Application for Admission. Entering freshmen who fall just short of these criteria may inquire of The Honors College about the admission by petition option. Students other than new freshmen may be admitted to The Honors College on the basis of their OSU and cumulative grade-point averages (7-59 hours earned: 3.30; 60-93 hours earned: 3.40; 94 or more hours earned: 3.50). Transfer freshmen must have completed at least seven college credit hours (not including concurrent enrollment while in high school) to be eligible on the basis of college performance if they do not have the required high school grade-point average and ACT score. There is a February 1 deadline for automatic acceptance based on the criteria outlined above. Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered on a space-available basis.

For additional information about The Honors College, interested students should consult the director of The Honors College, 101 Old Central or visit www.okstate.edu/honors.

Scholar Development and Recognition

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Some outstanding OSU students compete for a wide range of prestigious national and international scholarships at the end of their undergraduate careers, such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater, Udall, and others. In addition, there is a host of lesser-known but still valuable opportunities that require students to prepare competitive applications.

This office monitors student progress, provides important information, supplies support, and plans courses and activities that can lead to success in these areas. Interested students can contact the office to inquire about opportunities and strategies. Often faculty will nominate candidates who have been performing at a high level academically and displaying other qualities through leadership and community service. Early identification of freshmen

and sophomores is especially important in order for the student to gain the most from these programs.

Additionally, as an incentive for the kinds of students who are considered OSU's best and brightest, the Lew Wentz Foundation and generous donors provide substantial private funding to OSU for several scholarship programs that are managed in this office. The programs are:

1. Wentz Projects - an opportunity for outstanding undergraduates to plan and perform high-level research under the direction of a faculty mentor (\$4,500 each);
2. Wentz Scholarships - traditional awards based on academic excellence and well-rounded campus activities (\$2,750 each);
3. Wentz Non-Traditional and Transitional Student Text Book Award - full-time or part-time (up to \$1,000).
4. Freshman Research Program, whereby top entering students can begin their careers with a small scholarship for orientation to research (\$1,000 each).
5. Scholar Development has its own program for study in the U.K. every July, whereby top students travel with OSU's best faculty for interesting courses on a variety of topics (scholarships around half total costs and up).

For further information contact the office at 405-744-7313 or visit <http://scholardevelopment.okstate.edu>.

Oklahoma Scholar Leadership Enrichment Program

The Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP) is a statewide academic program designed to develop scholarship and leadership abilities of outstanding students. Students study in intensive, five-day seminars with a distinguished scholar and are selected from Oklahoma's 21 four-year colleges and universities. OSU's sophomore, junior and senior students with a 3.00 GPA are eligible to apply. OSLEP seminars are taken for three hours of credit. The only cost to students is the tuition - the program provides books and room and board during the seminar. The seminars are graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis and are transferred to OSU as Pass/Fail. Application should be made as early in the academic year as possible. Further information and application materials may be obtained from OSU's OSLEP coordinator, The Honors College, 101 Old Central.