



The Honors Program at Coastal Carolina University fosters intellectual curiosity and creativity among highly-motivated and academically talented students. This goal is advanced through a challenging and well-structured Honors curriculum that incorporates disciplinary, interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives, and that encourages collaboration among members of the university community to support the academic, professional and personal growth of each Honors student. The program also incorporates active student involvement in the life of the University and in service to the community.



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To maintain eligibility to continue in the Honors Program, students are expected to maintain throughout, a cumulative 3.25 GPA up to 30 credit hours, a 3.33 GPA up to 60 credit hours and finally a 3.50 GPA until graduation. Students must complete a minimum of one Honors course per semester with a minimum grade of B. Additionally, students will design and complete an approved Senior Thesis in their major field of study.

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HONORS PROGRAM

ADMISSION

Admission to the Honors Program for First Year Students is by invitation of the Honors Program Director in consultation with the Office of Admissions. Continuing and Transfer Students are asked to complete an Honors Program application.

MINIMUM ADMISSION CRITERIA

First Year Students*

- SAT score of 1,200 or ACT score of 27
- High School GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Rank in the top 15 percent of high school class

*Exceptionally, a first year student may apply to the program directly. They must complete an Honors Program application (available online). Complete a personal essay of intention, and provide one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher. Acceptance is conditional on the availability of space within the Honors Program.

Continuing or Transfer Students

- Cumulative College GPA of 3.7 or above
- Completion of 30 academic credit hours
- Two favorable letters of recommendation from college instructors

International Students

- TOEFL score of 575*
- Rank in the top 15 percent of high school class

(*International students from English-speaking countries are required to submit SAT scores of at least 1,200 or ACT scores of at least 27.)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Various opportunities on campus enhance the life of the program outside the classroom. Students gain valuable leadership skills in the course of performing their duties for various campus organizations. It's important to get involved and experience the reward of contributing to the continuity of these programs.

ACADEMICS

Curriculum

Honors students pursue an enhanced academic curriculum which includes Honors sections of core curriculum courses, and arranged courses within their majors, and advanced interdisciplinary courses for juniors and seniors.

Research & Performance

Reflecting the program's emphasis on independent research and performance preparation, Honors students complete either a senior thesis project or a senior performance project in their major field of study. Students then present their work to a public audience.

Service

In order to develop leadership skills, Honors students are required to participate regularly in service to the university and local community. Often this is accomplished as either coursework or extra-curricular activity.



ACTIVITIES

The Honors Program at Coastal Carolina University offers a variety of social, cultural and intellectual activities on and off campus throughout the year. These include convocations, picnics, tailgating, films, guest lectures, field trips and dinner socials.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Students who are invited into the Honors Program are considered for a limited number of Honors Program Scholarships. Distribution of these awards is determined by the Scholarship Office in consultation with the Honors Program Director.

Members of the Honors Program are assigned a new laptop computer. Students retain the use of these computers (summers included) as long as they remain active members of the Honors Program. These computers contain all required software students will need to complete their studies.

TRAVEL

The Honors Program recognizes student-faculty travel as a means of enhancing the classroom experience in unique and powerful ways. Travel opportunities range from weekend field trips, to national internships, to summer Study Abroad opportunities. Financial Aid is available to support most travel-augmented coursework. Study Abroad offers Honors students a chance to complete Honors-level course requirements while working with faculty in France, Spain, England, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Japan, Africa, and Costa Rica.

HONORS HOUSING

The University offers special theme housing to Honors students in one of our dormitories on campus. Honors Housing includes lounges and other spaces where Honors students can interact both socially and academically. Housing RAs are Honors Program veterans, and provide informal mentoring and assistance.