

# Honors College Information and Application

The Honors College at OSU provides many opportunities, challenges, and rewards for outstanding students. Honors sections of general education courses, special interdisciplinary honors courses, topical honors seminars, and individual honors projects enable students to enhance their learning experience in a “small college atmosphere” within a major university.

## HONORS BENEFITS

- small honors classes (typically 20-22 students, and often smaller)
- instruction by excellent, experienced faculty
- wide range of honors courses
- special honors advising by Honors College personnel who have earned honors degrees themselves
- interaction with other outstanding students in a supportive environment
- Honors College awards, transcript designations, and special honors degree diploma
- you pay the same tuition and fees for honors courses as for other comparable OSU courses

## HONORS COLLEGE AWARDS

Students may pursue three distinct honors awards at OSU, the General Honors Award, the

College or Departmental Honors Award, and the Honors College Degree. All three awards usually fit within the courses required for a particular degree and normally do not result in additional credit hour requirements beyond those needed for the degree. Grades of “A” or “B” are required for honors courses to apply toward these awards, and cumulative and OSU GPAs of at least 3.50 are required to receive the awards.

The *General Honors Award* is a 21-honorscredit-hour award earned while completing your general education requirements. A breadth requirement provides honors experience in a variety of areas.

The *College or Departmental Honors Award* requires 12 honors credit hours earned in upper-division courses in your major field of study. This includes a senior honors thesis or creative component.

The *Honors College Degree* is earned by completing a minimum of 39 honors credit

hours, including the General Honors Award and the College or Departmental Honors Award. The Honors College Degree is the highest undergraduate academic award granted at OSU.

## HONORS PRIVILEGES

By successfully taking at least six honors hours per semester and twelve honors hours in two consecutive semesters (three hours per semester for juniors and seniors) you earn a number of privileges relating to your honors education. These privileges include:

- use of the Honors College Study Lounge and Computer Lab
- early enrollment for the following semester
- extended library check-out privileges (equivalent to those of graduate students)
- the option to live in honors housing within Stout Hall, with central location, special academic and social

functions, and resident assistants who are all honors students. (Space is limited.)

## ELIGIBILITY

### Initial Eligibility for New Freshmen

- ACT Composite Score of 27 or higher [SAT Total Score of 1220 (critical reading and math) or higher] AND a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher

### Eligibility for Transfer Students

- fewer than 60 credit hours = 3.30 cumulative grade point average
- 60-93 credit hours = 3.40 cumulative grade point average
- 94 or more credit hours = 3.50 cumulative grade point average

## TRANSFER CREDIT

Up to 15 honors credit hours from other colleges and universities may be used toward the requirements for the General Honors Award.

**Please type or print all information. Use blue or black ink. Mail this completed form to:**

The Honors College  
101 Old Central  
Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater OK 74078-1073

**Please note** that you must also complete the Oklahoma State University application to be admitted to OSU. New freshman Honors College applications must be postmarked or submitted electronically by **February 1, 2010**, in order to be considered for automatic acceptance into the Honors College. Applications submitted after this date will be considered only if space is available.

**1. Applicant's Legal Name:**

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Last First Middle

**2. Campus-Wide ID Number:**

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OSU CWID (xxx-xx-xxx)

**3. Permanent Address:**

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Street City State Zip

**4. Phone:**

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Area code Phone

**5. Test Scores:**

ACT Composite \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Total Score (Critical Reading + Math) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. High School GPA:**

\_\_\_\_\_ on 4.00 scale; \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale. Actual/expected date of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
unweighted GPA weighted GPA

**7. High School Information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name City State

**8. College GPA/Hours:**

Cumulative grade point average (for all college work taken) \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ college credit hours earned  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
college or university

**9. Signature of Applicant:**

**Oklahoma State University**