

## **What can I expect in an honors class?**

Honors courses explore the world both in the classroom and outside. Our classes are small, hands on, and project based. Typically with 18 students or less. Classes often have an experiential or service learning component.

## **Does honors take over my entire course schedule?**

No, honors students typically engage in one honors experience per semester. This could include an honors seminar course, study abroad experience, undergraduate research, an enhanced community project, etc.

## **Does honors require you to take extra credit hours or to extend your time to graduation?**

No, the Honors College rarely extends your time to graduation. In some cases it reduces your total credit hours.

## **Can honors students get involved in other extracurricular activities and organizations?**

Of course! Honors students can be student-athletes, have jobs, and get involved in student organization on campus such as Fraternity and Sorority Life, NKU Hiking Club, Disney Fan Club, and so much more!

## **Are honors classes more difficult than other classes; will honors ruin my GPA?**

No, for most students, honors courses require the same amount of work as non-honors courses. You must come to class prepared to discuss material, but they will not ruin your GPA!

## **Does it cost more to be in the Honors College to take an an Honors class?**

No, the Honors College does not cost any extra. In fact, there are select scholarship opportunities available to continuing honors students and for study abroad.

## **Is there an Honors College affiliated student organization?**

Yes! Honors students can get involved with the Honors Student Association (HSA). How you may ask? HSA hosts meetings and multiple events for students to attend. Connect with them on Instagram at @nku\_hsa

## **Can study abroad be part of my honors experience?**

Yes! We are happy to incorporate studying abroad into your honors experience and curriculum. We encourage students who are interested in studying abroad to contact the Office of Education Abroad at [studyabroad@nku.edu](mailto:studyabroad@nku.edu), or via phone at (859) 572-6650.

**Have any questions? Contact us at [honors@nku.edu](mailto:honors@nku.edu) or visit our website at [honors.nku.edu](http://honors.nku.edu)**

## **What types of co-curricular opportunities are available to first-year honors students?**

Our First Year Experience program is specifically designed to put you on the path to academic and professional success! We encourage students to attend our Lunch and Learn events. We invite guests to engage with students and speak to them about regional interests and needs, professional development, internship and job opportunities, and much more. Our learning communities are also designed to get students involved, inside and outside of the classroom.

## **I heard that honors is a "minor." Does that mean I can't have other minors or a double major?**

Honors fulfills the secondary area graduation requirement. This does not prevent students from pursuing minor(s) or a double major. Honors students usually graduate having completed multiple academic programs.

## **What are some other fun and interesting things that students do through the Honors College?**

Being an honors student means that you automatically have a very supportive community of peers and faculty. You can hang out or study with other students in the Honors Lounge. We also have fun and optional events throughout the year that students can attend. These events include, scavenger hunts, holiday parties, trivia nights, conferences, curricular and co-curricular field trips, individual projects, and advising in the Honors Living Learning Community.

## **What is the difference between a first-year learning community and HNR 101?**

HNR 101 is a part of the first-year learning community! This is the first course that you may take as an honors student. Each HNR 101 course is linked to a learning community that features an academic department or program on campus. (Ex: Arts and Entertainment - School of the Arts). This allows students to bond together and engage with professional co-curricular opportunities that vary on their specific interest.

## **I heard that honors helps you complete general education requirements. If I have all or many of my gen eds already complete, should I pursue honors?**

Absolutely! Honors can help students complete up to half of the general education requirements. If students are coming in with many gen eds completed, this allows us to make your honors experience more flexible. We are happy to tailor your honors experience to you!

## **How does honors show up on your transcript?**

Upon your graduation, honors will be reflected on your transcript as the University Honors Scholar graduation distinction.

## **Is there a space in the Honors College for me to study or work on group projects with other students?**

We have our very own Honors Lounge located in the Honors Suite in Founders Hall 295!