

Honors Institute

Hillsborough Community College's Honors Institute is designed to provide a rigorous academic program for talented and motivated students. The HCC Honors Institute reflects a mutual commitment by students and faculty to achieving the following program goals:

- create an atmosphere of scholarly inquiry;
- emphasize critical research and writing in a major documented paper or project;
- cultivate the higher-level cognitive processes including application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation;
- experiment with alternative learning strategies;
- foster an environment of creative interaction and intellectual flexibility;
- explore personal attitudes and values; and
- form an ethical canon with which to meet the challenge of a world in transition.

Privileges and Advantages

- Additional scholarship opportunities
- Honors advising
- Priority registration
- Small classes
- Honors study lounges
- Cultural and social activities
- Advanced university preparation
- Extended library privileges at USF
- Travel opportunities
- Special recognition at graduation
- Honors designation on diploma and transcripts

Admission Procedure

In addition to completing the HCC application, students must submit an Honors Institute application, provide high school (or college) transcripts, and submit written recommendations from high school teachers and/or college faculty members. Honors Institute applications are available at all student services offices, the Honors office, and online at www.hccfl.edu/honors.

Admission Criteria

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria to qualify for the Honors Institute:

- a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- a high school GPA of 3.4 or higher on a 6.0 scale;
- an SAT combined score of 1160 or higher;
- an ACT composite score of 26 or higher;

- graduation in the top 10% of the class with SAT combined score of 1050 or higher, ACT composite score of 25 or higher, or CPT score of 90 or above in writing and 92 or above in reading;
- completion of 12 hours of dual enrollment courses with a 3.8 GPA; or
- earning a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher, in at least six semester hours of college-level courses

Graduation with Distinction in Honors

Completion of Honors work with minimum overall GPA of 3.0.

Honors Certificate Option

Honors students who do not fulfill all Honors Institute requirements but complete at least 12 hours of Honors courses with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 will be awarded honors certificates.

For more information about the HCC Honors Institute, call 253-7894 or 253-7974 or 253-7986 or log on to www.hccfl.edu/honors.

Honors Courses

Honors courses have been designed to ensure students have opportunities for creative interaction and intellectual flexibility. Honors courses are not regular courses with additional work, papers, tests and projects; rather, honors courses use alternative learning methodologies to provide students with the experiences necessary for developing critical thinking skills. To graduate from the Honors Institute, students must complete a minimum of eight Honors courses with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (a minimum of 24 credit hours) from among the following:

AMH	1010H	Honors Early American History	3 cr.
AMH	1020H	Honors Modern American History	3 cr.
AML	2010H	Honors American Literature to 1885	3 cr.
AML	2020H	Honors American Literature: 1885 to Present	3 cr.
AST	1002H	Honors Astronomy	3 cr.
BSC	1011H	Honors Biological Science II	3 cr.
BSC	1011L	Honors Biological Science II Laboratory	1 cr.
DEP	1004H	Honors Developmental Psychology	3 cr.
ENC	1101H	Honors Freshman English I	3 cr.
ENC	1102H	Honors Freshman English II	3 cr.
ENL	2012H	Honors British Literature to 1800	3 cr.
ENL	2022H	Honors British Literature: 1800 to Present	3 cr.