



DR. LYDIA R. DANIEL
HONORS PROGRAM

TRANSFORM
YOUR EDUCATION

HCC HONORS PROGRAM

A GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS



Small Classes. Big Possibilities.

If you're looking for an excellent, affordable start to higher education, consider the Dr. Lydia R. Daniel Honors Program at Hillsborough Community College. The Honors Program provides a specialized learning environment offering unique opportunities to a select, diverse student population.

Not only will you be among other high-achieving students, you will also enjoy the benefits of smaller classes and impactful interactions with faculty and staff. Along the way, you will discover your potential as a leader, an academic and an active participant in your community.

Our Philosophy

The Honors Program offers a rigorous academic program for exceptionally talented and motivated students. With the goal of gaining a comprehensive view of the nature of thought, knowledge and human understanding in an environment of creative interaction, students explore a variety of academic disciplines. Honors students are challenged to accept moral responsibilities, including leadership, thoughtful self-governance and service to others.

The Honors Program Advantage

HCC Honors Program students enjoy a variety of benefits, while achieving their educational and career goals, including:

- Scholarship opportunities.
- Priority registration for courses.
- Honors study lounges on every campus.
- Field trips, socials and cultural activities.
- Small, seminar-style classes.
- Advanced transfer and university preparation.
- International travel.
- Special recognition at graduation.
- Honors designation on diploma and transcripts.

Admission Criteria

Applicants must be college level in both reading/writing skills, pursuing an associate in arts degree, and meet at least one of the following criteria to qualify for the Honors Program:

- High school GPA of 3.4 (unweighted) or higher.
- SAT combined score of 1160 or higher in Critical Reading and Math.
- ACT composite score of 26 or higher.
- Top 10 percent of graduating class with SAT combined score of 1050 or higher, or ACT composite score of 25 or higher.
- 12 hours of dual enrollment with a 3.8 GPA.

Application Checklist

- HCC application.
- Honors Program application.
- One letter of recommendation.
- High school or college transcript.
- Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores.



There's a sense of community here, like we're a family.

Honors student



Building Confidence. Developing Leaders.

HCC Honors Program students discover a variety of pathways to leadership and service. As members of the Areté Honors student organization, they participate in monthly meetings, social events and civic engagement. Activities unique to the Honors Program, like movie nights, ropes courses, Tai Chi, and exploratory events within our local community and beyond, help to establish connections among the students. Many Honors students also take advantage of opportunities to attend and present at state, regional and national conferences.

Students in the Honors Program are required to take Honors Leadership (IDH 2931H) their first semester in the program. In addition to developing leadership skills, the course encourages self-discovery, an immediate opportunity to serve and the application of professional skills.

Each spring, students in the Global Leadership (IDH 2955H) course travel to a developing country for a transformational service learning experience. These students gain a global perspective while discovering ways to better serve their local communities.



*We went to Guatemala to change lives. **We returned changed.***
Global Leadership student



Kathleen B. King, M.S.
HONORS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Exemplary Advisors. Expert Faculty.

Personalized attention from a dedicated advisor helps each Honors student find a unique pathway to success. Priority registration ensures they get the classes needed to accomplish their academic goals.

Honors students receive additional guidance in the transfer application process in order to prepare for a smooth transition to their next educational institution. The Honors Program director often provides letters of recommendation for university, graduate school and beyond.

Alumni Connections

Honors Program alumni remain connected with their alma mater, returning for reunions, mentor opportunities and events.



*The Honors classroom is a place
for **intellectual exploration.***

Honors Program faculty

How do I apply for the Honors Program? If you meet one or more of the admission criteria, you may apply by completing the HCC application at hccfl.edu/apply *and* the Honors Program application at hccfl.edu/honors. You must provide the Honors office with your high school transcript, copy of SAT and/or ACT scores, and a letter of recommendation from a high school or college faculty member.

Where are Honors Program classes offered? Honors courses are offered at various HCC campuses. Please visit our website (hccfl.edu/honors) for a current listing of Honors courses and locations. Each campus also offers a private Honors Lounge for studying and connecting with fellow Honors students.

How many classes and credits will I be required to take? Our students are required to take a minimum of 6 Honors credits per term, with a total of 24 Honors credit hours in order to graduate from the Honors Program.

What kind of recognition do Honors Program students receive at graduation? All Honors Program graduates receive special recognition at HCC Commencement, along with specially designed medallions to wear at the ceremony. Their diplomas feature the official Honors Program seal and designation.

Do the Honors courses cost more? No, there are no additional fees associated with enrollment in the Honors Program. Students enrolled in Honors courses are billed the same tuition as their other HCC courses.

TAP YOUR POTENTIAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US TODAY.

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