
Chapter: Academic Affairs

Modification No. 002

Subject: **Honors Program**

I. Objectives

- A. Montgomery College will provide conditions, circumstances, materials, and inspiration which allow the gifted student to achieve maximum intellectual growth.
- B. The honors program will be considered not only in terms of its benefits to the student body, but also in terms of the positive benefits it will provide for faculty members.
- C. The honors program will extend the reach of the College; it will attract students in the County who might not come here were there not an honors program as well as enhance the overall image of the College in its constituent community.
- D. The honors program will assist honors students to have a sense of community; it will foster each honors student's sense of achievement and membership in the College community.

II. Admissions Criteria

- A. To be admitted to the College's honors program, a student may apply to any one of the three campuses at which he or she desires to take honors courses. Qualified high school seniors, transfer students from other institutions of higher education, returning students, and students already enrolled at Montgomery College, each normally with a cumulative average of 3.4 or above, will be eligible for acceptance into the honors program.
- B. A campus admissions committee will meet with each applicant. While the admissions requirement is a cumulative average of 3.4 or above, a student with less than a 3.4 who has demonstrated sustained interest, persistence, or personal achievement as evidenced by recommendations and/or other evidence of motivation and ability may apply for and be admitted to the honors program.
- C. Application forms for the honors program are available at the office of the dean of student development on each campus. Completed registration forms and other supportive documents must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the beginning of the semester for which the student is applying for admission to the honors program.

III. Academic Program Requirements

- A. The honors program will require that a student complete 10-12 credit hours of honors courses at Montgomery College. Four to six of these credit hours must be from coordinating or "thread" courses which are designed to provide the superior student a challenging insight into: Fundamental Concepts of Culture and History; Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Literature and the Arts; Behavioral and Social Sciences.

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- B. The thread courses can be one, two, or three credit hours. All one credit hour thread courses will be included within one of the areas listed above. The two- or three credit hour thread courses will fall under two or more of the above areas and will be designed as interdisciplinary courses.

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