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Admission to the Program

First-time, full-time students are invited to interview for the Honors Fellows Program after either:

1. scoring 27 or better on the ACT or 1250 or better on the SAT, or
2. scoring an unweighted 3.7 GPA or better

In both cases, a student must also meet proficiencies in ENG 001 and MTH 001 prior to matriculation

Lyon students who enter the College without meeting the requirements of the Honors program may apply to become Honors Fellows if they complete the first year with a GPA of 3.5 or better and submit an application to the Honors director. Likewise, transfer students may be admitted when they demonstrate a 3.5 GPA in courses given transfer credit and submit an application to the Honors director. In these cases, students will likely have to make up for missed Honors sections of common-core courses by adding to their total Honors Points requirement (see below).

Honors Fellow Curricular Requirements

- Honors sections of POL 105H* and ENG 105H* taken in the first year
- Fulfillment of two Honors contracts within the student's major (for 3- or 4- credit courses)
- Completion of 10 Honors points (or more for late-entering Honors Fellows; see below)
- HON 400 Honors Capstone (3 credits)

* These courses also satisfy Core requirements

Honors Points

Students who become Honors Fellows after the common-core sequence has begun must add 1 point to their total Honors Points requirement for each 3-credit common-core course not taken in an Honors cohort. Likewise, students who apply AP credits or transfer credits toward the common-core sequence must add 1 point to their total Honors Points requirement for each 3-credit common-core course not taken in an Honors cohort. Honors Fellows must complete 10 Honors points; they are encouraged to formulate a timetable to completion with the Honors director. Honors Fellows may repeat a points category no more than four times.

The allocation of points is:

- 4 points: Double-majoring
- 4 points: Study abroad
- 3 points: Additional year (six-credit sequence) of the foreign language beyond core and major requirements
- 3 points: Nichols trip
- 2 points: Honors Fellows domestic travel
- 2 points: Presentation of new work at undergraduate or professional conference or at juried exhibition or production off campus
- 3 points: Publication in a peer-reviewed journal or juried, off-campus exhibition
- 2 points: Additional honors contract beyond the two required for the program
- 1 point: Attendance of professional conference off-campus
- 1 point: Completion of the Introduction to Postgraduate Fellowships course
- 1 point: Executive officer of SGA-recognized organization
- 1 point: Internship off-campus
- 1 point: Academic year of service as Resident Assistant or Resident Director
- 1 point: Semester as Supplemental Instructor
- 1 point: Semester of College-affiliated or –sponsored vocal or instrumental ensemble, or billed participation in theater production
- 1 point: Semester of research/arts assistantship
- 1 point: Lead an Honors Fellows Salon
- 1 point: Year of varsity athletics

GPA Maintenance, Probation, and Suspension

Honors Fellows must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better to graduate as an Honors Fellow. An Honors Fellow whose GPA falls below 3.25 will be put on probation from the HFP. While on probation, the Fellow must devise and implement a formal plan to improve her GPA in consultation with the HFP director. A Fellow may not apply contracts to coursework during probation, nor may a Fellow participate in sophomore domestic travel while on probation. The status of a Fellow on probation will be reconsidered after each semester. After two consecutive semesters on probation, the Fellow will be removed from the program.

Summary of Requirements for the Honors Fellows Program

Item #	Title	Credits
	Honors Sections	6
	Honors Points (10 points)	
HON 400	Honors Capstone	3

Honors Sections

Honors sections of POL 105H, ENG 105H are expected to be completed in the first year.

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 105	The American Experience	3
ENG 105	Introduction to World Literature	3

Honors Points (10 points)

Completion of 10 Honors points (or more for late-entering Honors Fellows; see the Honors Fellows Program section above for more details.

Honors Fellows Program (HON) Courses

HON 210: Experiencing the City

Open to Fellows in their second year, this course offers study and *in situ* experience of an American city. Students will study major themes pertaining to the city's history and present, such as immigration and labor. They will visit the city in a cohort, balancing group activities devised by the course instructor and personal itineraries of their own devising.

Credits 1

Prerequisites

Second-year standing, good standing in the HFP, course fee, and other requirements according to travel authorities and destination

HON 300: Introduction to Postgraduate Fellowships

Open to all students of junior standing, this course introduces students to the processes of applying for major postgraduate fellowships and grants. Students will review opportunities for postgraduate study such as Fulbright grants and the Truman Scholarship. Students will study and gain practice in the core components of applications for these awards: the construction of a resume or curriculum vitae, a statement of purpose, and interviewing.

Credits 1

Prerequisites

Permission of instructor

HON 400: Honors Capstone

A capstone experience in which Honors Fellows complete either a creative project or a research project in consultation with interdisciplinary project advisory committees that will be cultivated by the Fellow. Fellows will meet weekly in seminar form to develop their projects.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

Senior standing in the Honors program.