SPECIAL STUDIES
The Honors College at Kent State University offers students (regardless of major) enriched and stimulating courses and programs, opportunities for close relationships with their peers and faculty and careful advising responsive to their interests and goals. In addition, the Honors College supports many of its students with merit scholarships.

The Honors College is one of the oldest and most respected honors programs in the nation. It is the focal point of Kent State’s long tradition of providing special attention to 1,400 undergraduates with outstanding intellectual and creative ability.

THE HONORS CURRICULUM
The honors curriculum is diverse. It begins with the Freshman Honors Colloquium, a rigorous yearlong course in reading, writing and thinking about literature and ideas, and can end with the Senior Honors Thesis, an individual investigation directed by a faculty member and culminating in an original, significant written piece.

In between, honors students can select from honors courses offered in the general education Kent Core and honors courses offered in certain majors. Opportunities for honors work are available through community service projects, study-away programs, internships and independent study. Honors students may choose to turn a regular course into an honors course by the addition of a course-related project.

With the guidance of dedicated faculty members and honors advisors, opportunities for learning and exploration are limitless.

ADMISSION TO THE HONORS COLLEGE
High school students who are enrolled in a college-preparatory program and have a strong record may be considered for the Honors College starting in the early fall of their senior year.

To apply, complete an application to the Admissions Office for general Kent State admission. Every applicant will be considered for both membership in the Honors College and for merit scholarships. In addition, you are welcome to contact the Honors College directly to request consideration for Kent State’s honors program.

Students currently enrolled at the university and transfer students can apply for admission to the Honors College as late as the beginning of their junior year. For more information on how to apply when you are already a college student, please visit the Honors College website (www.kent.edu/honors/futurestudents).

SCHOLARSHIPS
The Honors College awards merit scholarships to selected entering freshmen who have the potential for superior scholarly and creative work at the university. Scholarship recipients are members of the Honors College and can retain their scholarships for their undergraduate years by meeting specified academic expectations. All entering honors freshmen are considered for honors scholarships ranging from $1,500 to full tuition (in-state), room and board per academic year.

Although most honors scholarships can be used by students in any major, some are designated for particular majors: journalism, business, education and physics, among others. Additional scholarship recipients are selected from participants in the Creative Artist Awards Competition. This competition recognizes academic ability and talent in the creative and performing arts with renewable merit scholarships ranging from $1,500 to $3,500 per academic year.

Current Kent State students and transfer students from Kent State’s Regional Campuses, from four-year colleges and universities or from area community colleges may apply for Honors Academic Achievement Awards. These $1,000 scholarships are awarded in the summer for the following academic year.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONORS STUDENTS

ADVISING
The Honors College provides careful and comprehensive advising beginning in the summer prior to the freshman year, when students discuss opportunities for honors work and agree on their first course schedule. Students subsequently maintain frequent contact with their advisor and are encouraged to develop a long-range plan in accordance with their interests and career aspirations.

HOUSING
The Stopher-Johnson Complex, which opened in fall 2006, houses the administrative offices of the college, as well as accommodations for 440 freshmen and returning honors students. Additionally, the complex houses a library (with computer stations), classrooms and meeting rooms. The complex houses a community of honors staff, faculty and students in an environment that encourages learning and provides opportunities for cultural and social activities.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES
Students may assume an active role in the Honors College by serving on the Honors College Policy Council, by participating in regional and national professional conferences and by serving as Resident Assistants in the honors residence halls.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS
The Honors College offers several pathways for Graduation with Honors. Each path requires a minimum grade point average, active participation in honors work and the successful completion of a Senior Honors Thesis or Project (a sustained scholarly or creative work completed under faculty guidance). Students who do not complete a senior thesis or project but instead fulfill their honors experience requirement can graduate as Honors College Scholars.
Recognizing the value of education abroad, the Honors College sponsors programs at three sites: Leicester University in England, the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland and Kent State University in Florence, Italy. These programs combine academic study with enriching cultural and social experiences. In addition to these programs, honors students participate in many education abroad and study-away opportunities offered by the university.