Open to students in any major offered by Kent State University, the college provides smaller sections of courses, individualized interaction with faculty through research and other projects, the option of residing in our living-learning community in the Stopher-Johnson complex, personal advising, and several other educational opportunities and enhancements.

ADMISSION

INCOMING FRESHMEN
Students admitted to Kent State University as incoming freshmen are invited to join the Honors College based on high school and standardized test performance. Students are required to submit supplemental essays for honors admission.

CURRENT KENT STATE AND TRANSFER STUDENTS
Students currently enrolled at the university and transfer students from other institutions may apply to join the Honors College as early as their second semester. For more information on how to apply as a current college student, visit the Honors College website.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Honors College awards merit scholarships to entering freshmen that demonstrate the potential for superior scholarly and creative activity at the university. All entering freshmen are automatically considered for honors merit scholarships ranging from $1,000 to full in-state tuition, room and board per academic year. The Creative Artist Awards Competition recognizes academic talent and creative ability of incoming students pursuing academic programs in the creative and performing arts. Participants are eligible to receive renewable scholarship awards ranging from $1,500 to $3,500 per academic year. Current Kent State students and transfer students may apply for an Honors Academic Achievement Award, a renewable award that provides $1,000 per academic year.

ACADEMICS

The Honors curriculum is diverse, allowing students to select appropriate enhancement opportunities for their individual academic programs. Honors students at Kent State University are required to complete a minimum of 24 credit hours of Honors work. With the guidance of dedicated faculty members and honors advisors, opportunities for learning and exploration are unlimited.

COURSES

Honors courses tend to be smaller than standard courses at the University, offering students a better opportunity to get to know very supportive professors on a personal level and an opportunity to have meaningful discussions in the classroom.

The curriculum begins with Freshman Honors Colloquium, a rigorous yearlong course in reading, writing, and thinking about literature and ideas designed to foster habits of intellectual inquiry and expression that are necessary for success in honors courses.

Students also may select from honors courses offered in the Kent Core, certain majors, special honors seminars and independent study.

STUDY AWAY EXPERIENCES

Recognizing the value of international and study away experiences, the Honors College awards honors credit and scholarship stipends for these experiences enhanced through learning contracts. The Honors College works closely with the Office of Global Education to guide students to appropriate international programs that will enhance their undergraduate experience. Honors advisors also encourage students to explore domestic study away opportunities such as the Washington Program in National Issues (WPNI), the National Student Exchange (NSE), and the Fashion School's New York City Studio.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS/PROJECT

The Senior Honors Thesis/Project is an opportunity for students to complete individual scholarly or creative work under the direction of a faculty advisor, culminating in a significant written work that may take the form of research, creative or applied projects.

ADVISING

The Honors College provides careful and comprehensive advising. Honors advisors work with students to personalize their educational experience in accordance with their interests and career aspirations. Honors students and advisors work collaboratively to identify the appropriate honors work for each individual student's interests. Academic advising in the Honors College is a supplement to academic advising students receive from their major or college advisors.

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/Project.

Students who do not complete a Senior Honors Thesis/Project but who are in good standing at graduation and complete their minimum Honors requirements earn the notation “Honors College Scholar” on the final academic transcript.
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HONORS LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Honors College living-learning community, located in Stopher and Johnson Halls, is specifically for students who have been admitted to the Honors College. Students are provided with the opportunity to live and learn together in an atmosphere dedicated to holistic learning by engaging students in social and educational programs designed to promote intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and independence.

The Stopher-Johnson Complex houses the administrative offices of the college, as well as housing accommodations for 440 honors students. Students who live in the Honors College living-learning community have convenient access to the Honors College library and computer lab and classrooms where most of the Freshman Honors Colloquia are taught.

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