



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY
EAST**

Aspiring to **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.**

THE HONORS PROGRAM

is for students who love to learn, work closely with their teachers, design their own coursework, engage in extra-curricular experiences, and forge close friendships with similar-minded students. Maybe the Honors Program is for you!



Samantha Powers, Honors Mentor and Scholarship Recipient

BENEFITS

Get recognized for the hard work you already do, as well as these other benefits.

- **Faculty ties:** While in the program, students work more closely with faculty doing Honors course work. These relationships can help in future endeavors (letters of recommendation, etc.) and last a lifetime!
- **Curriculum control:** Through H-options and a senior thesis, students can pursue scholarship that is personally meaningful, sculpting the college experience to their own interests and ambitions.
- **Honors Club:** While in the program, students are also members of the Honors Club which coordinates fun, informal, and exciting events for students, their families, and the faculty.
- **Honors Room:** Honors students have their own space on campus, Room 202A Springwood, where students can come to relax, study, or just hang out with each other.
- **Conference opportunities:** Students can attend and even present papers at the Mid-East Honors Association annual conference for unique presentation experience.
- **Scholarships:** The Lingle Scholars Program recognizes incoming freshmen from Wayne County, while other scholarships recognize the active participation of students already in the program.
- **Recognition:** Completion of the program is reflected on the student's transcript, recognition at a special awards ceremony, and at graduation.
- **Jobs:** Graduation from an Honors Program gives students added advantages to getting into graduate schools and acquiring good jobs.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Honors Program at IU East provides an intellectually enriched curriculum for highly motivated students, allowing them to demonstrate academic excellence through Honors coursework, independent research, creative work, service-learning, and extra-curricular opportunities. The Honors Program creates a personally challenging curriculum as well as a close, mentally stimulating, and engaged community on campus. Its goal is to foster and create students who are:

- Culturally well-rounded
- Strong researchers
- Academic leaders
- Good citizens in the community and on campus

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Works by Blythe Keener
Honors Program Senior Project

Students in a baccalaureate program either current or prospective are encouraged to apply to the Honors Program. You may also be nominated or invited to apply by faculty. Paramount is your excitement to learn, to pursue academic challenges, and to take ownership of your education. We encourage a total GPA of 3.5 or higher; however, GPA's between 3.0 and 3.5, or even lower, will be seriously considered if you show intellectual curiosity and a desire to become active in the Honors Program, shown in your application essay.

Application on iue.edu/honors

REQUIREMENTS

There are academic requirements and extra-curricular requirements:

1) Academic work

- H100, Freshman Honors Seminar (3 credits): "Honors Students as Global Citizens." This class replaces the required first-year seminar. This will be the only separate Honors class a student takes, preferably at the beginning of the program. A special topics course focused on some aspect of international cultures and diversity, it is normally taught by the Honors Director.
- 15 credit hours of H-option courses: An Honors student takes five of their courses as "H-option" (or at least 15 credits) which involves creating an exciting addition or alternative to class work as agreed upon by the student and instructor. Here are some examples of popular H-option work:
 - * an extended research opportunity to replace an existing assignment
 - * a small service-learning assignment applying course content in the community
 - * delivery of independent reading or research to the class in a creative way
- H499, Honors Senior Thesis/Project (3-6 credits): In the student's late junior or early senior year, he/she should enroll in H499 with a faculty mentor as a one-semester independent study to complete the honors project. The sky's the limit so plan something of great interest to yourself, something you have always wanted to do, something that you want to commit your energies to for many months.

2) Extra-curricular Requirements

To become culturally well-rounded and good citizens in the community and on campus, Honors students are required to attend five extra-curricular cultural activities on campus or with IU East organizations. Students need to participate in program activities throughout the year, too. It's all fun!

“Being a part of the Honors Program has been the most exciting and rewarding part of my college experience--I have attended museums, symphonies, plays, and even left the country thanks to support and guidance offered through the program.

My college experience has been improved socially, culturally, and academically thanks to the Honors Program, and I look forward to graduating with Honors so that my achievements receive recognition which will set me apart from the crowd in future career endeavors.

*Deidra Purvis
Helen Lees Honors Scholarship Recipient and
Honors Program Work-Study*



Honors Program participants presenting at the Mid-East Honors Association Annual Conference.

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