



## Why Accept the Honors Challenge?

### Opportunities

Pursue new interests and develop new perspectives, in and out of the classroom.

### Discovery

Gain an interdisciplinary and global perspective with a program that blends the arts, sciences, culture, history and technology.

### Community

Bond with peers who share similar motivation, priorities, and interests.

## More Information

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Mount Saint Mary College  
Newburgh, New York

# HONORS PROGRAM



Scholarship • Leadership • Service  
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## Mission

*The Honors Program at Mount Saint Mary College fosters students' demonstration of superior scholarship in multiple disciplines, while preparing them to assume leadership through service to the college community and beyond.*



## Joining the Honors Program

Incoming students who have an **85+ GPA** and either **25+ ACT** or **1150+ SAT** scores will automatically be invited to join the Honors Program. Students may also apply after their first semester at the Mount.

## Requirements

Honors students maintain a minimum GPA of 3.4 and earn 18 Honors credits through 6 courses that include Honors-specific courses, customized Honors-by-Contract courses, an Interdisciplinary seminar, and a research seminar.

### Freshman Year

One-two designated Honors courses with your peers

### Sophomore Year

Sophomore level honors courses or create your own by building an honors-by-contract course

### Junior Year

Complete a theme-based, interdisciplinary course combining several academic perspectives.

### Senior Year

Conduct independent research with the guidance of a faculty mentor.

## Intellectual Service

Honors students are encouraged to give back to their community using the knowledge they gain in college. Examples of past intellectual service projects include a tutoring program for students at Bishop Dunn Memorial School and offering STEM presentations for young students at a local Barnes & Noble.



## Benefits of the Honors Program

### Honors Housing

You'll enjoy the experience of shared housing with students who are similarly motivated and committed to high academic performance.

### Off-Campus Excursions

You'll visit museums, art galleries, historical landmarks, Broadway shows, and environmental sites. Enjoy day trips to New York City, New England, and around the Hudson Valley.

### Priority Registration

You'll get to take advantage of early class registration. Register for the courses you need without worrying about the class being closed.

## Upon Completion

Upon completion of the Honors Program, you will earn an Honors citation on your official college transcript, which stays with you for life and tells graduate schools and potential employers that you graduated with Honors.

*"I have had many opportunities to enhance my education. For my Honors-by-Contract class, I got to teach the class about the psychological impact of having a family member with cancer, using Erikson's developmental stages." - Diana Pernicano, Nursing*