

Honors Program

AT BETHANY COLLEGE

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCELLENT STUDENTS

Bethany College created the honors program to challenge excellent students in the classroom, provide them with extracurricular opportunities to grow intellectually, and expose them to a community that embraces the importance of academic pursuits. Bethany encourages students to reach their academic potential and to serve as role models.

Honors students take two specially designed seminars during the freshman and senior years to increase critical thinking skills and exposure to a variety of ways of looking at the world. Honors students also take additional honors classes and experiences, which can include one-on-one research opportunities with individual professors, designated honors sections of catalog courses, or additional experiences built into ordinary courses.

Membership of the honors program is open to all qualifying students who want to pursue their own ideas and interests in an atmosphere that encourages the rigorous search for truth and vibrant debate.

Who may apply?

Entering freshmen who meet the following requirements may apply:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 3.6 or higher
- ACT score of 26 or higher

Transfer students who meet the following requirements may apply:

- College GPA of 3.5 or higher

Why should I apply to the honors program?

You will sharpen your critical thinking skills and be a member of an active and stimulating community. You will be challenged to perform your very best.

Honors students also receive these benefits:

- Dedicated study lounge reserved for honors students
- Extended library borrowing privilege
- Funding opportunities for academic conferences
- Priority enrollment
- Invitations to seminars led by honors students, Bethany faculty, and guest lecturers
- \$1,000 Honors Scholarship

Honors students are challenged in the classroom, provided with extracurricular opportunities to grow intellectually, and exposed to a community that embraces the importance of academic pursuits.

How will the honors program affect my future?

Your honors status will be included on your diploma. This communicates your exceptional coursework to future

employers, graduate programs, and professional schools. You will also network with faculty members who can offer insider's advice on graduate school applications, suggest which research fellowships match your goals, and introduce you to future employers.

How to apply

To apply, include in your Bethany application:

- A letter of recommendation specifically for the Honors Program from a high school teacher (for first-time freshmen) or college professor (for transfers)
- A 500-700 word essay explaining how the program would help meet your academic and occupational goals

Honors Mission Statement:

To encourage and recognize excellence across the liberal arts (directly in members of the program and indirectly in the student body as a whole).

Honors Program

AT BETHANY COLLEGE

Contacting Honors Faculty:

Kristin Van Tassel, Ph.D. [Honors Program Coordinator]
Associate Professor of English
Office: Presser Hall, lower level, Rm. 9
Phone: (785) 227-3380, ext. 8129
E-mail: vantasselk@bethanylb.edu

Linda M. Lewis, Ph.D. [Humanities]
Professor of English
Margaret H. Mountcastle Distinguished Professor of Humanities
Office: Presser Hall, lower level, Rm. 11
Phone: (785) 227-3380, ext. 8127
E-mail: lewisl@bethanylb.edu

Mark Ahlseen, Ph.D. [Social Science]
Associate Professor of Economics
Office: Wallerstedt Social Science, Rm. 3
Phone: (785) 227-3380, ext. 8218
E-mail: ahlseenm@bethanylb.edu

Mark McDonald, Ph.D. [Science]
Associate Professor of Biology
Office: Nelson Science Center, Rm. 126
Phone: (785) 227-3380, ext. 8201
E-mail: mcdonaldm@bethanylb.edu

Greg LeGault, M.F.A. [Fine Arts]
Associate Professor of Theatre
Artistic Director of Bethany Theatre
Office: Presser Hall, lower level, Rm. 6
Phone: (785) 227-3380, ext. 8257
E-mail: legaultg@bethanylb.edu

Come visit us!

Let us talk with you about our program, show you around and treat you to lunch! Call our admissions office to set up an appointment.

What Courses are Available?

Core Courses Include:

HN 101	First Year Honors Seminar.....	3 hrs.
HN 301	Senior Honors Seminar.....	3 hrs.

Honors Experiences May Include:

- One-on-one research with professors
- Designated honors sections of catalog courses
- Regular courses with additional opportunities
- Travel or study abroad

Freshmen will complete six honors experiences; junior transfers will complete four. The experiences must come from at least three of the following academic areas: Fine Arts, Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences. Talk to your advisor about what courses to take.

Academic Advising and Faculty

Your success in college depends on a close relationship with your academic advisor. At Bethany College, the academic advisor is an active partner with the student in designing an interesting and challenging academic program, encouraging the growth and development of gifts and talents to a higher level, and providing personal and professional support beyond graduation.



OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
(800) 826-2281 OR
(785) 227-3380, EXT. 8113
FAX: (785) 227-8993

EMAIL: admissions@bethanylb.edu
WEB SITE: www.bethanylb.edu

Fast Facts

About Bethany: a four-year, undergraduate liberal arts-based college with a blend of professional programs

Location: Lindsborg, Kan.; 20 miles southwest of Salina, 70 miles north of Wichita, and 200 miles west of Kansas City; within a seven hour drive of St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Dallas, Denver, Omaha, and Sioux City.

Founded: 1881 by Swedish-Lutheran settlers

Religious Affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Degrees and Programs: 40 academic discipline majors and programs of study, 11 education majors within various academic disciplines, and contract majors

Enrollment: About 600 students from 30 states and 14 foreign countries

Student-Faculty Ratio: 10:1; average class size is 12

Athletics: 18 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) varsity sports

Accreditation: Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association
www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org
800-621-7440

Bethany Mission Statement: The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service.