why honors @Bethany?

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 various 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.

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 (SAT 1170 or higher)

Transfer or returning 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:
• $1,000 Honors Scholarship
• Invitations to seminars led by Honors students, Bethany faculty, and guest lecturers
• Funding opportunities for academic conferences
• Priority enrollment
• A dedicated study lounge reserved for Honors students
• Extended library borrowing privileges

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
The Career Services Office provides students with support and resources throughout the career development process. The staff is prepared to help in the selection of career options and academic majors as well as with internship placement and volunteer-service placement. The office also provides assistance with resume writing, preparation for interviews, and other elements of both summer jobs and permanent employment.

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 help you think about future employment options.

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

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

additional info
To meet our Honors students past and present, check out the Honors page at www.bethanylb.edu/honorsprogram.

program courses
First Year Honors Seminar
Senior Honors Seminar

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. The Honors coordinator and your faculty advisor will help you make critical choices about courses and experiences.

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