why honors @Bethany?

Bethany College’s Honors Program provides an interdisciplinary education experience for outstanding students, bringing them together in a community that embraces the value of academic pursuits and tackles big questions. The small, discussion-centered courses will challenge students to push themselves as thinkers, problem-solvers, and communicators navigating a complex, globalized, pluralistic world.

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. You will be invited to engage with important ideas in a world that needs you.

Additionally, members of the Honors Program will enjoy the following privileges:
• An annual Honors scholarship of $1000.
• Funds available on a competitive basis to subsidize participation in academic conferences.
• Priority in enrollment – you’ll register for courses before all other students.
• Faculty-length borrowing privileges at the library (that is, longer lending time).

how will the honors program affect my future?

Your Honors status will be included on your diploma. This communicates your customized, challenging coursework to future employers, graduate programs, and professional schools. Your Honors coursework will also mean you’ll work closely with faculty across the disciplines – faculty who will not only help you explore diverse, integrated professional options but also direct you to unusual academic and research opportunities and provide you with crucial support and recommendations in the graduate school and job application process.

who may apply

Entering freshmen who meet the following requirements may apply:
• Cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or higher
• ACT score of 25 or higher (SAT 1130 or higher)

Transfer or returning students who meet the following requirements may apply:
• College GPA of 3.5 or higher
how to apply
Complete the online application on the Honors page of Bethany’s website. This application should also include the following (which you may upload or email to the Honors coordinator, Dr. Kristin Van Tassel, vantasselk@bethanylb.edu):
• A letter of recommendation specifically for the Honors Program from a high school teacher (for first-time freshmen) or college professor (for transfers)
• A 400-500 word essay explaining your interest in the Honors Program

additional info
Check out the Honors page at www.bethanylb.edu/honorsprogram.

program courses
During the first two years in the program, Honors students will undergo a four-course cycle of interdisciplinary courses designed specifically and solely for Honors students. These courses will replace a portion of Bethany’s General Education requirement. During the second two years in the program, Honors students will complete four seven-week discussion courses on changing topics.

First semester
ID101H Honors Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (2 credit hours)

Second semester
ID102H Honors Interdisciplinary Topics Course (3 credit hours)

Third semester
ID 201H Honors Interdisciplinary Topics Course (3 credit hours)

Fourth semester
ID 202H Honors Interdisciplinary Topics Course (3 credit hours)

Junior & Senior years
4 one-credit Honors discussion courses, revolving topics

academic advising & 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.

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