



MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY

HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS

Twelve (12) points must be earned by the time you graduate – six (6) under the academic requirements, and six (6) under the non-academic requirements.

Students enrolled in the Honors Program must maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average (or better) to participate in and to graduate from the Mount Mary University Honors Program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (6 POINTS TOTAL)

All Honors Program students must take at least one Honors course, but two or three are preferred. For those who cannot take three Honors courses, they may do an Honors Contract, study abroad, or enroll in the United Nations (UN) program. Students are encouraged to do more than the minimal requirements of six academic points. Students must earn at least a B in an Honors course for it to count towards points.

Honors Course (2 POINTS)


3-6 Honors courses offered each semester

Honors Contract Option (2 POINTS)

Students may create a contract with an instructor in one of their courses to complete an additional project in an exemplary manner so that the course may be counted as an Honors course. Contracts should be submitted to the Director by the end of the third week of classes.

Study Abroad or UN Course/Program (2 POINTS)

Students completing one of these programs must write a 7-10 page post-program paper that describes their experience, what they learned, and how it transformed them.

- **Study Abroad:**  mtmary.edu/studyabroad
- **UN Course/Program**
 - HUM 386 Model United Nations
 - Offered every other year
 - Trip to UN in New York included

Honors Thesis – Research Project or Paper (2 POINTS)

An Honors thesis may be associated with an Honors course or contract, which captures the essence of the student's major(s). Please see your major advisor and the Honors Program Director about an Honors thesis.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS (6 POINTS TOTAL)

These points must be earned in non-paid, non-credit activities that promote the personal growth of the student. Extra-curricular points must be submitted to the Honors Program Director before the last week of each semester. For approval of ideas please speak with the Honors Program Director. **No more than two points from the same non-academic area are permitted.**

Honors Noon Seminar (1/2 POINT)

- 2-4 times a semester
- An additional 1/2 point will be awarded when a two page essay/reflection on the non-academic program is submitted to the Honors Program Director.

Peer Reviewed or Juried Publication/Presentation (1/2 POINT)

The presentation or publication of original work (paper, poster, creative work) in a juried, peer reviewed/refereed journal, conference, or exhibition.

- Copies and documentation of the work should be submitted for review.
- An additional 1/2 point will be awarded when a two page essay/reflection on the non-academic program is submitted to the Honors Program Director.

Attending Cultural Events (1/2 POINT)

- Plays, concerts, speakers, dance performances, exhibits, etc. on or off-campus.
- Volunteering, church, mosque or synagogue engagements, civic engagement, etc.
- An additional 1/2 point will be awarded when a two-page essay/reflection on the non-academic program is submitted to the Honors Program Director.

Holding One Office in one Mount Mary University Organization (1 POINT)

Caroline Scholars (2 POINTS)

Attending Honors Program Functions – i.e. ceremonies, mixers (1/4 POINT)



QUESTIONS?

Contact Honors Program Director:

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