
Honors Program

The Honors Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi offers enriched plans of study to highly motivated students who have the ability to excel academically and the desire to develop global perspectives. Consistent with the university's aspiration to "close the gaps" for those from groups who have been historically under-represented in Texas higher education, the program seeks to attract and retain a broad and diverse population of students. A successful Honors experience requires an exceptional commitment from participating students and faculty. Honors students are challenged with innovative, participatory, and rigorous learning experiences in a community of similarly motivated learners. Faculty members provide both discipline-specific and interdisciplinary instruction as well as facilitate co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities. Faculty members also provide personal mentoring for and collaborative partnerships with their students. Students and faculty have a unique opportunity in the Honors Program for development and recognition of their interests, skills, abilities, and potential.

The goals of the honors program are to

- Inspire students to excel beyond their expectations.
- Enable students to develop their fullest possible intellectual potential.
- Set high standards for academic performance.
- Promote interaction with the world beyond the university.
- Further faculty commitment to scholarship and instruction.
- Recognize the accomplishments of students and faculty.

ADMISSION

Prospective students are asked to submit a portfolio that includes:

- 1) A letter of application explaining why the student wishes to be admitted to the honors program, what he/she brings to the program, and what he/she expects from the program. Mention of honors and achievements, of particular skills and capabilities, are appropriate here.
- 2) The application form.
- 3) Three letters of recommendation from high school or college teachers, or from others who can speak to the student's talents, potential, and aspirations.
- 4) High school and college transcripts.
- 5) An example of past or present academic work in which the student takes pride. "Academic work" includes literary or artistic projects, original research, or other demonstrations of skills and interests.
- 6) A 2- to 3-page essay written especially for the honors application portfolio, topic determined by the Honors Program Admissions Committee (see website for more instructions or contact the Director of the Honors Program).

Students can apply for admission to the Honors Program for their first fall semester, or during any semester their first or second year. Application is initiated with either self nomination or faculty nomination. Transfer students who have taken honors courses at Del Mar College and other institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply to the Honors Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

STRUCTURE OF PROGRAM

Professional Honors Track: 21 minimum hrs.

The Professional Honors Track is for students in pre-professional programs, such as Nursing, Education, Sciences, the Performing Arts, and Business. This track emphasizes the Honors experience in the first two years, when all students are in the Core sequence. For the 3rd and 4th years, colleges and programs have flexibility to integrate honors experiences with their existing course of study.