

# HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY

## HONORS COLLEGE

### OVERVIEW

The Harris-Stowe State University Honors College offers students with high aptitude the opportunity to participate in a challenging yet rewarding academic experience that explores the breadth and depth of the university curriculum. Honors College students will broaden critical thinking skills, learn how to conduct independent research, and serve as leaders and agents of change within a global community. Students accepted to the Honors College have two curriculum options: General Education Honors and Majors Honors, and they may participate in one or both.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be accepted in the Honors College, incoming freshmen must have a cumulative high school GPA of a 3.25 or higher, an ACT score of 23 or higher, and be approved by the Honors Standing Committee. Current Harris-Stowe Students and transfer students with a 3.5 GPA are eligible to apply to the Honors College and earn a Majors Honors designation. Honors College students are welcome to live in the Honors College designated Living-Learning Residence Hall Communities.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

#### General Education Honors Required Core Courses

• HSSU 100	Seminar in Higher Education Honors	1 cr.
• ART 150	Introduction to Art Honors	3 cr.
• ENG 110I	English Composition I Honors	3 cr.
• ENG 110II	English Composition II Honors	3 cr.
• CED/RM 105	Intro. to Research Methods & Computing Honors	3 cr.
• HIST 143	U. S. History I Honors	3 cr.
• PHIL 102	Introduction to Ethics Honors	3 cr.
• POSC 200	American Government Survey Honors	3 cr.
• SPCH 109	Introduction to Public Speaking Honors	3 cr.
• <u>GEN 200</u>	<u>General Education Synthesis Honors</u>	<u>1 cr.</u>
		26 cr.

Note: grades below a B will not count towards General Education Honors

#### Majors Honors Requirements

Majors Honors Students will complete an Honors Thesis under the direction of a professor within their major department and the faculty Honors Committee, and will present this work at the annual Honors College symposium. Students will also complete at least four upper-division courses in their major that have been designated as Honors sections (H1). Honors-level sections will have additional course requirements; grades below a B will not count towards Majors Honors. Students should consult with their faculty advisor or the honors college director (Dr. Marcette, [marcettj@hssu.edu](mailto:marcettj@hssu.edu)) regarding specific courses being offered.

#### Extra-curricular Academic Activities

All Honors College Students will be required to participate in Extra-curricular Academic Activities as designated by the Honors College Standing Committee.

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Return Completed Application, Essay, and Expectations Agreement to the Harris-Stowe Office of Academic Affairs HGA 106. Applications may also be emailed to the Honors College Director at [marcettj@hssu.edu](mailto:marcettj@hssu.edu)

HSSU Honors College Office Use Only  
Acceptance: Tentative \_\_\_\_\_  
Final \_\_\_\_\_

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## University Honors College Application

### Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local or HSSU Address: \_\_\_\_\_

HSSU Student ID (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local/Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Class Rank: \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores: English: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Science: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores (if available): Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

(Scores are not required for current HSSU students applying for the Majors Honors option)

### High School Awards and Honors

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### Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities

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**Essay:** Attach a typed essay that illustrates your career interests. This essay should cover your intended field of study and your future professional aspirations. It should be approximately 500 words. Undecided students should write about their general academic interests.

## Major/Intended Major

### College of Arts and Sciences

- Biology
- Criminal Justice
- Mathematics
- Political Science
- Professional Interdisciplinary Studies
- Sociology
- Sustainability and Urban Agriculture
- Urban Affairs

### Anheuser-Busch School of Business

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Finance
- Health Care Management
- Information Science and Computer Technology
- Marketing

### College of Education

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Middle School Education
- Secondary Education
- Educational Studies

- Undecided**

## For Majors Honors Applicants Only:

Harris-Stowe GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College Scholarships, Awards and Honors:

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Harris-Stowe Faculty Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ class taken \_\_\_\_\_  
(Designate a Harris-Stowe Faculty member that can speak to your academic excellence.)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Harris-Stowe State University

## University Honors College

### Expectations and Agreement

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1. All Honors students are required to maintain at GPA of 3.2 their freshmen year and a 3.25 every semester thereafter. A warning will be issued to any student who falls below a 3.2 their freshmen year or a 3.25 thereafter for one semester. Students falling below this threshold will be removed from the University Honors College for failure to maintain good academic standing.
2. All Honors students are required to complete all University Honors coursework and any other program requirements.
3. All Honors students must participate in at least two UHC sponsored activities per semester.
4. All Honors students are required to meet with their UHC academic advisor at least once a semester to discuss their academic progress, program of study and course schedule.
5. All Honors students must visit the Office of Career Services at least once a semester to update their resume and explore internship opportunities.
6. General Honors students are required to live on campus in the UHC Living and Learning Community.
7. All Honors students are required to check their HSSU email account and the UHC bulletin board for program updates and announcements.
8. All Honors students must serve as an academic and morally ethical role model for your HSSU classmates. In addition, all Honors students must abide by all university and residential policies.
9. All Honors students must participate in at least two service learning opportunities during the academic year.
10. All Honors students must waive their right to privacy with respect to academic progress and student life matters, allowing the program director and/or staff access to any related documents and hearings. You give the director/staff permission to discuss these matters with your parents/guardians, unless otherwise noted in writing.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept and agree to the expectations and agreement  
(Please print your name)  
outlined in this document upon acceptance into the University Honors College at Harris-Stowe State  
University.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please return this form to HGA 106 with your application.*

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