

# Honors Tutorial College

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The Honors Tutorial College offers 26 challenging programs of study that provide a unique undergraduate educational experience to a select number of qualified students.

Students admitted to the College undertake a substantial portion of the core curriculum in their respective disciplines through a series of tutorials. A tutorial consists of a full-time faculty member meeting with students either singly or in small seminars. In pursuing this method of instruction the College draws upon the rich educational traditions of British universities such as Cambridge and Oxford. Although other colleges and universities have adopted some aspects of the tutorial model, Ohio University remains the only institution in the United States with a degree-granting college incorporating all the essential features of a tutorial-based education. The success of the College's approach to undergraduate education is evident in its distinguished 32-year history and the impressive achievements of its alumni.

## Goals, Resources, and Expectations of the College

Through flexibility, mentoring, and abundant academic resources, the Honors Tutorial College aims to give high-ability students every opportunity to further their intellectual development. College requirements are kept to a minimum in order to allow students to explore a range of disciplines, engage in substantial creative and/or research work, acquire a high degree of proficiency in a particular subject matter, and participate in meaningful extracurricular activities. Tutorials allow individuals to work closely with accomplished scholars who take particular pride in helping Honors Tutorial College students fulfill their current and future ambitions. This special combination of freedom and guidance, which is one of the hallmarks of the College, is enhanced by the number of exclusive academic resources made available to its students. These include priority registration, special residence hall availability, enhanced library privileges, research support, eligibility to undertake graduate work, unique education abroad opportunities, and scholarship availability.

A tutorial-based curriculum requires highly developed academic abilities, but it also necessitates motivation, maturity, focus, energy, and a combination of self-confidence and humility. To succeed in the Honors Tutorial College, a student must recognize that she or he bears the responsibility for

understanding each week's tutorial material. All tutorials are dialogues—exchanges of thoughts, questions, and possibilities—not lectures. There are no back row seats in a tutorial. At every tutorial, students are called upon to participate in an intellectual exchange in which quality is measured by thoughtful mastery of the subject under consideration.

In addition to being comfortable with the expectations of the tutorial mode of instruction, students must also consider other characteristics of the College. These include participation of all Honors Tutorial College freshmen in a seminar held in fall quarter and an expectation that membership in the College brings with it community service obligations. The seminar and community service work play a critical role in establishing camaraderie between students and maintaining a vibrant, active community of young scholars.

## Honors Tutorial College Programs of Study

Through formal arrangements with various academic departments in the University, the Honors Tutorial College offers majors in:

Anthropology  
Astrophysics  
Biological Sciences  
Business  
Chemistry  
Classics

Communication Studies  
Computer Science  
Dance  
Engineering Physics  
English  
Environmental and Plant Biology  
Film  
French  
Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences  
History  
Journalism  
Mathematics  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Social Work  
Sociology/Sociology Criminology  
Spanish  
Telecommunications  
Theater

Only these disciplines are available as programs of study at the present time. Certification in secondary education may be added to the tutorial degree by a limited number of students.

Detailed descriptions of programs of study can be obtained by contacting:

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Ohio University  
35 Park Place  
Athens OH 45701-2979  
Telephone 740.593.2723  
Fax 740.593.9521  
E-mail [honors.college@ohio.edu](mailto:honors.college@ohio.edu)  
<http://www.ouhtc.org/>

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## Administration and Content of Programs of Study

Programs of study are administered by a full-time faculty member appointed by the College. These professors, known as Directors of Studies, act as academic advisors, work with their colleagues to arrange tutorials, conduct admission interviews, and coordinate other aspects of their particular programs of study.

Although Directors of Studies assist students in selecting the proper courses each quarter, students are responsible for seeing that all requirements are met.

Each program of study has its own set of specific academic goals. All programs involve tutorials, but some also ask students to complete a sequence of collateral studies, to participate in a seminar or a lecture series, to pass a set of comprehensive examinations, or to undertake laboratory, field, or studio work. All programs of study also require the completion of a thesis project. Detailed descriptions of the academic expectations for each program of study can be found on the College Web site or obtained by contacting the College by mail or e-mail.

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## Degree Requirements

To earn a bachelor's degree in the Honors Tutorial College, you must fulfill all the academic requirements of your program of study, maintain a 3.5 g.p.a. in the courses that are required by your program of study, have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average (g.p.a.), and satisfy the University's English composition requirement. You must also participate in a freshman seminar and a community service project.

The Honors Tutorial College does not mandate a fixed hour or residency requirement or a specific course distribution (except as required by individual programs of study). To earn a second bachelor's degree in another college at Ohio University, you also must complete all the requirements established by the second college.

Degrees conferred by the College include the Bachelor of Fine Arts in (major), Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Bachelor of Science in Communication in (major), Bachelor of Arts in (major), Bachelor of Science in (major), and Bachelor of Business Administration.

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## Placement of Graduates

The Honors Tutorial College has earned a reputation for graduate and professional school placement. To date, most students wishing to continue their educations have been placed in noted master's programs, doctoral programs, law schools, and medical schools. Other graduates have readily found employment in fields related to their undergraduate work, particularly in journalism, theater, hearing and speech, and business. The small size of the College and the nature of the curriculum allows faculty and the administrators of the College to be of maximum assistance in career planning and graduate school applications.

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## Housing Privileges

If you are admitted to the Honors Tutorial College, you will be eligible to live in Hoover House, or the Read/Johnson Scholars Complex. Both housing options provide environments conducive to students who must master the academic challenges of Honors Tutorial College programs of study. The College provides detailed information discussing the specific characteristics of each dormitory to students who have been offered admission.

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## Admission and Application

Because of the nature of its core curriculum, the Honors Tutorial College must restrict the numbers of students that it can accept each year. As a result, the admissions climate is highly competitive. A variety of elements play a role in admission decisions. Applicants must supply current high school transcripts, standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT), a senior year schedule of classes, and an essay written specifically for the Honors Tutorial College. Some programs of study also require the submission of additional material. Applicants are urged to consult the Honors Tutorial College Web site, <http://www.ouhtc.org/> for complete application requirements. Students who are home-schooled should contact the College for specific application instructions. An application that does not contain all of these items will be rejected without receiving a substantive review. Students who are successful at gaining admission to the College generally also supply supporting information beyond the minimum requirements outlined above. Submissions of writing

samples, a creative portfolio, and letters of recommendation from teachers or members of the community are strongly encouraged.

The process of application begins with filling out the standard Ohio University application form. Under the section marked "College," you must indicate that you wish to apply to the Honors Tutorial College. In the space that asks for your major, you need to fill in one of the 26 programs of study listed above. There is no undecided option in the Honors Tutorial College; you must indicate a program of study. If you wish to be considered for admission to more than one program of study, please make this clear on your application. Finally, when filling out the major code make sure to use the codes listed under the Honors Tutorial College heading. Failure to follow these steps may prevent your application from being transferred to the College for consideration. All required and optional materials must be received no later than December 15th.

Decisions about which students will be invited to campus for a personal interview are made after two rounds of file review. These interviews, held in January of the year that an applicant wishes to enter the College, are a required part of the admission process. After all of the interviews are conducted, a determination will be made about which applicants are to be offered admission. Individuals who are invited to join the College must accept or decline admission by May 1st.

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## Education Abroad

For information about education abroad opportunities, refer to "Office of Education Abroad" in the "University-Wide Academic Opportunities" section.

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## Office of Nationally Competitive Awards (ONCA)

For information about ONCA, refer to the "University-Wide Academic Opportunities" section.