



Proposed New Transcript Recognition – Honors Scholar

MCC's Honors Institute offers high-achieving students the opportunity for an immersive academic experience that emphasizes research and interdisciplinary learning. Students pursuing Honors credits distinguish themselves from their peers when seeking transfer or employment opportunities. MCC's Honors Program has relationships with area colleges, and Honors students have access to scholarships they would not have otherwise.

The College is converting our current Honors Program to an "in-house" operation because the distinction we currently offer, a SUNY Certificate, requires an unnecessarily extensive process when modifying curriculum or making any other changes to the Program. MCC's Honors Program will now have similarity with other Honors Programs throughout New York State. Curriculum requirements for "Honors Scholar" Distinction are consistent with Honors Programs at colleges throughout NY state. MCC's Honors Institute will be deactivating the SUNY ASC 1 & 2 Certificates.

Curriculum Requirements for Honors Scholar Recognition

Required: HON 195: Seminar in Critical Analysis (3 credits) or HON 295: Seminar in the Humanities (3 credits)

Any 4 additional Honors Courses (additional 12 Honors Credits)

Only 2/5 courses can be Honors Option Courses

3.3 cumulative GPA required for Honors Scholar Distinction

Other important criteria

- a. Incoming students are eligible for Honors Courses if meeting any one of the following criteria:
 - i. high school cumulative GPA of at least 87
 - ii. rank in the top 15% of graduating class
 - iii. score 550 or higher on Math or Verbal SAT
 - iv. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from another college
- b. Current students are eligible for Honors Courses if meeting any one of the following criteria:
 - i. Have a cumulative MCC GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - ii. Faculty referral (faculty member sends student name and Mnumber to Honors Coordinator)
- c. Students meeting above criteria (excluding b.ii) will have Honors eligibility noted on DegreeWorks ("HE: Y").
- d. Faculty referrals not meeting criteria will be "waived in" and their future eligibility will be determined by academic performance.