

## Excellent Transfer Preparation

MCC's Honors Institute prepares you to continue your education at top colleges and universities. Recent Honors graduates have transferred to Cornell University, Amherst College, SUNY Geneseo, the University at Buffalo, the University of Rochester, Mt. Holyoke College, Rochester Institute of Technology, and many others.



**“We all  
work better  
when we are  
challenged.”**

The Honors Institute students motivate one another—and their instructors—to be better. They question. And then question the questions. They are independent, critical thinkers who work hard and welcome challenges at every turn. Together they become accomplished scholars.

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**“This has done  
nothing but open  
doors for me—  
not just in the  
academic world—  
but in terms  
of personal  
development as  
well.”**

*-Saul Schuster '12*

# The Honors Institute at MCC

## Inspiring you to go further and deeper

The Honors Institute brings together academically talented students and MCC's award-winning faculty in a specialized learning environment designed to help you reach your full potential.

The Honors Institute learning environment includes:

- Interdisciplinary courses on topics of global importance
- Service-learning and volunteer opportunities
- Sponsored attendance at literary, theatrical, and artistic events
- Opportunities for research, presentation at scholarly events, and publication

MCC Honors students explore perennial human problems and the most challenging developments emerging in the 21st century. Some topics of interest are global justice, science and religion, gender relations, sustainability, prejudice and criminal justice, mass media, business in a global economy, and cross-cultural understanding.

The Honors Institute helps you combine coursework with Western New York's many opportunities for co-curricular experiences, service-learning, and undergraduate student research for an education tailored to your exceptional talent and motivation. It also prepares you to transfer to some of the nation's finest colleges and universities.

## Eligibility for the Honors Institute.

### For Incoming Freshmen

Entering freshmen should satisfy one of the following for acceptance into the Honors Institute:

- 87% unweighted high school average
- Top 15% of graduating high school class
- 550 Math or 550 Verbal SAT score

### For Transfer and Current MCC Students

Transfer and current MCC students usually have completed 12 college credits with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

*We recognize the special circumstances of many students, so contact the Honors Coordinator to discuss your options even if you do not meet the eligibility criteria above.*

## Advantages of a Certificate in Honors Studies

Being a member of the Honors Institute enables you to graduate with a SUNY Certificate in Honors Studies to go with your degree. The Certificate demonstrates your academic achievement, community involvement, and service activities, enhancing your portfolio for transfer.



Requirements for the Certificate in Honors Studies are:

- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at graduation
- Four honors courses or seminars, of which one is IDC 195 Honors Seminar in Critical Analysis
- 20 Honors points earned by service-learning and community engagement
- ENG 200 Advanced Composition or IDC 295 (Research)

Students who want a more intensive scholarly experience can complete the *Certificate in Honors Studies with Thesis*. Requirements for the thesis option include the four requirements listed above, and:

- Completing four one-credit Honors Orientation Courses
- Public presentation of an original scholarly, literary or creative work

## Enhanced Services and Opportunities

MCC's Honors Institute has strong links to the campus services that help you succeed. Designated staff in admissions, advising, and transfer services assist Honors students. MCC's residence halls place Honors students in suites with other Honors students to provide increased support. Our enhanced services enable Honors students to compete on MCC athletic teams, lead student organizations, and present award-winning research at MCC's Scholars' Day.

**“You’ll be in a community of scholars who are motivated and interested in academia.”**