

## Certificate in Honors Studies

Becoming a member of the Honors Institute allows you to graduate with a SUNY Certificate in Honors Studies in addition to your regular degree. To graduate with a Certificate in Honors Studies, a student must complete:

- ENG 200–Advanced Composition (either an Honors or a regular section),
- Four additional honors courses, including IDC 195–Honors Seminar in Critical Analysis,
- Earn 30 Honors points through service-learning and community engagement activities,
- and graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better

Student members of the Honors Institute come from programs and disciplines from across the college, joined by their desire for a challenging and memorable academic experience – an experience that will prepare them as they continue their education at a wide variety of top American universities and colleges. Recent Honors graduates have successfully transferred to Cornell University, Columbia University, Amherst College, Mt. Holyoke College, the University of Rochester, and SUNY Geneseo to name just a few.

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MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Honors Institute

*What I Dreamed  
College Would Be Like*



# MCC

THERE'S MORE TO YOU. THERE'S MORE TO MCC.



# The Honors Institute at MCC

## MCC's Honors Institute

### Take your talents and interests further.

MCC's Honors Institute brings together academically talented and highly motivated students and award-winning faculty in a specialized learning environment designed to help you fully realize your potential.

The Institute sponsors a wide variety of Honors courses, from Honors versions of traditional courses to unique seminar courses on interdisciplinary topics of global importance. All Honors courses have small class sizes guaranteeing a level of interaction between students and faculty that is all but impossible in larger settings.

However, there's more to the Honors Institute than just courses. The Institute offers service-learning and volunteer opportunities, sponsored attendance at local and regional art, theater and literary events, participation in academic conferences, and research and scholarship support.

Through this exciting blend of course-based study, unique curricular and co-curricular experiential learning activities, collaborative learning opportunities and service-learning projects, you'll explore some of the most exciting problems and questions facing the world today. Most importantly, you will receive an education tailored to your exceptional capabilities – with a curriculum expressly designed to prepare you for transfer to some of the nation's finest colleges and universities – and still only pay community college tuition!

## Honors Courses

Many honors courses are taught by MCC Distinguished Professors or faculty recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. There are two types of honors courses: Honors Sections and Honors Seminars.

- **Honors Sections** include the same material covered in regular sections of a course, but in greater depth, with more opportunities for students to pursue individual interests. With a maximum class size of 21 students, faculty-student interaction is greatly enhanced in comparison to regular sections.
- **Honors Seminars** are courses only available through the Honors Institute. These courses delve deeply into important contemporary themes and are limited to enrollments of 17 students. Many seminars culminate in student research projects presented at local and national conferences.

*Detailed descriptions of current Honors courses are available at the Honors Institute website, [www.monroecc.edu/go/honors](http://www.monroecc.edu/go/honors).*

## What Students are Saying About Honors Courses

*"I really loved the small size of this class. I feel almost spoiled. After taking honors classes, I do not want to return to non-honors courses."*

*"This class opened so many new ways of thinking, and it enhanced my ability to write in a creative way. I've learned to read 'between the text,' very helpful for further studies."*

*"It has been more enriching than a regular course. Everyone is there because he/she wants to be."*

*"This class is what I dreamed college would be like."*

## Eligibility

### Incoming Freshmen

Most incoming freshmen accepted into the Honors Institute meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 87% unweighted high school average
- Top 15% of graduating high school class
- 27 ACT composite or combined verbal and math SAT of 1200

### Transfer and Current MCC Students

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

However, all students are welcome to apply for acceptance into the Institute. If you do not meet the above criteria contact the Honors Coordinator to discuss your options.

