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HONORS PROGRAMS: DEPARTMENTAL HONORS and
HONORS COURSES

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Three opportunities exist for undergraduate students to participate in honors work: Departmental Honors, Honors Courses and the University Honors College.

Departmental Honors

This program provides the opportunity for superior and highly motivated students to pursue a specialized area of interest intensively and independently. Upon successful completion of the program, students are recognized for their achievements at graduation with the designation of Departmental Honors on their diploma and University record. To be eligible for the program, students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and the endorsement of the department.

The program generally consists of two (2) to four (4) semesters of supervised tutorial work, reading, self instruction, creative inquiry and research, which culminates in the production of a thesis or project. One (1) to four (4) credits may be earned for each of the departmental honors courses (see specific departments' requirements). Grades in these courses are determined by the faculty supervisor and the departmental committee.

Final theses or projects are examined by and orally defended before the departmental committee. Grades of B- or better must be earned on them. They are then presented to the honors and awards committee for review. Titles of completed works are published in the commencement program.

Honors Courses

Honors courses offer special academic challenges and opportunities for intellectual inquiry. These courses require a measure of independent reading, thinking, and questioning. Students are expected to assume a greater portion of the responsibility for learning. Course requirements include activities to develop writing, research, and analytical skills.

Honors courses are open to students in the University Honors College, students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.35, and other students with the permission of the instructor.

A grade of B- or better must be earned to qualify for the honors designation on the student's record.

University Honors College

Millersville University offers the University Honors College to provide a challenging and enriching educational experience for highly talents and motivated students. Kindly refer to the separate policy statement for more specific information.