

HONORS PROGRAM



HOOD
COLLEGE

THE HOOD HONORS PROGRAM
IS A LEARNING COMMUNITY OF
**HIGHLY ENGAGED STUDENTS
UNITED IN THEIR PASSION**
FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT
**AND EMPOWERED TO SHAPE
THEIR OWN ACADEMIC JOURNEY.**

STUDENTS FORM A DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE
LEARNING COMMUNITY THROUGH A FOUR-YEAR SERIES
OF SEMINARS, CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND
SOCIAL EVENTS.

Engaging

The Honors Program is hands-on and experiential by design. Use your own unique interests to meet educational goals. Expect interactive discussions coupled with dynamic experiences in the classroom and beyond.

Inspiring

You inspire us as much as we hope to inspire you. Through collaboration with your peers and faculty, you will gain new perspectives, ideas and insights. We equip you with the tools to realize your full potential. You decide how to use them.

Empowering

Our program will challenge you. With the knowledge and critical thinking skills you acquire through rigorous coursework, you will be prepared to tackle society's most pressing issues and positively impact your community.



The Honors Program has provided me with a plethora of opportunities to enhance my skills, learn new strengths, and grow into a more confident person! I know that after graduation I will be able to confidently continue with grad school and start my professional career as a developed scholar and compassionate human.

*-Maryam Iftikhar
Global Studies '22*



CURRICULUM FLEXIBILITY

All Hood students complete a core curriculum. The honors seminars you take as part of the program can satisfy some of these core requirements. This allows you to tailor your core classes to better meet your specific needs and interests.

VIBRANT COMMUNITY

You will join a group of students who all share a passion for learning and discovery. From intellectually stimulating conversations in the classroom to extracurricular activities and field trips, you will form close and lasting relationships with a broad spectrum of highly motivated individuals.

STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING

Your voice matters. Not only do we ask for your input, we depend on it. You will actively help to select seminar topics, choose destinations for program trips and plan social activities. Alongside your classmates, you will also be responsible for choosing faculty members to teach honors seminars.

FACULTY MENTORSHIP

Our expert faculty will guide you every step of the way. In order to best meet your objectives, you will work closely with a faculty advisor. As part of a tight-knit community, you will meet regularly with your advisor to trade ideas and plan your studies. Between seminars, expect to run into them regularly while walking through our scenic campus.

EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Our practicum places you in a meaningful service learning environment, the location of which is entirely up to you. You will also have the option to complete a departmental honors project. We invite students to present their findings at prestigious state and regional honors conferences. We encourage you to study abroad for a semester or a year to immerse yourself in a different culture, learn a new language and conduct research.

OUTSTANDING AMENITIES

The Christine P. Tischer Honors Center is available for access anytime, day or night. Stop by for snacks or use the space for studying. You can watch movies in the lounge, play games or just hang out with friends. The Honors Center is yours to enjoy.



DO YOU...

Love learning and the pursuit of knowledge?

Want to challenge yourself in new ways?

Feel eager to forge a close-knit community?

Believe in helping others succeed?

Embrace diversity and the complexities of inclusivity?

Strive to take on leadership roles?

WE WANT YOU!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Honors student Sai Jallow '22 studied economics and political science. After transferring to Hood from Montgomery College, she served as a resident assistant, vice president of the Model UN Club, secretary of the Feminist Student Union, and treasurer / diversity and inclusion representative for Hood College Hillel. She was also a teaching assistant for the Introduction to Macroeconomics course

Alongside two other honors students—Maryam Iftikhar and Maria Silva—Jallow completed a Davis Peace Project after being awarded a \$10,000 grant. Their project addressed the lack of accessible resources for immigrants and refugees in the United States, providing direct assistance to families in disadvantaged communities. Jallow says, “I have come to really appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of the honors program, as well as the rigor and creativity that is expected of honors students. I feel both nurtured and challenged here!”

HOW DO I APPLY TO THE HONORS PROGRAM?

When you apply to the College, simply click the box that says you'd like your application to be reviewed for the Honors Program. The program is highly selective and space is limited. Each applicant is thoroughly reviewed.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO GET IN?

We're looking for students who are intellectually curious both inside and outside of their intended major. While each student is considered for the program based on a holistic review of all submitted materials, these are the basic requirements for *first-year applicants*:

- Strong writing skills demonstrated in the application essay and/or additional materials
- Minimum recalculated academic GPA of 3.3
- College preparatory high school curriculum (if offered)
- AP, IB or Dual Enrollment courses (if offered)

For *transfer students*, we are looking for:

- Strong written communication skills
- Minimum 3.3 GPA from previous institution
- Prior successful participation in an honors program (if offered)

The priority application deadline for Honors is **January 15**. Space is limited, so the earlier you apply, the better. Notifications will be sent to students by the end of January. Applications received after January 15 will be considered for admission if space is still available.



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