

Mercer Honors Program at Mercer County Community College

Q&A FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

1. When can students enter the Mercer Honors Program?

Qualified students are now invited to enter the program directly from high school. Or, students may enter the program once they are at Mercer and have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher with a minimum of 12 college credits.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for entering high school graduates?

Students are evaluated based on a variety of factors: high school GPA, class rank, SAT scores, ACT scores, MCCC placement test scores, and level of interest. Advisors will help eligible students self-select into the Mercer Honors Program when they register for classes.

3. How can first-semester students enroll in Mercer Honors Program classes?

Students should ask about Honors classes at their initial meetings with MCCC Enrollment Services advisors.

4. Who teaches Mercer Honors Program classes?

Classes are taught only by full-time faculty who hold degrees from institutions including Lehigh University, the University of California, Rutgers University, Brown University, Princeton University, Cornell University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

5. What classes have Honors sections?

Honors classes are offered regularly in composition, literature, history, psychology, communications, philosophy, sociology and economics. The list continues to grow.

6. What are some of the advantages of the Mercer Honors Program?

- Small, seminar-style classes
- Faculty mentoring and advising
- A community of serious scholars
- Student-centered and interactive coursework
- Guest speakers, symposia, field trips and special events
- Scholarship opportunities
- Honors distinction on transcript and degree

7. What are the transfer opportunities for Mercer Honors Program students?

Mercer Honors students are strong candidates for transfer and scholarships. Recent grads have transferred to top colleges including Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Stanford, and Columbia, many with partial scholarships or, in some cases, full scholarships to continue their education.



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