

## Eligibility

Students with a G.P.A. of 3.4 or higher, or any recent high school graduate whose exit G.P.A. is 3.5 or higher

## Application

1. Register for class(es).
2. By the end of the second week of class, arrange to ask the professor if you may take the class for honors credit.
3. Discuss with the professor (your mentor) your idea for an Honors Project and seek approval of it.
4. Complete the Honors Project Contract (available on the web at <http://www.ccsn.edu/honors>); this form must be signed by your professor.
5. Return the Honors Contract to an Honors Advisor before the end of the third week of class.
6. No more than two contracts may be entered into in one semester.

## Steps to Earning Honors Credit

1. Plan your Honors Project. Your completed Honors Project must include:
  - research
  - evidence of critical thought
  - evidence of critical reading
  - written documentation
2. Complete the Honors Project Form and file with an Honors Advisor by the end of the third week of the semester.
3. Meet with your mentor (course professor) frequently throughout the semester.
4. Complete all regular coursework for the class with a 'B' or better grade by the end of the semester.
5. Receive a 'Pass' for your Honors Project from your mentor at the end of the semester.
6. Submit your Honors Project to your mentor with your completed Honors Project form signed by your mentor and the Department Chair by the end of finals week.
7. An Honors Project must be completed in the semester in which it was begun.
8. You may also receive Honors Credit by doing any of the following:
  - Completing HUM 298 -an interdisciplinary transferable course given each fall semester - 3 credits
  - Completing MGT 212- 3 credits
  - Completing an internship arranged by your professor with an appropriate area business or organization - 6 credits
  - Attending the International Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute and completing appropriate assignments - 3 credits
  - Attending a National Honors Collegiate Council semester - 6 credits

## HONORS GOALS

1. To provide opportunities for top students to work with faculty mentors.
2. To prepare students for higher-level studies available at top-ranked universities.
3. To provide students with leadership training and opportunities to succeed.
4. To give honors students the opportunity to associate with other honors students, locally and nationally.
5. To provide students with learning experiences that will enable them to be competitive when applying for national scholarships.

## Graduating From CCSN's Honors Program

Choose either Academic Excellence or Academic Honors

### A. Academic Excellence:

- ★ G.P.A. 3.4 to 3.59
- ★ complete a minimum of five Honors Projects
  - two Honors Projects at 100 level
  - three Honors Projects at 200 level

### B. Academic Honors:

- ★ G.P.A. 3.6 - 4.0
- ★ complete a minimum of seven Honors Projects
  - three Honors Projects at 100 level
  - four Honors Projects at 200 level

You will receive a certificate for each course in which you complete an Honors Project and a notation on your transcript. If you have earned either Academic Excellence or Academic Honors, you will receive recognition at commencement.

## Benefits of the Honors Program

- ✓ Receive a Certificate of Completion after an Honors Project has been approved
- ✓ Work closely with CCSN faculty
- ✓ Have the opportunity to create projects specifically related to a field of interest or future employment
- ✓ Have the opportunity to receive exceptional letters of recommendation from faculty
- ✓ Receive either Academic Excellence or Academic Honors credit
- ✓ Be recognized at commencement

## Ideas for Honors Projects

*These ideas are to start you thinking. We are sure that you will have some creative ideas of your own. Take your idea to your faculty mentor and together work out a plan to complete the Honors Project by the end of the semester.*

- Does something you have read in your textbook intrigue you enough to warrant research?
- Is there something happening in your community which relates to your class?
- Is there a need to create an internship program for a business in the community?
- Is there a need to create a project to help students in the public schools with reading, writing, math, science, or some other subject?
- Is there an historical figure whom you think we, as a community, need to know better?
- Do you have a burning desire to perform an experiment?
- Do you have a burning desire to create a short film or video?
- Are you an entrepreneur?
- Do you have an idea to improve the performance of a vehicle?
- What are your architectural interests?
- Do you have an interest in the local geology, botany, zoology, or any other feature?
- Would you care to devise ways to have more people gain an interest in politics?
- Do you find the local weather patterns interesting?
- Only your own interests, creativity and knowledge limit you in your creation of an Honors Project.

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