What is the Honors College and why do I want to be a part of it?

The Honors College at the University of Oklahoma is dedicated to providing academically gifted students the opportunity to develop their intellectual potential to the fullest. The Honors College offers challenging and enlightening courses taught by its own faculty members as well as faculty from other colleges of the university.

Students in the program can enroll in the small sections (25 students or fewer) of honors courses and also may enjoy intersession courses, summer study at Oxford University, and research internships with faculty in science laboratories or on humanities projects. The Honors College also encourages students to participate in the Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP) seminars and in study abroad programs. Students completing the Honors College curricular requirements will have a degree designation of *cum laude* (3.4-3.59), *magna cum laude* (3.6 - 3.79), or *summa cum laude* (3.8-4.0). This is the most prestigious undergraduate degree designation attainable at the university.

What are the requirements for applying to the Honors College?

Students applying directly from high school must have:
1) A minimum high school GPA of 3.75 or higher or be in the top 10% of their graduating class
2) A minimum ACT score of 30 or a minimum SAT score of 1330

Students currently attending OU or transferring to OU must have at least 15 hours of college credit with a minimum GPA of 3.40.

*Note: All students must write a 400-500 word essay on a topic provided in the application.*

What do I have to do to graduate *cum laude*?

1. Be admitted to the Honors Curriculum
2. Take at least 9 hours of Honors credit which can include Honors designated courses, study abroad programs sponsored by OU, and OSLEP, Feaver-MacMinn, Puterbaugh or Neustadt seminars.
3. Take HON 2973, Perspectives on the American Experience, 3 hours
4. Take an Honors Colloquium (HON 3993, 3 hours) your junior or senior year.
5. Complete Honors Reading & Research (2 hrs Reading, 3 hrs Research—usually in your junior or senior year).
   *Note: If your senior capstone is research-oriented, it may count as the two hours of Reading required. Call Honors College for details.* (Zoology majors must complete seven hours of Reading and Research.)
6. Submit the Honors College Graduation Form to the graduation secretary.
7. Submit an Honors Thesis (generally, your reading and research project) to the Honors College office *prior* to graduation.
8. Maintain an OU retention GPA **AND** a Combined retention GPA of 3.40 or above.

I’m ready to apply!

Where can I get more information and an application?

You may call the Honors College at (405) 325-5291 or visit our webpage at http://www.ou.edu/honors