HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program provides a challenging, interdisciplinary alternative for general education, open to highly motivated undergraduate students from any discipline or professional major at USM.

Honors currently admits about 35-40 students each fall. Traditional, nontraditional and/or part-time students are eligible for the program. Beginning fall 2007 we are piloting two new entry points for transfer students or current USM students who have completed at least 22 credits with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Students may apply to join the program, and depending on the contents of the completed application the Honors admissions committee will recommend one of the following entry points:

- "Entry-Level" beginning with Hon100 and completing the 39-40 credits of Honors curriculum including our thesis requirement.
- "Mid-Career Level" beginning with Hon201 and completing 24 credits of Honors curriculum including our thesis requirement.
- "Concluding/Capstone Level" beginning with Hon301 and completing 16 credits of Honors curriculum focused entirely on our thesis requirement. For those interested in beginning at Hon301 we ask for a summary of the student’s understanding of thesis work and how she/he might approach such a project. If considering graduate school, we are also interested in hearing about these goals as well.

USM Faculty have contributed to Honors in a variety of ways over the past twenty-plus years including:

- **Recommending students.** Each semester we solicit faculty for the names of students you have worked with whom you feel could benefit from and contribute to our learning community. Students who are strong writers, unafraid to contribute to discussion, stick around to chat before or after class… They may be great in Honors.
- **Teaching in Honors.** We are always looking for new faculty to participate.
- **Guest Lecturing.** Because our courses are interdisciplinary, we are often seeking the expertise of faculty from a variety of departments.
- **Being part of a thesis committee.** Honors thesis students put together a committee of faculty and experts to assist and guide them during the two-semester process. Over eighty USM faculty members have served on thesis
committees over the past two decades.

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