

## Honors advantages include ...

- Honors Housing
- Early Registration
- Co-curricular opportunities
- Honors lounge for students on the second floor of Spratt Hall
- Volunteer and social opportunities

## Internships and Research

Students in the Honors program have many opportunities for research, and many present their research findings at national and regional conferences. For those in the Major Honors program, a special colloquium is offered to help students prepare for their presentations. They are also strongly encouraged to pursue publication of their work.

The colloquia in the Honors program offer extensive hands-on learning including trips to museums and large cities. Students also have the opportunity to serve on panel discussions regarding the colloquium topic.

## Admission

Incoming freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 26 and a high school GPA of 3.5. Current students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. To remain in the program, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA their freshmen year and a 3.25 GPA every year thereafter.



## Alumni Views

***“When I advise high school students about college, I tell them Western is a place to connect with faculty who care. As a student, I cultivated many relationships with my professors that are still***

***intact today. They were willing to invest not only in my education, but also in my life.”***

*Devon Kerns, '97  
Manager, Application Development*

***“The outstanding education I received at Western enabled me to gain acceptance into medical school. While at Western, I had the privilege of being taught by and working with exceptional science professors. I treasure the memories of interacting with faculty and other students.”***

*Michelle Cebulko, '93, MD  
Pediatrician at Lakeside Pediatrics  
St. Joseph, MO*

## For more information

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# Honors

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## Honors Program

Do you excel in academics? Do you want to be challenged? High-achieving students have the opportunity to enrich their college experience by participating in Western's Honors program.

Interesting guest speakers,

conferences across the country, a semester of study abroad, scholarship opportunities, in-depth research and study of a variety of topics, museum visits, and close friendships all define the Honors program, a part of the campus community since 1988. Recent honors program alumni include medical doctors, optometrists, organization heads, law school students, and several students who are working on their doctorate degrees.

### Honors Colloquium

One of the unique features of the Honors program is the colloquium, a two-credit hour, theme-based experience that involves panel discussions and presentations, guest speakers, outside readings, films and field trips.

A different colloquium is offered each semester, and recent colloquium topics included Group Dynamics, Popular Culture: Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are, and Global Perspectives: The United States as World Super Power. Some have included trips to St. Louis, New York City or New Orleans. To qualify for an honors designation when you graduate, you must take three semesters of the colloquium.

### Honors Options

Students in the Honors program have two options: General Studies Honors or Major Honors, but they may participate in one or both. The General Studies Honors is usually completed the first two years of college, and the Major Honors the last two years.

For the Major Honors program, students work under the direction of professors in the department of their chosen major to conduct investigative research. The Major Honors Program is intended to culminate in an honors project



worthy of presentation at a conference and/or publication. Students must satisfactorily complete six credits of designated honors work in their major, plus a minimum of six hours of Honors colloquium to qualify for graduation with Major Honors.

Students who participate in the General Studies Honors Program enroll in honors courses to meet their general studies requirement. Each semester, departments across campus offer a variety of General Studies Honors courses designed for 10 to 20 students.

A minimum of six General Studies Honors courses, plus a minimum of six hours of Honors colloquia, each completed with a grade of B or better, are required in order to earn the distinction of General Studies Honors at graduation.



### Points of Pride

- **Western's Honors program is a member of the National Collegiate Honors Conference.**
- **Approximately 200 students are in the Honors program.**