

MINOR IN HONORS STUDIES



PERSONALIZED ATTENTION

The Minor in Honors Studies features smaller classes that allow for greater personal interaction with faculty, individually supervised research projects and community-based service learning projects.

CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP

Honors education at DCC transcends the boundaries of the traditional classroom, as honors students take on leadership positions on campus, and are encouraged to participate in intellectual and scholarly activities in the local community and their respective academic fields. Students graduating with this distinction are academically well-rounded, civic minded and globally conscious citizens.

A unique enrichment opportunity for high-achieving students.

The Minor in Honors Studies offers students in every program at Dutchess Community College the opportunity to develop their potential to the fullest by taking **intellectually challenging, stimulating** and **academically rigorous** Honors classes, thus complementing and enriching their respective major curricula.

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Eligibility

Students who have graduated from high school with an average of 90 or above, or in the top 10% of their class, are eligible to pursue a Minor in Honors Studies. Current first- and second-semester DCC students who have a 3.25 average also may be eligible. Students must declare a major of study and be pursuing an associate degree program in order to declare a minor. An interview with the Honors Minor coordinators will be part of the acceptance process.

Through individual academic advisement and intensive counseling, students enrolled in A.A. or A.S. programs with a Minor in Honors Studies are prepared to transfer to competitive four-year institutions. In the past, DCC Honors students have transferred to Cornell University, New York University, Vassar College, Smith College as well as SUNY's selective four-year campuses. Honors Studies students enrolled in A.A.S. programs will graduate with enhanced competitiveness for the workplace.

Qualified students unable to commit to the entire Honors Studies sequence may enroll in individual honors courses if they fulfill eligibility requirements for the program or with the written permission of the Honors coordinator. Please note that courses specific to the Minor do not automatically count toward the major program of study, although in some cases they may. Students should speak to an advisor before registering to ensure a balance between Major and Minor requirements.

Requirements

To earn an associate degree with a Minor in Honors Studies, the following must be completed in addition to the requirements of the student's academic Major:

- ✓ Completion of a minimum of 12 honors credits across the curriculum
- ✓ Completion of the Honors capstone seminar (e.g., LSS 201.H) (3 credits)
- ✓ A minimum of four upper-level courses from the Major program of study will be applied toward the Honors Minor. These may be "Honors" designated courses that also would apply toward the 12 credits of Honors courses.
 - ➔ Within these upper-level courses, students must meet the minimum Math/Science requirement for the Minor, even if this exceeds the requirements of the Major program of study. There are two ways to meet this requirement:
 - MAT125 or MAT185 or above; or
 - Any other MAT course required in the student's major curriculum AND one of the following laboratory science courses: BIO 105 or higher (BIO 131 recommended for nursing students); CHE 121 or higher; GLG 121 or higher; PHY 121 or higher; PHS 107; PHS 111; PHS 114; AST 131; AST 132.

Students should work closely with their advisors to create a plan of study that incorporates these requirements without adding an undue burden of additional credits.

Questions?

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