

Dear Prospective Oregon Tech Honors Program Student:

If you would like to achieve an exceptional education here at Oregon Tech, apply to the *Oregon Tech Honors Program* (the HP). It's a complementary academic program—with curricular and co-curricular opportunities—for curious, motivated students from all degree programs who wish to challenge themselves at Oregon Tech.

HONORS PROGRAM: APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

The application process is competitive and rolling. We accept applications starting January 1st and end typically September 1st, but we have also been known to extend the acceptance date.

Each cohort year is capped at approximately 25-30 students. See: Application Process and Requirements for Admission.

- (1) Available to new and transfer students on the Klamath Falls campus with a minimum 3.50 GPA. (If your GPA is close, you are still welcome to apply.)
- (2) All students must have <u>three years left to degree completion</u> (The HP is a 3-year program with an additional year possible). Any questions? Email the Executive Director, Dr. Syrnyk (<u>Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu</u>).

HONORS PROGRAM: STUDENT LIFE

The HP is for you if you value practicing critical thinking, leadership, community involvement, curiosity, and an interdisciplinary education, along with classical and cutting-edge approaches to learning, and you are inspired to do more for your education.

The HP is for you if you seek to become the well-rounded person, adaptable professional, capable thinker, and informed citizen prepared for a life of possibilities. The HP Latin motto is *Dignitas, Innovatio, Traditio, Talentum* (Dignity, Innovation, Tradition, Talent). Some people say our slogan says it best:

Fostering the person in the future professional

HONORS PROGRAM: BENEFITS

- 1. Honors sections for some General Education courses innovatively taught in small classes.
- 2. Honors Option Courses: unique approaches to standard classes in any major, some with research opportunities, too.
- 3. Advising and mentoring by *HP Core Faculty* who can work with students throughout their studies at Oregon Tech.
- 4. Local/regional activities: *HELIOS Fieldtrips*—Honors Experiential Learning and Inquiry in Outdoor Settings.
- 5. Honors Connections Events: fika, movies, game nights, and Faculty ARC talks (Application, Research, Creativity)!
- 6. Service and leadership activities and projects: **OWLS Projects—Our World to Lead and Serve** (a work in progress).
- 7. Priority registration for all classes each term: for all students with good standing in the Honors Program.
- 8. Transcripts are designated with an H for each Honors Program course (as distinguished from University Honors).
- 9. Completion in the third program year of the *Honors Answer Project*: two questions + curiosity = endless possibilities.
- 10. OT "Honors Program" Diploma awarded upon completion of the program, distinguished with "Honors Program."

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