

## What Is the Honors Program?

The Honors Program at Heartland Community College offers students the opportunity to challenge themselves academically while they enhance their intellectual talents. Students with high aspirations who are highly motivated may take honors courses to help prepare them for transfer to 4-year institutions or to stand out in the job market.

Heartland's Honors Program provides a rigorous challenge in a supportive and enriched learning environment while promoting academic excellence as it recognizes outstanding performance through high academic standards. Cultural and social activities also are offered to stimulate interest in community engagement and lifelong learning.

### Phi Theta Kappa

The Honors Study Topic brings important, current issues to the fore and encourages Phi Theta Kappans to examine how these issues affect their lives. Since the concept of using the Honors Study Topic for campus forums began in 1968, the topic has been selected to meet the needs of our 2-year institutions and their diverse communities.

### 2008-2010 Honors Study Topic:

The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences

## Why Participate in Honors?

### Advantages

- Priority enrollment in all Honors Sections
- Smaller classes, taught by quality Heartland instructors
- Honors students are recognized as achievers by educational institutions and employers
- Honors students receive a competitive advantage in the job market
- Honors students increase the possibility of receiving full or partial scholarships from transfer institutions
- Honors students will transfer to a four-year institution with an Honors Scholar designation on their transcripts
- A paid membership in Phi Theta Kappa provided to qualifying students during their second semester

### Students participating in Heartland Community College's Honors Program will:

- Receive an enriched educational experience with a major objective to prepare students for transfer
- Receive acknowledgment for high academic achievement to aid in seeking future educational or job opportunities
- Show admissions officers at four-year schools the higher learning that sets their applications apart from others
- Develop leadership skills that can be used in the community or on the job
- Gain recognition of students' high academic achievements and exceptional efforts in civic responsibility, public service, and community engagement
- Interact with other students within a model community of fellow scholars

## What Honors Courses Would I Take?

The courses would be taken as a cohort. An example of the first cohort is:

### Fall 2009: Year 1/Semester 1

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am - 12:15 pm  
The Paradox I: First Year Experience and ENGLISH 101.

### Spring 2010: Year 1/Semester 2

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am - 12:15 pm  
The Paradox II: ENGLISH 102 and a Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course.

### Fall 2010: Year 2/Semester 1

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am - 12:15 pm  
The Paradox III: COMMUNICATIONS 101 and a Social and Business Sciences General Education course.

### Spring 2011: Year 2/Semester 2

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am - 12:15 pm  
The Paradox IV: Capstone and a Math and Science General Education course.



## Who is Eligible?

Students who are enrolled in the Transfer Degree Programs such as Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), and Associate in Engineering Science (AES); and the Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S) will be allowed to apply for admission.

Applicants for the Honors Program must be graduating in the top 10% of their high school graduating class; or have a recent ACT score of 25 or higher. Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission into the Honors Program. The Honors Program office reserves the right to select the most qualified candidates. A complete, official high school transcript must be turned in with the application.



## When does the Honors Program Begin?

The program is set to begin in the Fall 2009 semester.

## How Do I Apply?

To apply, students must complete a Heartland Community College application, an Honors application, attach an official copy of their high school transcript, and return the completed applications/documents to the Honors Committee. The Honors application form can be downloaded from the Heartland Community College website at <http://www.heartland.edu/honors>

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