

HONORS PROGRAM

For more information, call the Honors Program Director (321) 433-5856.

The Eastern Florida State College Honors Program offers students an opportunity to participate in an academic experience that will challenge them beyond the rigors of traditional classes. Honors Program students enjoy an environment of scholarly challenge, creative interaction, and intellectual stimulation through special sections of general education and elective courses. Students are actively involved in courses structured to provide an innovative approach to learning.

Honors Program Benefits

As a part of the Honors Programs, students enjoy several benefits:

- Small classes
- An environment promoting scholarly research as well as independent and critical thinking
- Recognition at graduation for Honors Diploma graduates and Honors Program Affiliates

Program Options

Options for Multiple GPA Levels: Based on your GPA and goals, choose from our Honors, Honors Affiliate, or Honors Aspire Programs.

- **Honors:** 3.5 GPA, wanting to graduate with an Honors Diploma and recognition at Commencement.
- **Affiliate:** 3.2 GPA, wanting to take Honors classes without meeting Honor's Diploma requirements.
- **Aspire:** 3.0 GPA and wanting to take Honors classes without meeting Honor's Diploma requirements. A student may reapply for Affiliate or Honors status with a higher GPA.

Admission Requirements

To qualify for the Honors Program, students seeking an Honors Diploma or Honors Affiliate status must meet the following requirements and apply using the [Honors Program application](#). (The application is a downloadable PDF that should be saved to your device, filled out, and signed, which can be a digital signature. The completed application should be submitted to the Honors Office through the Student Document Dropbox available in the myEFSC Portal).

To be eligible for the Honors Program, students must be enrolled in EFSC's Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree program. (EFSC bachelor's degree programs are not part of the Honors Program).

- Honors Program: 3.5 GPA + Application
- Affiliate Program: 3.2 GPA + Application
- Aspire Program: 3.0 GPA + Application

Honors Diploma Graduation Requirements

- 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA
- 18 or more Honors credit hours included at least one 3-credit (or more) Honors course completed at EFSC in addition to meeting the SLS 2261 Leadership/SLS 2261H Honors Leadership requirement.
- 40 hours of community service through the Center for Service-Learning & Civic Engagement
- Demonstration of leadership through completion SLS 2261H Honors Leadership or SLS 2261 Leadership.

Honors Affiliate Requirements

- 3.2 or higher cumulative GPA
- Minimum of 9 credit hours of Honors with a minimum grade of "C" and at least one 3-credit (or more) Honors course completed at EFSC.

Phi Theta Kappa

Eligibility Requirements

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is to both recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in leadership, service, and fellowship projects, as well as being eligible for millions of dollars in transfer scholarships.

Eligible students will receive letters asking them to join this prestigious honor society when they have completed the following:

- 12 or more college credits hours
- A cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society graduates are eligible to wear gold colored stoles, blue and gold cords, and tassels in recognition of their academic achievement as well as recognition on their diplomas and transcripts.

Citizen Scholar

A student may graduate with the "Citizen Scholar" distinction by meeting the requirements below. Students must contact the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (CSLCE) to obtain information and deadlines for the Citizen Scholar Program. All requirements must be completed and submitted to the CSLCE office one month prior to graduation.

Citizen Scholar Requirements

- 300 community service hours
- Ongoing reflective journal
- Three (3) Service-Learning class components or 4th/5th credit hour options
- Three (3) credit hours of Community Service academic classes, i.e., [SOW 2054](#) Community Involvement or [SOW 1051](#) Human Service Experience 1/[SOW 1052](#) Human Service Experience 2/[SOW 1053](#)
- Integrative final essay prior to graduation
- 3.0 GPA