

HONORS PROGRAM

For more information, call the Honors Program Acting 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
- Honors seal affixed to diploma

Program Options

Students may participate in the Honors Program as an Honors Student (seeking an Honors Diploma) or as an Honors Affiliate (seeking access to the Honors classes and Program benefits). Both levels require that students meet the below qualifications for admission to the Program. Maintenance of a cumulative 3.2 GPA is required to remain in good standing while in the Program as an affiliate status and a 3.5 GPA is required to remain in good standing while in the Program as an Honors designee status.

Admission Requirements

To enroll in the Honors Program, students can submit an Honors Program Application online. The Honors Program staff will verify students have met the Honors Criteria. To get to the online application from the Honors [web page](#). Students interested in taking Honors courses may also visit the Honors Program Advisor on the associated physical campus for information. Applicants must have all Developmental Education requirements completed and meet one of the following categories:

For students with no college experience or less than 12 hours of college credit, one must meet the following:

- High school GPA of 3.5 or above on an unweighted scale *and* one of the following:
 - College-ready scores on the SAT or ACT
 - College-ready PERT scores in Sentence Skills, Reading, and Math

SAT Re-Design Scores	ACT Scores
Reading: 24	Reading: 19
Writing and Language: 25	English: 17
Math: 25	Math: 20

- **Pert Score** of 116 or above in Sentence Skills, Reading and Math

For students with 12 hours or more of college credit, one must:

- Have a 3.5 cumulative GPA from at least 12 credit hours of General Education college-level work.

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