

# HONORS PROGRAM

For more information, call the Honors Program Acting Director (321) 433-5202.

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
- Convocation dinner reception for Honors Diploma and Honors Affiliate graduates at the end of the Spring term

## 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 [webpage](#). 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.

## Honors EFSC/UCF 2+2 Program

Honors Diploma students interested in completing their baccalaureate degree at the University of Central Florida are eligible for acceptance into the Burnett Honors College through an articulation agreement between EFSC and UCF. Upon completion of the A.A. degree, EFSC students can transfer to "University Honors" at UCF when they submit the following information to the Burnett Honors College:

- A completed University Honors Application.
- A transcript showing:
  - 18 credit hours of Honors coursework
  - 3.5 cumulative GPA
  - Honors Diploma
- A copy of the student's EFSC Honors diploma.

## Disclaimer for Students Seeking Acceptance Into UCF Burnett Honors College

The University of Central Florida's Burnette Honors College may not award/accept Honors transfer credit for courses taken at Eastern Florida State College via Directed Study or in a mixed classroom setting with non-honors students. Burnette Honors College will accept/award credit for Honors courses taken solely in a face-to-face or two-term sequential research-based manner. If a student chooses the research-based option, upon completion, six (6) Honor's credits may be earned. Remember that all Honors courses taken at Eastern Florida State College are fully transferable and will be designated as Honors courses on your academic transcript. If students choose to take a directed study or mixed classroom setting at EFSC, they are still eligible to receive the EFSC Honor's diploma after fulfilling the required 18 semester hours of Honor's courses.

Upon acceptance, students are responsible for completing the university's upper division requirements as described in the UCF catalog. All lower division requirements must be met under the terms of the articulation agreement. Visit the [Burnett Honors College](#) website for additional information. Once on the site, click on the **Students** tab, then click on **Prospective Students** and **AA Transfer** for specific information and guidance.

**Please note:** Although EFSC requires a minimum of a 3.2 GPA to be awarded the Honors Diploma, entry into the Burnett Honors College for AA degree transfer students requires at least a 3.5 GPA

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.

## Phi Theta Kappa

### Eligibility Requirements

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

Each of the four geographic campuses has a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. 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