

Living-Learning Community

At its core, the Honors College is a close-knit community of bright, inquisitive individuals who share a passion for learning. Our students represent a wide range of majors and interests, and they are driven to make an impact on the world. They build strong relationships with one another and with the faculty who teach them. You will find support and connections from day one.

Honors Housing

First-year Honors College students have the option to live together in DeHority Complex, a renovated residence hall in the heart of our campus. DeHority's inviting atmosphere includes an exhibition hall, space for meetings and presentations, a computer lab, a media room, and fitness equipment. You'll be close to the Ball Honors House, academic buildings, and cultural venues.

Peer Mentors

During their first semester in the Honors College, new students meet weekly in small groups with upper-level peer mentors. These experienced honors students can answer your questions and help you become familiar with college life, the campus, and the local community.

Special Activities

The Honors College isn't just about academics. You will have fun with your peers through social and recreational events such as our quiz bowl, holiday caroling, field trips, and Honors Week, which showcases student work. You can also help plan activities and shape the Honors College program by participating in the Student Honors Council and serve our local neighbors through the Honors Association for Community Engagement.

We Are Honors College

Meet some of our students and see why you belong in the Honors College!
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The Honors College is very different from a high school honors program. It's a community committed to asking questions and supporting each other. Being an honors student will empower you to accomplish your goals and pursue the life you desire.

David Kuo, '22
*Music performance major,
Georgetown, IN*

Apply for Admission

Admission to the Honors College is highly selective and open to both new freshmen and transfer students. Applications are reviewed by the dean of the college on a competitive, rolling basis.

You may apply for this program when you complete Ball State's undergraduate application for admission at bsu.edu/apply. Apply by **November 15** for priority consideration or as soon as possible. For information about the Honors College application process and deadlines, go to bsu.edu/honors/apply.

Admission Criteria

Considerations for Honors College admission include:

- Academic Honors Diploma (Indiana residents) or completion of an advanced college-preparatory curriculum (out-of-state students);
- grades in college-preparatory courses;
- strong high school curriculum, including honors, Advanced Placement (AP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses;
- extracurricular activities and leadership experiences (academic and nonacademic); and
- one or more letters of reference, preferably from your teachers.

Please note: Ball State is a test-optional school, which means you can choose whether to submit your SAT or ACT scores to us for consideration. We do not require them. This lets you decide how to most accurately portray your academic performance. For details, visit bsu.edu/testoptional.

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Ball State University practices equal opportunity in education and employment and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community. Ball State wants its programs and services to be accessible to all people. For information about access and accommodations, please call the Office of Disability Services at 765-285-5293; go through Relay Indiana for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals (relayindiana.com or 877-446-8722); or visit bsu.edu/disabilityservices.

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Honors Scholarships

New students in the Honors College compete for some of Ball State's most prestigious freshman scholarships.

Whitinger Scholarships cover tuition, mandatory fees, and on-campus room and board for four years. You must be invited to apply for these highly selective awards.

Honors College Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$8,000 per year for four years.

David and Leighann Rinker Scholarships for Study Abroad award \$2,000 toward the costs of an Honors College study abroad experience.

Presidential Scholarships provide a total of \$22,000 for Indiana residents and \$64,000 for out-of-state students over four years.

For information about all of our Honors College awards, visit bsu.edu/honors/scholarships.

See What It's Like

To learn more about the Honors College experience, schedule a campus tour at bsu.edu/visit and request in advance to meet with an honors student and visit an honors class. We also invite you to contact us directly at 765-285-1024 or honors@bsu.edu, and be sure to explore our website at bsu.edu/honors.



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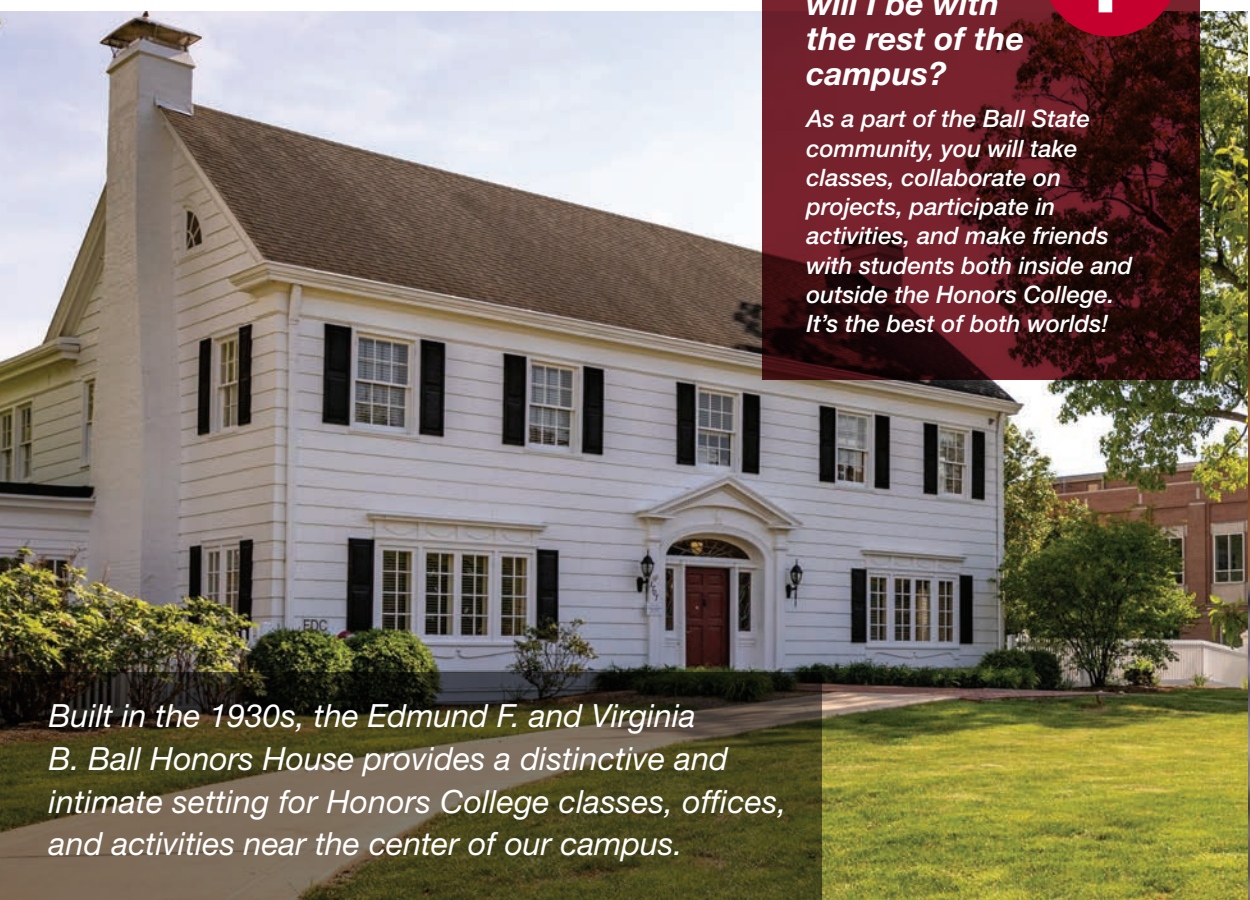
What's the **Honors College**?

If you are highly curious, intellectually engaged, and motivated, you will thrive in the stimulating learning environment of Ball State University's Honors College.

This innovative, selective program offers a comprehensive academic, leadership, and social experience that inspires bright students to challenge themselves and expand their thinking. The Honors College enhances any major with specialized liberal arts courses, exclusive research and creative opportunities, and a vibrant living-learning community. You can customize your course of study. You may even get to create your own unique major as a Medallion Scholar.

In and beyond the classroom, you will grow personally and professionally by exploring diverse cultures and different viewpoints, expressing your ideas, and connecting with top students and faculty mentors from a variety of backgrounds. We will treat you as a learning partner—a fellow scholar—and give you personalized support.

Find your passion and purpose here, and take flight to a fulfilling career and a meaningful life.



Built in the 1930s, the Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Honors House provides a distinctive and intimate setting for Honors College classes, offices, and activities near the center of our campus.

How involved will I be with the rest of the campus?

As a part of the Ball State community, you will take classes, collaborate on projects, participate in activities, and make friends with students both inside and outside the Honors College. It's the best of both worlds!



Custom **Curriculum**

In the Honors College, you gain a distinctive liberal arts education that rivals top private schools. Uniquely designed honors courses explore meaningful themes through lively, student-driven discussions and creative projects. Class assignments may also include activities such as seeing a play or viewing museum artifacts.

Personal Learning

Highly interactive honors courses average only 15–25 students and feature a personal learning environment with dedicated professors who are passionate about teaching and care about their students. Our faculty enjoy brainstorming and collaborating with students and give them the opportunity to steer course work in a direction that interests the class.

Practical Benefits

Debating important ideas and hearing the perspectives of others will help you see the world differently. You will learn to consider alternative views, try new experiences, and adapt to new situations. You'll also think and write more critically and gain confidence in public speaking. Your Honors College education will be highly regarded by employers and will boost your advancement and leadership potential in your future career.



Program Requirements

Honors College course work has three parts:

Honors Core Curriculum—Students choose 18 credit hours of honors courses in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences that may fulfill nearly half of Ball State's core requirements.

Honors Colloquia—Students get to select two upper-level colloquium-style courses that explore fascinating topics and complex ideas not usually offered in other classes. Colloquia have covered a wide variety of themes in popular culture, literature, history, science, and more—from reality television and computer game design to Latino USA, music of the Holocaust, and James Bond.

Senior Project or Thesis—Students complete an individualized capstone experience working in-depth with a professor on a meaningful topic.

For details, visit bsu.edu/honors/requirements.

Is the Honors College hard?

Honors courses are intellectually challenging, but students say they aren't necessarily harder than other Ball State classes. They are different and fun. Unique courses are small and more active, focusing on discussion and projects rather than lectures and exams.



Beyond the **Classroom**

Enrich your studies and gain real-world experience through creative, hands-on learning opportunities with other Honors College students and professors outside of class.

Paid Fellowships

As an Honors Undergraduate Fellow, you can work with one of Ball State's world-class professors on a research or creative project that's related to your major and career interests—and get paid for it.

International Travel

Want to see the world? Special Honors College study abroad programs take you to London, Rome, Cuba, or other destinations. Faculty often include field studies in their honors courses.



Immersive Learning

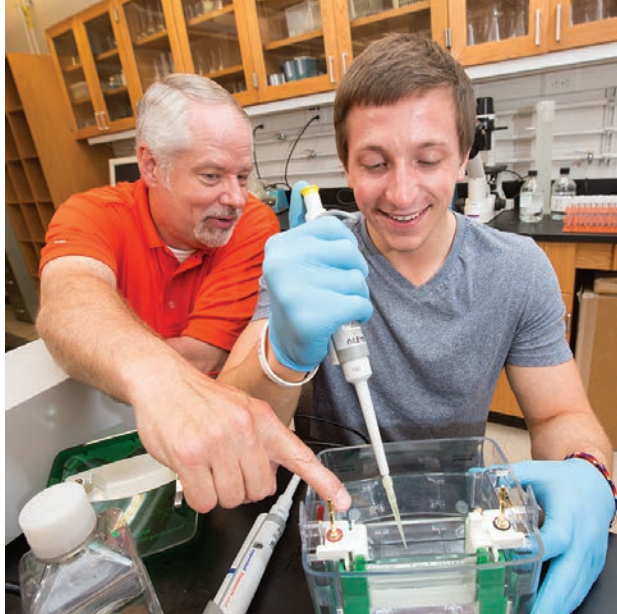
Ball State's unique immersive learning experiences allow you to solve real problems for local communities as part of a student-led team working with a faculty mentor and actual clients.

Scholarly Work

You can share your research or creative work with peers and professionals through refereed journals, national conferences, and student publications such as our *Odyssey* magazine.

Prestigious Awards

We will help you compete for major scholarships and fellowships to fund advanced study and research in your major, including Fulbright and National Science Foundation awards.



Honors Extras

In the Honors College, you are also eligible for the following academic benefits that aren't available to most Ball State students:

Honors Advising—Consult a professional academic advisor who specializes in the Honors College.

Priority Class Scheduling—Register for courses before other students to get the classes you need.

Extended Library Privileges—Borrow materials from the University Libraries for a full academic year.

Honors Degree—Earn a special designation on your transcript that sets you apart from your peers.

