Missouri State Honors College Update

April 2015

This is the latest of many communications that you will receive from the Honors College concerning academic requirements, policies and procedures, upcoming events and important deadlines, and news that may be of interest to you as Honors College students.

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**NEWS/UPDATES**

- The preliminary list of fall 2015 Honors College courses, along with a registration guide for students, is now available on the Honors College website. See the registration section below for additional information.

- We are pleased to announce the following special topics courses for fall 2015:
  
  - UHC 397 Colloquium: Interrogating Empathy-HONR
  - UHC 397 Colloquium: Education & Modern Culture-HONR
  - UHC 397 Colloquium: Alcohol & Society-HONR
  - UHC 410 Seminar: History of Piracy in the Americas-HONR

  Course descriptions for each of these sections are available on the Honors College website.

- The Honors College is on Facebook (Honors College at Missouri State University). Please like our page and instantly follow all of the latest news and updates about our community.

- For additional news, please visit our News & Updates website.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES**

- **April 2nd-3rd**: Spring Holiday; no classes

- **April 8th (W):**
  - Juniors begin registration for Summer & fall 2015 classes
  - Study Away 101 Information Session, 12:00-1:00 PM, PSU 310, sponsored by Study Away Programs
  - LinkedIn 101, 4:00-5:00 PM, Glass 108, sponsored by the College of Business

- **April 10th (F):** Course withdrawal deadline for spring 2015 classes

- **April 14th-17th**: 2015 Public Affairs Conference: The Ethical Citizen: Can You Make a Difference?, Plaster Student Union, sponsored by the Office of Public Affairs

- **April 14th (T):**
  - Sophomores begin registration for summer & fall 2015 classes
  - Get in the Game with Cal Ripken, Jr., 8:00-9:00 PM, John Q. Hammons Arena, sponsored by the Office of Public Affairs, free tickets are required to attend this event

- **April 17th-18th**: 2015 Undergraduate Literature Conference, Plaster Student Union, sponsored by the Department of English

- **April 20th (M):** Freshmen begin registration for summer & fall 2015 classes
• April 29th (W): Retirement Reception for Dr. James Moyer, Professor of Religious Studies, 4:00-5:30 PM, Plaster Student Union 400, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies

• May 1st (F): Priority deadline for reporting volunteer and community service hours for academic merit scholarships (juniors)

Registration Information

• Honors College students will register for fall 2015 classes in late March and early April. Honors College course offerings and a guide to our registration and advising procedures are now available online at the Honors College website.

• The fall 2015 Schedule of Classes is available online from the Office of the Registrar.

• Students who have declared a major have been assigned a faculty advisor who specializes in their field of study. If you have completed fewer than 75 credit hours, you must meet with this individual in order to receive permission to register for classes. If you are not certain who your faculty advisor is, you can go to my.missouristate.edu, click on the Academics tab, and look for your advisor under Academic Profile.

• Students who have not declared a major must meet with Hanna Landgrebe or Scott Handley in the Honors College in order to receive permission to register. Please call Janelle Melton at 417-836-6370 to reserve an appointment.

Advising Information

• Honors College students who have declared an academic major program have been assigned a faculty advisor in their home department. This advisor is your first point of contact for information on major requirements, developmental opportunities in your field of study, and advice on graduate study or career plans.

• Students who have not yet declared a major are advised by Scott Handley, Assistant Director of the Honors College, and Hanna Landgrebe, who is the Academic Advisor for the Honors College and an Honors College alumna (Class of 2014).

• All students are welcome to contact Scott or Hanna for general academic advice, information on campus resources, or for assistance with the transition to university life and academic success.

• Students may make advising appointments by calling Janelle Melton, Program Administrator, at 836-6370. Students may also walk-in for appointments anytime that an advisor is available.

• The Honors College is located in University Hall 212 and is open from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.
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**Scholarship Service Hours Deadline**

Third-year students with the Presidential, University, and Board of Governors Scholarships must submit documentation of 120 hours of community service in order to renew their scholarships for a fourth year. The deadline for submitting all documentation is May 1. For additional information on your service requirement, see http://www.missouristate.edu/studentengagement/scholarshipservice.

**Spring 2015 Course Withdrawal Deadline**

The final date for withdrawing from spring 2015 courses is Friday, April 10th. After this date, all students will receive a final letter grade in their courses, passing or otherwise. Please note that course withdrawals appear on your transcript as a W.

If you are considering the possibility of dropping a class, please speak with your advisor about the implications for your academic standing.

**Academic Merit Scholarship Requirements for students entering 2011 or later**

- **Presidential Scholars**: Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.60 cumulative Missouri State grade point average. Additionally, to renew for your fourth year, you will be required to complete 120 hours of community or campus service during your first three years of study.

- **University Scholars**: Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.50 cumulative Missouri State grade point average. Additionally, to renew for your fourth year, you will be required to complete 120 hours of community or campus service during your first three years of study.

- **Board of Governors Scholars**: Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.50 cumulative Missouri State grade point average. Additionally, to renew for your fourth year, you will be required to complete 120 hours of community or campus service during your first three years of study.

If you have any questions about the conditions that govern your scholarship, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.
**Information for Seniors**

- Comprehensive information on [Commencement and graduation policies and procedures](#) is available from the [Office of the Registrar](#). Please review this information early in the spring semester.

- Seniors planning to graduate in Spring 2015 must enroll in and complete [GEN 499 University Exit Exam](#) in order to be eligible for graduation.

- Seniors may request letters of recommendation from Missouri State faculty members or the Honors College by completing a [letter of recommendation request form and FERPA release](#). Please provide recommenders with at least two weeks’ notice before any application deadlines.

**Graduate School Exams:**

- The [GRE](#) and [GMAT](#) exams are computerized and students may make individual appointments in order to complete these exams.

- [DAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](#)

- [LSAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](#)

- [MCAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](#)

- [PCAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](#)

**LOGOS**

*LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research* is dedicated to the publication of outstanding scholarship by undergraduates in all academic disciplines. Led by the Honors College Student Editorial Board, LOGOS conforms to the highest standards of scholastic integrity in a blind, peer review process conducted by distinguished faculty and undergraduate students.

The staff of *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research* is now soliciting submissions from any Missouri State undergraduate student interested in being published. For a chance to be published as an undergraduate student, please read our submission guidelines at [http://www.missouristate.edu/logos/42836.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/logos/42836.htm), and send us your work through email or bring it to the Honors College office in University Hall, Room 212.

For additional information on LOGOS, please contact [Hanna Landgrebe](mailto:).
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Academic Requirements

- Requirements for students entering the Honors College between 2009-2013
- Requirements for students entering the Honors College in Fall 2013 or Later

All students are welcome to contact Scott Handley or Hanna Landgrebe for advice on completing Honors College academic requirements.

Useful Web Resources for Honors College Students

- Honors College
- Honors College Facebook
- Honors Council
- 2014-2015 Undergraduate Catalog
- Academic Integrity
- Bear Claw (Center for Learning & Writing)
- Career Center
- Citizenship & Service Learning
- Computer Services Help Desk
- Counseling & Testing Center
- Disability Resource Center
- Duane G. Meyer Library
- Fall 2015 Class Schedule
- Spring 2015 Final Exam Schedule
- LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research
- Office of Financial Aid: Guidelines for Fulfilling Scholarship Service Requirements
- Office of the Registrar
- Study Away Programs
- University Fellowships Office
- Volunteer Programs
**Contact Info**

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  - Scott Handley, M.A., Assistant Director  
  - Hanna Landgrebe, B.F.A., Academic Advisor  
  - Janelle Melton, C.P.S., Program Administrator