Missouri State Honors College Update

December 2014

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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The Honors College is excited to introduce two new courses in Spring 2015:

- **UHC 397**: Western Humanism: Ancient Greece – Modern Era-HONR
- **UHC 410**: Ethics & Modern Sport-HONR

We are also pleased to announce the following honors programs for Summer 2015:

- **UHC 350**: Riding the Elephant: An Introduction to the History & Culture of India, July 2015
- **UHC 350**: Contemporary Culture in Scotland, August 2015

**LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research, V. 7** is now available online and at sites around campus! Congratulations to all of the students involved in making this edition a great success!

**Curtis P. Lawrence Award for Excellence in Advising**

In recognition of outstanding academic advising, two Missouri State University Curtis P. Lawrence Excellence in Advising awards will be presented during Spring 2015. One will honor a faculty advisor, and one will honor an advisor who is a member of the professional staff. Each recipient will receive a $1500 cash award, presented at a reception to honor all Master Advisors.

To nominate an outstanding advisor, please submit the name by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10th, to Kathy Davis, Director of the Academic Advisement Center. Candidates may be nominated by current students, alumni or colleagues. Submit the name in an e-mail to kathydavis@missouristate.edu or send a note through campus mail.

Dr. Curtis P. Lawrence served as Dean of the Honors College from 1987-2006. Dr. Joshua Smith, Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Honors College faculty member, won the Lawrence Advising Award in 2014. We would love to see another honors professor win this award, so please consider nominating your advisor if you have had an excellent experience with him/her.

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**

December 2nd (T):  *Study Away 101 Information Session*, 11:00-12:00 PM, Plaster Student Union 311, sponsored by *Study Away Programs*;

December 4th (R): Final day of Fall 2014 classes;

December 5th (F): Final exams study day;

December 6th-11th (S-R): Fall 2014 Final Exams Period;

December 12th (F): *Fall 2014 Commencement Ceremonies*, John Q. Hammons Arena:

  12:30 PM: Colleges of Business & Education

  4:00 PM: Colleges of Arts & Letters, Health & Human Services, Humanities & Public Affairs, and Natural & Applied Sciences; Darr School of Agriculture

**December 16th (T):** Fall 2014 class grades available online through [my.missouristate.edu](http://my.missouristate.edu).

**December 18th (R):** Transcripts with Fall 2014 class grades available from the [Office of the Registrar](http://www.missouristate.edu/).
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**ADVISING INFORMATION**

**FALL 2014 FINAL EXAMS**

Final exams will be administered from Saturday, December 6th through Thursday, December 11th. The official final exam schedule is available from the Office of the Registrar. If you have any questions about the meeting time or location of your final exams, please check with your course instructors.

**FALL 2014 GRADES**

- Final grades for Fall 2014 classes will be available online in my.missouristate.edu beginning on Tuesday, December 16th.

- Transcripts that reflect Fall 2014 final grades will be available from the Office of the Registrar beginning on Thursday, December 18th.

- Transcripts that reflect degrees completed in Fall 2014 will be available from the Office of the Registrar beginning on Thursday, December 18th.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- The Missouri State University common scholarship application will be available for all Honors College students beginning on November 1st. The online application is located in the Financial Aid section of My Missouri State. The common scholarship application takes approximately 1-2 hours to complete (you may save your progress along the way) and will match you with hundreds of departmental scholarships that you may be eligible for. The application deadline date is March 1st.

  Many of the scholarships require you to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We recommend that you submit the FAFSA on or after January 1st and no later than March 1st each year.

  Please note that the common scholarship application is used only to distribute departmental scholarships and is separate from the administration of programs such as the Presidential, University, Board of Governors, and Provosts Scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships may also compete for departmental scholarships.

  For additional information on the common scholarship application, please visit the Office of Financial Aid.

- Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant

  Every year, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi funds 50 Study Abroad Grants valued at $1,000 each. The Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad.
The competition is open to any undergraduate student with a GPA of 3.75 or better who will study abroad between May 1, 2015 and May 31, 2016.

Visit Phi Kappa Phi to access an online application and review submission instructions. Completed applications must be submitted by February 15, 2015.

- **Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship**

Every year, the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards 51 fellowships of $5,000 each and six of $15,000 each to members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards.

The competition is open to all active Phi Kappa Phi members who have applied to enroll as a full-time student in a post-baccalaureate program of study during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Visit Phi Kappa Phi to access an online application and review submission instructions. All applications are due to the MSU Phi Kappa Phi chapter on March 27th, 2015.

**Academic Merit Scholarship Requirements for Students Entering in Fall 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 an average of 40 hours of community or campus service each year during your first three years.

- **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 an average of 40 hours of community or campus service each year during your first three years.

- **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 an average of 40 hours of community or campus service each year during your first three years.

If you have any questions about the conditions that govern your scholarship, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.
INFORMATION FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Commencement ceremonies for Fall 2014 will be held on **Friday, December 12th** in the John Q. Hammons Arena. There will be two ceremonies:

- 12:30 PM: Colleges of Business & Education
- 4:00 PM: Colleges of Arts & Letters, Health & Human Services, Humanities & Public Affairs, and Natural & Applied Sciences; Darr School of Agriculture

Seniors will receive their Honors College stoles and scholastic honors cordons (if eligible) when they check-in at Commencement.

Both ceremonies are open to the public and Honors College students are encouraged to attend and to support their peers.

Final transcripts will be available for seniors beginning on Thursday, December 18th. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates beginning on January 12, 2015.

For complete information on senior activities and Commencement visit **Information for Graduates**: [http://www.missouristate.edu/commencement/Fall-2014-Commencement.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/commencement/Fall-2014-Commencement.htm).

GRADUATE SCHOOL EXAMS:

- The [GRE](https://www.mba.com/usa/mba/grad-school-admissions/gre) and [GMAT](https://www.mba.com/usa/mba/grad-school-admissions/gmat) exams are computerized and students may make individual appointments in order to complete these exams.
- [LSAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](https://www.lsac.org/CLEO/LSAT/)
- [MCAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](https://储物间.mucat.org)
- [PCAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](https://www.aacu.org)

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 in the 8th volume of the journal (Fall 2015). 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:Hanna.Landgrebe@missouristate.edu).
**Honors College**

**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.

**Honors College Communications**

Missouri State University sends official communications to students via their university email accounts. The Honors College expects students to regularly check their account for important announcements and updates. Students who use Gmail, Hotmail, or similar services can configure their account to automatically forward messages to their mailbox of choice.

Students are also requested to keep their home mailing addresses and phone numbers up to date in my.missouristate.edu.

**Honors College Website**

The Honors College has redesigned its website! In addition to a fresh look, we have added new sections on academic requirements and opportunities, scholarship information, and student activities. We encourage you to check out all of the features and to visit often!

**Information about Departmental Distinction and Senior Honors Projects**

Students in the Honors College have the opportunity to design and execute a senior honors project under the supervision of a faculty mentor in their major department. Juniors and seniors who are interested in undertaking an in-depth original study of a topic of special interest should begin working with their faculty advisor and other senior members of the departmental faculty as soon as possible in order to identify possible projects and develop a proposed course of study. Additional information about the requirements and process is available on the Honors College website and in our office. Please contact Scott Handley if you are interested in exploring departmental distinction.

**Useful Web Resources for Honors College Students**

- Honors College
- Honors College Facebook
- Honors Council
The Honors College will be open for business during December and January per the following schedule:

- December 1st-19th: M-F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- December 22nd-January 2nd: Closed
- January 5th onwards: M-F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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