Welcome back students! We hope you are as excited about the upcoming academic year as we are! This is the first 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 Fall 2014 Honors College Newsletter is now available on our website.

- Volume 7 of *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research* is now available in the Honors College and at sites around campus. Congratulations to all of the students involved in making this volume a great success!

- We are 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

- 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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 My Missouri State under the Profile tab in the Financial Aid channel. 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 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.

### Upcoming Events/Deadlines

**February 4th (W):** Study Away 101 Information Session, 10:00-11:00 AM, PSU 310, sponsored by Study Away Programs

**February 10th (T):**
  - *Spring 2015 Etiquette Dinner*, 5:30-7:30 PM, JQH Arena, sponsored by the Career Center. Pre-registration is required for this event.
  - *An Evolutionary Perspective on our Fear of Snakes*, Dr. Brian Greene, Assoc. Professor of Biology, 7:30-8:30 PM, Temple 002, sponsored by the College of Natural & Applied Sciences

**February 11th (W):** Mock Interview Day, 9:00-4:00 PM, PSU Ballroom West, sponsored by the Career Center. Pre-registration is required for this event

**February 15th (Su):** Application deadline for Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants

**February 16th (M):** President’s Day Holiday. Classes will not meet

**February 17th (T):** Study Away 101 Information Session, 4:00-5:00 PM, PSU 310, sponsored by Study Away Programs

**February 24th (T):** Spring 2015 Career Expo, 1:00-5:00 PM, JQH Arena, sponsored by the Career Center.

**March 1st (Su):**
  - Missouri State General & Departmental Scholarship application deadline
  - Submission deadline for LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research
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**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 our Academic Advisor 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 contacting Janelle Melton, Program Administrator. 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.

**University Fellowships Office**

The University Fellowships Office was created to help Missouri State University students become aware of and submit applications for the national and international fellowships, scholarships, and grants available to them for graduate studies. The main role of the Fellowships Office is to coordinate the efforts of faculty and administrators in order to help students be successful in their applications for these prestigious fellowships. In order to learn more about fellowship opportunities, visit the Fellowships Office online or contact Scott Handley.

**Academic Merit Scholarship Requirements**

**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 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 about Distinction/Senior 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.

**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 May 2015 must submit an Application to Graduate Form, available through my.missouristate.edu, no later than Friday, March 27th.

- 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 double-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 (logos@missouristate.edu). For additional information on *LOGOS*, please contact Hanna Landgrebe.

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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.

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

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**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
• Spring 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

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