Missouri State Honors College Update

October 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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NEWS/UPDATES

- Legislative Internship Program
  The Missouri State University Legislative Internship provides participating students the opportunity to serve 40+ challenging hours per week, off-campus, for the spring semester of each year on the staff of a state legislator at the state capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.

  The application deadline for Spring 2015 is Friday, October 24th. For additional information, call 417.836.5636 or email LegislativeInternship@missouristate.edu.

- 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 & Update section.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

October 2nd (R): Study Away 101 Information Session, 3:00-4:00 PM, Plaster Student Union 309, sponsored by Study Away Programs.

October 9th-10th (R-F): Fall Break: Classes will not meet.

October 16th (R):
  - Mid-Semester Advisory Grades available at my.missouristate.edu.
  - Tribes, States, and Landscapes: An Archaeological Perspective on Human-Environment Interactions, presented by Dr. Scott Worman, Asst. Professor of Anthropology, 3:30-4:30 PM, Strong Hall 350, sponsored by the College of Humanities & Public Affairs.

October 20th (M): Study Away 101 Information Session, 1:30-2:30 PM, Plaster Student Union 309, sponsored by Study Away Programs.

October 21st (T): Opportunity (Career) Fair, 10:00-2:00 PM, Plaster Student Union Ballroom, sponsored by the Career Center.

October 25th (F): Deadline for submitting Intent to Graduate forms for seniors graduating in December 2014.

October 28th (T): Public Affairs Convocation Lecture featuring Eric Greitens, 7:00-9:00 PM, Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts. Free tickets are required for entry. Sponsored by the Office of Public Affairs.

October 30th (R): Honors College seniors begin registration for Spring 2015 classes.
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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.

**Mid-Semester Advisory Grades**

- Instructors teaching 100 and 200 level courses will assign mid-term advisory grades to students during the month of October. Mid-term grades help you to assess your performance in a class and to make adjustments as necessary in order to improve performance. If your grades are not as strong as you had hoped, there are many resources available to help you improve, including your academic advisors, your professors, the **Counseling & Testing Center**, and the **Bear CLAW**. Don't be discouraged by mid-term grades; there is plenty of time to get back on track!

- Mid-term grades will appear in **my.missouristate.edu** beginning on **October 16th**. Click on the **Academics** tab and look for **Grades (Midterm)** under the **Student Records** section.

- Mid-term grades are not part of your permanent academic record and do not appear on your transcript or calculate into your GPA.

**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 SENIORS**

• Seniors applying to enter graduate school in Fall 2015 should plan on completing graduate school entry exams, including the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT, no later than November 2014. Please see Graduate School Exams: below for exam application deadlines and testing dates for the LSAT, MCAT, and PCAT exams. The GRE and GMAT exams are computerized and students may make individual appointments in order to complete these exams.

• Comprehensive information on Commencement and graduation policies and procedures is available from the Office of the Registrar. Please review this information early in the fall semester.

• Seniors planning to graduate in December 2014 should submit an Application to Graduate form, available through my.missouristate.edu, no later than Friday, October 31st.

• Seniors planning to graduate in December 2014 must enroll in and complete GEN 499 University Exit Exam in order to be eligible for graduation. The exam is offered online throughout the fall semester.

• 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. If you are interested in applying for a fellowship, you need to begin working on your application immediately. Fellowships are very competitive and successful applications require a great deal of time and preparation. Visit the Fellowships Office online and contact Scott Handley for more information.

• 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](https://www.ets.org) and [GMAT](https://www.mba.com) exams are computerized and students may make individual appointments in order to complete these exams.
- [LSAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](https://www.lsac.org)
- [MCAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](https://www.accumcat.org)
- [PCAT Exam Dates & Registration Deadlines](https://www.aacustat.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.

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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.

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
- 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 2014 Class Schedule
- Fall 2014 Final Exam Schedule
- *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*
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