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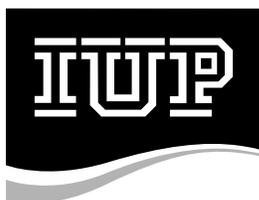
## COOK HONORS COLLEGE

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The Cook Honors College is IUP's university-wide honors program for undergraduate students of all majors who are accepted into the program. Its goal is to provide a unique educational environment in which students of high ability and motivation can achieve their potential in a nurturing learning community of fellow students and professors. The Cook Honors College makes an intentional effort to see that students and faculty members are provided with integrated courses, an appreciation for multiple perspectives on important issues, and common learning experiences wherever possible; it strives to see that the learning community remains cohesive with both academic and cocurricular components throughout the four years of the student's honors experience.

The Cook Honors College provides a challenging opportunity for academic and personal development through an integrated program of curriculum, residence, and cocurricular activities. Whitmyre Hall is a combined honors residential/academic facility that includes classrooms and program offices as well as student rooms and cocurricular spaces.

Students in any academic major may apply for admission to the Cook Honors College. Students may enter the program as freshmen or later as sophomore "transfer" students from either another university or from IUP. An application is required and is evaluated by the Cook Honors College Admissions Board.

### Program Requirements

All first-year students (freshman and transfer students) are required to live in Whitmyre Hall and are encouraged to remain in the honors residence hall throughout their undergraduate career as space permits. Exceptions to the freshman residency requirements will be made only for nontraditional students (students 25 or older or who are married and/or have children). Application for exemption from this residency requirement should be made in the form of a letter to the Cook Honors College director at the time of application to the program.

Cook Honors College students are required to maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA. A student who falls below the 3.25 GPA will have one semester of Cook Honors College probation during which he/she may attempt to raise the GPA to 3.25 and remain in good standing. Students who are dismissed from the Cook Honors College due to GPA may apply for readmission after having raised the GPA to acceptable honors standards.

### Course Requirements for Students Admitted as Freshmen

Students admitted as freshmen are required to complete 24 credits of honors work, including

- **18 credits:** Honors Core I, II, III (HNRC 101, 102, 201) and Honors Core: Sciences (HNRC 202). HNRC 101 and 102 is a first-year sequence; HNRC 201 and 202 may be taken in either order during subsequent semesters. HNRC 101, 102, and 201 replace Liberal Studies requirements for Composition I (ENGL 101), three humanities courses (ENGL 121; HIST 196, 197, or 198; and either RLST 100 or PHIL 120), and one fine arts course (either ARHI/MUHI/THTR 101 or DANC 102). HNRC 202 replaces Liberal Studies requirements for either one non-laboratory science and one social science *or* two non-laboratory sciences *or* two social sciences, depending on the units selected.
- **6 credits:** Additional honors course work/experiential education

Students are encouraged to complete at least one honors course during every academic year, although it is recognized that this might not be possible for students participating in study abroad or off-campus internships. For information on departmental honors programs, please see the individual college listings. Departmental honors courses count toward the total number of honors credits required for Cook Honors College graduation. Students are also encouraged to complete an undergraduate thesis for graduation from the Cook Honors College with distinction. Students may enroll for thesis credit by completing the necessary approval forms and scheduling HNRC 483 honors thesis/independent study or, in some departments, by scheduling a departmental honors thesis course.

Students are required to do at least one of the following experiential components: study abroad, internship, honors thesis, or independent study. In the absence of a suitable cocurricular experience, an additional 400-level major course or approved graduate course may be substituted.

Applicants interested in further information are invited to contact the Cook Honors College Admissions office at 800-487-9122 or 724-357-4971.