



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

HONORS COLLEGE





“ The Honors College was so helpful throughout my first year of college. I made friends the day I moved in, and had one of the most amazing years of my life. I will not have to take on any student loans due to the excellent scholarship opportunities, and all members of the Honors College, both students and staff, care deeply about you, your education, your finances, your mental health, and your well-being.”

BRYNN WOOTEN, 2023 Graduate
Geology & Biology
Westminister, CO



WELCOME TO THE

Honors College

WE FOCUS
ON YOU
AND YOUR
SUCCESS.

The Honors College at Fort Hays State University was created with one goal in mind: to see you succeed. We know students like you want to be challenged, meet your highest goals, and find your greatest potential.

If you have passion, enthusiasm, curiosity, and want to maximize your undergraduate experience, we invite you to explore the FHSU Honors College.

We provide students with unique leadership opportunities, a customizable Honors experience, and dedicated attention to growth and development.

We will provide you with support every step of the way—from scholarship opportunities to personal guidance.

You are far more than just a grade-point average. Our admissions process considers

the whole person: your interests, experiences, and inner drive – your unique, adventurous, and curious “you.”

The fundamental goal of the FHSU Honors College is to help you become your own best advocate. We want to accompany you as you develop your proven talent into academic, professional, and personal goals, and then help you demonstrate your success in the most effective ways – to the campus, the community, graduate schools, future employers – wherever those goals may take you.

The Honors College is a special part of the FHSU Tiger Family, and we hope to share it with you.

With Honor Comes Opportunity

FHSU HONORS COLLEGE MEMBERS ENJOY THESE BENEFITS

Honors Courses and Priority Enrollment

All Honors College first-year freshmen will take the Honors section of the required Freshman Seminar course in your first fall semester. This dedicated section allows us to offer more specialized material geared toward our students.

Honors College students will complete two courses that form the building blocks of the Honors College academic experience: 1) the Honors Critical Thinking course in your first spring semester, and 2) the Honors Senior Capstone course in your final year.

Honors courses are offered in a variety of subjects every semester. These classes are smaller than average and appeal to other highly engaged students like you – you'll dive deeper into concepts and have a more enriched educational experience. Students are encouraged to complete General Education requirements with Honors courses.

Starting in the second semester all Honors College students are granted early enrollment, which helps to ensure you can get the courses and instructors you want and need.

Nationally Competitive Scholarships and Graduate Opportunities

In addition to your regular academic advisor, you will have access to advising available only to Honors College students. You will receive personalized support to apply for nationally competitive scholarships such as the Rhodes, Truman, and Gates/Cambridge scholarships. Honors staff also welcome the opportunity to support you with scholarship opportunities and academic applications, and have unique experience and networks to assist you.

Honors Study Space

All Honors College students have access to Honors-only study and community spaces on campus. These are also near our offices, for easy access to faculty and staff support. Honors College staff are available nearly anytime for consultation via email, video conferencing, or phone.

Honors Housing

Many of our students live in the Honors housing community in Tiger Village, which offers single and double rooms, a full kitchen, shared common areas, semi-private bathrooms, and our own living room. First-year



freshman are expected to live in the Honors community for the first year; all other Honors College members are welcome and encouraged to join our housing community. Some Honors College scholarships will require students to live in the Honors community in order to receive the housing portion of their scholarship. If the student chooses to live elsewhere on campus, or off campus, they will still receive their tuition scholarship support. Non-honors roommates may be requested in Honors housing; best efforts

are made to accommodate all housing requests.

Peer Mentor Program

In the fall of 2018, the Honors College at FHSU started a Peer Mentor Program to help new students transition to life in college, both academically and socially. The mentors will help new students navigate the expectations and opportunities that come with being a member of the Honors College, as well as encourage engagement with the university and community.

Being an Honors student is a unique experience, and through the peer mentor program we hope to set students on the path to maximizing their potential at FHSU.

Additional Perks

- + Honors College students receive a free campus parking tag
- + All graduating seniors receive an Honors College medallion to wear for their graduation ceremony

“ The Honors College has pushed me to strive for a higher level of success and provided me with many resources and connections to get there! Being a part of this program has enriched my college experience.”

CARSON PIERCE, 2022 Graduate
Sports and Exercise Therapy
Wichita, KS

Admission Guidelines

The FHSU Honors College is looking for undergraduate students of all backgrounds and levels who embrace the opportunity to go above and beyond the basics; students who want to get as much from them as they can from their time at FHSU. The Honors experience is tailored to suit your needs as a student, your goals—academic and beyond, and your hopes for your future.

Application Process:

After completing the general FHSU application, and acquiring your Tiger ID, you will go to our website to complete the Honors College application under the Admissions tab.

- + Most **first-year, transfer, current FHSU, or KAMS/AMS** applicants should have at least 2 years remaining in their degree program. **FHSU Online or adult/non-traditional** applicant expectations may vary; we encourage those students to contact us to discuss admission.
- + Highest achieved cumulative GPA and ACT/SAT scores should be submitted as reference for Honors College membership consideration.
- + Strong applications will display attention to quality writing, as well as thoughtful, reflective, and creative approaches to the 3 essay prompts. Resumes should include any education, employment, community engagement, and other extracurricular activities you feel are important.
- + Include 2 reference contacts—no letters are required.
- + You may choose to include an optional introduction video or any links to your work, accomplishments, or other hobbies you feel represent you. This is our introduction to you—be as creative as you like.

Application Deadlines

Final application deadline for fall is **April 1**.

Deadline for priority scholarship consideration and spring is **November 15**.

“ My success at FHSU has been due to the people I surround myself with in the Honors College. When you have others who motivate and support you, it continues to help you grow and progress.”

CADEN FRANK, 2020 Graduate
Leadership Studies/Higher Education Student Affairs
Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships

The *priority* application deadline for both scholarship consideration and students planning to begin in the spring semester is **November 15**. While priority eligibility does not guarantee a scholarship, applying by the deadline gives the best chance of being awarded a scholarship. Some FHSU scholarships may not be combined with Honors College scholarships, but external scholarships may be combined.

Regents Scholarship

This scholarship is available to first-year freshmen. The award covers full-time tuition up to 18 credit hours, complete on campus room and board costs, and includes \$450 to cover other expenses.

Applicants are expected to have a high school GPA of 3.7 and a 32 ACT Composite/Superscore or 1430 SAT.

Tier 1 Regents Scholarship

The Tier 1 scholarship is available to first-year, transfer, or KAMS/AMS students. The award covers \$10,000 total: \$4,000 for tuition and fees, and \$6,000 for Honors housing.

- Priority will be given to applicants with a 31 ACT Composite/Superscore or 1400 SAT.

Tier 2 Regents Scholarship

The Tier 2 scholarship is available to first-year, transfer, or KAMS/AMS students. The award covers \$6,700 total: \$3,500 for tuition and fees, and \$3,200 for Honors housing.

- Priority will be given to applicants with a 30 ACT Composite/Superscore or 1370 SAT.

We are unable to offer scholarships to FHSU Online students or students attending less than full time.

All Honors College scholarships are eligible for only the fall and spring semesters.

The mission of the Fort Hays State University Honors College is to foster students' engagement with their academic fields, the campus, the community, and the world. Through a diverse and enriching educational environment on campus and online, the Honors College creates professional and personal opportunity, develops citizen-leaders, and advances FHSU's core values.

Find Out More

To learn more about the Fort Hays State University Honors College or to apply, visit:

FHSU.EDU/HONORS

TO SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL OR ON-CAMPUS VISIT, CONTACT US OR THE FHSU ADMISSIONS OFFICE.

If you have any questions, please get in touch!

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