The Mercer Honors Program is an enriched college experience for highly motivated, intellectually curious, scholastically exceptional students. Honors students engage in qualitatively more challenging academic work than students in the standard curriculum.

The program offers a diverse range of intellectual environments and activities that cultivate in-depth learning, encourage individual inquiry, and demand quality performance. Every Honors course emphasizes critical thinking, analytical writing, effective speaking, interactive learning, collaborative learning, engagement with primary source materials, and information literacy. In addition, Honors courses may include opportunities for independent research, service learning, or field work.

The Mercer Honors Program is not a separate degree program or major; students matriculate in one of the college’s 70 degree programs.

Students graduating from MCCC with the Honors designation will find themselves exceptionally well prepared for transfer to four-year colleges and universities and for success in their transfer institutions and career paths.

**Equal Opportunity Policy**
Mercer County Community College is committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every respect of its relations with current and prospective faculty and staff members, without regard to race, color, religion, affectional or sexual orientation, gender and/or gender identity or expression, marital or parental status, ethnicity, nationality, veteran or military status, age, disability and any other legally protected basis. This includes, but is not limited to, recruitment, hiring or appointment, selection for training, transfer, layoff, promotion, compensation, and granting of tenure.

Questions regarding the equal opportunity policy and compliance statement may be directed to the Affirmative Action Officer, West Windsor Campus, (609) 570-3270.

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“**My Honors professor takes a personal interest in students and pushes us to stretch a bit further.”**
What Is An Honors Course?
An Honors course is specifically designed for highly motivated college students. In an Honors course, students will be challenged to do their best work and are expected to meet high standards. Because the standards are so high, professors will devote special attention to helping students meet the standards.

Why Take Honors Courses?
- Small classes taught by fulltime Honors Program faculty
- Classes designed to challenge students
- Field trips and hands-on learning opportunities
- Eligibility for participation in special social and cultural events
- Honors courses designated on student transcripts – a distinction that draws attention from transfer institutions and prospective employers
- Recognition at the Honors Convocation

Is the Honors Program For You?
Being an Honors student involves meeting difficult challenges, welcoming the unfamiliar, taking intellectual risks, participating in a lively and thoughtful discussion, and thinking, writing, and communicating clearly. Honors students belong to a nurturing community of students and faculty who value the inquiry process and are committed to academic engagement.

Eligibility Criteria
We invite applications from continuing MCCC students who seek the intellectual challenges of a rigorous course of study, and who will assume personal responsibility for pursuing their academic goals. Applicants must have:
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- A 3.5 GPA in 12 or more college credits
- A strong desire to learn more than the minimum required.

Honors Contracts
Continuing Honors Program students may, under special circumstances, be able to earn Honors credit for selected standard courses by writing a contract with the professor and completing an Honors Project.

Program Requirements
Students can graduate as Mercer Honors Program Scholars by completing 12 credits of Honors courses with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

“My Honors course gives me the opportunity to have a voice in a small group and to be challenged to my full potential.”

“If you enjoy thoughtful class discussions, Honors is for you!”

“In my Honors class, we all had a huge impact on each other’s success; we were all eager to help each other.”