

## The Honors College

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### **Distinctive Beginnings**

Our
Oakland
University
Honors College
– Founded 1977

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AT MSUO: A somewhat unique concept of curriculum development has been organized for program planning at MSUO. Implementation of this concept is still in progress. What makes our approach unique is the pattern of involving people in the planning process. Groups comprising the curriculum construction operation include lay citizens, professional educators, nationally recognized experts in the four academic fields to be offered, and selected junior and senior honor students presently attending Michigan State University. All of these people, spearheaded by the MSUO Program Development Committee chaired by Mr. James Zeder, have shared the responsibility for developing an excellent academic program at MSUO.

Following this level of planning, a further step will involve present junior and senior students in the Honors College at MSU. The second preliminary plan, which will be drawn up by the academic committees, will be presented to this Honors College group for the purpose of getting their reactions. After all, these students have only recently gone through a general education program and should be able to react to the worth of the competencies and skills which have been developed in their own general education.

60% of Honors Colleges were founded after 1994

From 1959 to Foundation in 1977



### **Today - Numbers**

### **Oakland University Honors College numbers**

#### Total numbers (number rounded down)

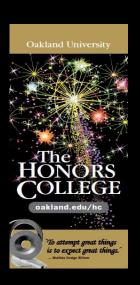
- Fall 2011 450
- Fall 2012 600
- Fall 2013 750
- Fall 2014 950
- Fall 2015 1100 (current)

  Est. min:
- Fall 2016 1400 (350 min. incoming freshmen)

#### **Percentage of Incoming OU freshmen**

- 2011 7.1%
- 2012 7.6%
- 2013 8.6%
- 2014 12.1%
- **2015 12.5**%







### **Student Profile**

- Min. 3.7 GPA / 27 ACT
- 40-45% of incoming HC freshmen are Presidential Scholars (i.e. GPA above 3.9 and ACT score above 31)
- Most are from Southeast Michigan. Most arrive from high school.
- Admission standards place OU's Honors College in the top band of national Honors College / Program admissions.







### Who are our Oakland University Honors College students?



Typical Honors College freshmen group today:

30-35% - Pre-Medicine, Healthcare, Nursing

20-25% - Engineering and Computer Science

10-15% - other Sciences

10% - Business

5% - Social Sciences

3-5% - Humanities

3-5% - Arts (creative areas)

3-5% - Education and Human Services





### What Honors College students do - 1

In addition to their general degree work Honors College students. . .



HC100 – "Making Discoveries": Freshmen Colloquium

Fall Sophomore Imagination Lab
10/24/2013, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The Imagination Lab

Mandatory Sophomore Project and Research Workshops

Every day we encounter possibilities for developing new knowledge or new creative opportunities and a great many of these possibilities and opportunities relate to our future careers, research or creative explorations and our current abilities to get the most out of the university and the university's considerable resources.

Sophomore "Imagination Lab"

- ❖ 3 x Honors College General Education courses or 2 x Honors College General Education courses plus 2 x honors advanced scholarship courses "in the Major".
- ❖ 4 semesters of a foreign language / American Sign Language



### What Honors Colleges students do - 2

- ❖ The HC390 Research Preparation and Grant Writing Course
- ❖ A minimum of 10 hours community service per year
- Undertake and report Leadership roles on and off campus & organize and attend events
- Complete a major piece original piece of research / creativity activity mentored by faculty and others
- Maintain a 3.5 GPA or above (usually well above) for their entire time at Oakland University

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LEADERSHIP	STUDENT PROJECTS	RESEARCH MENTORS	RESOURCES	
Photo-documentary of Syrian refugees				
Exploring eye diseases in premature babies				
Religious	pilgrimage	and New	Age Spiritua	ality
Cognitive psychology in young children				
Causes of	blindness			





### **Recent News**

 Following a 4 year plan, we have a 32% increase in Honors College graduates in 2016 over 2015.

• Each year 95-97% of Oakland University
Honors College graduates are now admitted to
the graduate schools of choice.

All are in the top 5% of graduates, nationally.



### Key Features - Program

- 100% of Oakland University Honors College students undertake research / many publish in prestigious journals before graduating.
- "Making Discoveries" HC freshmen colloquium is nationally unique in theme and approach.
- "Imagination Laboratory" sophomore progression initiative.
- 100% receive research proposal and grant writing training.



Steven Wynne
2014 Fulbright Winner



Hanna Trzeciakiewicz - 2014 Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award



Christina Root - a 2016 Keeper of the Dream award winner

# OAKLAND Local/State/National Leadership

**Honors College** is the home of:



**HONORS** Institute

**Honors College Honorary Esteemed Fellows include:** 



Nobel Prize winner, Jody Williams



CEO of IDEO, David Kelley



Billionaire, "Math for America" founder, Jim Simons

**Annual** "Shinola Ingenuity Awards" for students



**Annual** "Inspiration Awards"

National Society for Minorities in Honors Call for Papers

**NSFMIH** inaugural conference site -March 2016

**Annual** "Spirit of Discovery Awards"

**Annual** "Murphy Creative Intersections" event



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