

# Taylor-Crocker Honors Program Application

North Carolina Wesleyan University offers a select group of students the opportunity to complement their degree program with a series of challenging and rewarding courses through the Taylor-Crocker Honors Program. The Honors Program offers students the opportunity to develop a close community of learning and to take courses from some of the best faculty members at the University. Students take unique courses with other students who are academically motivated and study with outstanding professors. Future employers and graduate schools will notice this on the student's transcript.

Being in the Honors Program does not add to a student's course load, but it does add variety and depth to her or his University experience. First-year students enrolled in the Taylor-Crocker Honors Program take special freshman courses in composition and humanities. Sophomore and junior Honors Program students then take one Honors course each semester. Seniors complete an Honors Project in some area of interest under the direction of a faculty member.

Students who participate in the Honors Program show that they take a special interest in their education and receive special recognition and treatment from the University. Besides challenging, enriching instruction, the Honors Program provides its students with increased opportunities to meet visiting scholars, civic leaders, and performing artists; travel to museums, the theater, and sites of cultural, historical, or scientific importance; and attend or present at conferences.

Students accepted into the Honors Program receive a **\$500/semester scholarship** while they maintain enrollment in the Program. The amount of the scholarship increases over the length of time the students are in the Program.

For additional information, contact Dr. Bill Yankosky at [byankosky@ncwu.edu](mailto:byankosky@ncwu.edu).

## Application Items

The following application items should be completed and submitted electronically to Dr. Bill Yankosky, Director of the Taylor-Crocker Honors Program. **For specific deadlines for a given semester, email [byankosky@ncwu.edu](mailto:byankosky@ncwu.edu).**

1. Write a 1-2 page essay on the following: Describe a situation or time outside of the classroom when your curiosity led you to learn about an issue or topic on your own. How did you go about doing this? What did you learn about the topic and yourself during the process? How would that experience benefit you as a member of the Taylor-Crocker Honors Program at NCWU?
2. Provide the names, titles, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of two references not related to you, but familiar with you as a student and as a person (both should be acquainted with your academic record).
3. Ask your references to write a reference letter in support of your application and have them submit their letters electronically to Dr. Bill Yankosky, Director of the Taylor-Crocker Honors Program – [byankosky@ncwu.edu](mailto:byankosky@ncwu.edu) by the deadline given.



## Eligibility

- Incoming first-year students and transfer students - [GPA of 3.5 or higher at their previous institution](#)
- NCWU 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, first year students – [Completion of ENG 111 and NCWU GPA of 3.5 or higher](#)
- NCWU sophomore status or higher – [Completion of ENG 112 and NCWU GPA of 3.5 or higher](#)

## Taylor-Crocker Honors Program Requirements

First-year honors students enroll in a section of Honors English in the fall semester and a section of an Honors Humanities course in the spring for a total of 6 semester hours (s.h.) of credit. Students entering the Honors Program after their freshman year may be allowed to waive the first-year honors courses. First year honors students who successfully complete freshman Honors English will have the ENG 111 and ENG 112 general education requirements waived.

During the sophomore and junior years an honors student typically takes an Honors Program course each semester [a total of twelve hours] from a variety of the four schools at the University [Business, Education/Social Sciences, Math/Science, Humanities]. Instructors design unique courses for the Program. Some of the courses satisfy graduation requirements. For members of the Program, the Honors Program Wild Card Waiver Form allows these courses (with permission of the Director and the Registrar) to satisfy a graduation requirement, even if the course is not listed in the catalogue.

Honors Program students may be allowed to substitute an Honors Option Course for a sophomore/junior-level regular Honors Program course. Students who wish to take an Honors Option course must complete a two-step process the semester BEFORE the intended Honors Option course will begin. First, the student must confer with a project instructor and the Honors Program Director. Second, the student must submit an Honors Option Course Proposal to the Honors Program Director by the announced deadline. The Honors Option Course Proposal Form can be obtained from the Honors Program Director. Requests for Honors Option Courses are considered on a case-by-case basis.

During the senior year the student completes a senior project probably, but not necessarily, in his or her major field [six hours].

### On GPA Requirements:

Students entering the Honors Program must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher to remain a member of good standing. Students who fall below the 3.2 requirement will be placed on a semester-long probation, and will come up for review at the end of the probation period. Students whose overall GPA falls below a 3.2 for two consecutive semesters will have their scholarships rescinded and be removed from the Honors Program.

### On Participation Requirements:

Students who have failed to enroll in and pass an honors course or an Honors Option Course for two consecutive semesters will have their scholarships rescinded and be removed from the Honors Program.

