
History of Honors Education

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Beginnings of Honors (Public Universities)

- Many honors programs began after World War II (Set up on the current honors setup)
- The first recorded honors college was founded in 1960 at the University of Oregon
- There were two honors colleges that were before World War II and were setup on a different principle than what we consider honors today
- These colleges were The University of Texas at Austin and Michigan's LSA Honors Program

Beginnings of Honors (Private Universities)

- The first private university with honor was Swarthmore College and was founded in 1922
- These honor colleges offer the students access to smaller class sizes and more focused lessons



National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)

- Was founded in 1966
- Was put in place to support honors education across the US



Honors Programs

- After honor colleges started to become popular some schools made honors programs
- Usually honors programs are at smaller college/universities
- Less structured than honors colleges



Resources

<https://www.nchchonors.org/directors-faculty/definition-of-honors-education>

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1264791.pdf>

<https://publicuniversityhonors.com/?s=history+of+honors&submit=Search>

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/02/04/honors>