



Honors College vs Honors Program

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Honors Program Characteristics

- Involves some kind of extra requirement to be admitted
- An honors director
- An Honors mission statement
- A required honors curriculum to be completed for graduation
- Includes faculty that believe in the mission statement
- Honors advising
- Students have voice in how program is run
- Priority Enrollment

Honors College Characteristics

- Has all characteristics of the honors program
- Includes more students
- Includes more staff
- Much higher budget
- More honors classes needed for graduation
- Recognition for completing school as part of the honors college
- Have a residence for Honors students
- Smaller class sizes
- Access to more seminar style classes
- Closer student professor relationships

The Truth

Putting a true definition on the difference between the honors college and honors program is almost impossible as every college has a different set up for how they run their honors curriculum. However, both honors colleges and honors programs are built around creating a more challenging and rigorous learning experience that will create students with the characteristics such as leadership, determination, discipline, and much more that is needed to be successful in the world.

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