

**Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):
Northern Virginia Community College Honors and Salisbury University Honors College**

Purpose

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transfer of Honors Program students from Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) into the Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program of the Honors College at Salisbury University.

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission into the Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program of the Honors College at Salisbury University students must:

- Complete an Associate of Arts (AA) or a transfer-oriented Associate of Science (AS) Degree at NOVA. The AS in General Studies is not considered a transfer-oriented degree.
- Complete the NOVA Honors Core curriculum of 18-21 credits and be in the Honors Program at NOVA.
- Complete all grade point average requirements to complete the Honors Program at NOVA.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to Salisbury University.
 - If a student has attended multiple institutions, they must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at NOVA and all previous institutions.
 - All work attempted at NOVA and any other institution(s) attended will be considered by Salisbury University.
 - Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.
 - Salisbury University will evaluate credit granted by Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) for possible credit. These credits cannot be substituted for Honors College credit but may be used to fulfill general education credits and those in the student's major or minor.
- Be admitted to Salisbury University.
- Complete a separate application to the Salisbury University Honors College.

Implementation

- Students fulfilling the above requirements will be admitted into the Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program of the Honors College at Salisbury University.
- The Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program of the Honors College will recognize 12 Honors credits toward the completion of Honors at Salisbury University.
- NOVA transfer students will be required to complete an Honors course at the 300 level or above and complete the Honors Thesis sequence (HONR 490, HONR 495, and HONR 496) in order to graduate with full University Honors from the Honors College.
- If any of the requirements imposed on the Salisbury University Honors curriculum are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, NOVA transfer students will be held to the revised requirements. Any NOVA transfer students accepted into the Honors College at Salisbury University under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of acceptance.

- This MOU shall commence upon the date of the last signature of the parties below, with the intent to admit the first students in August 2018 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- Students who did not complete the NOVA Honors curriculum may still be admitted to the Salisbury University Honors College on a case-by-case basis.

Benefits

- \$2,000 renewable annual scholarship,
- graduation with distinction as University Honors graduates,
- honors distinction on students' transcript and diploma,
- participation in all Salisbury University Honors activities, events, organizations, and funding,
- residence in upper-class housing (as available under the Salisbury University Office of Residence Life),
- priority registration,
- access to Honors House, computer labs, study rooms, kitchen, etc.

Notice of Change or Termination

Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given, but students already admitted to Salisbury University will be allowed to transfer into the Salisbury University Honors College.

ATTEST:

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