



MARYMOUNT

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Honors Program

Transfer Admissions Memorandum of Understanding Between Marymount University's and Northern Virginia Community College's Honors Programs

I. Introduction

Marymount University (MU) recognizes the valuable contribution that Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Honors students make to our university generally, and the Honors Program specifically. Toward that end, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into with NOVA with the following objectives:

- To attract qualified NOVA Honors students to MU's Honors Program
- To facilitate an efficient and smooth transition from NOVA's Honors Program to MU's
- To provide a path of coursework in the Honors Program for students from NOVA who are admitted to MU's Honors Program

This MOU will not guarantee admittance to MU's Honors Program; however, if accepted, this MOU guarantees that MU's Honors Program will accept up to 12 transfer HON credits from NOVA's program. Please see Section III for additional Honors Program Benefits.

II. Eligibility

Admission to Marymount's Honors Program is competitive. All applicants must apply before the November 1 deadline for spring admissions, and the February 1 deadline for fall admissions.

To be eligible for admissions into the Honors Program at MU, NOVA students must:

- Be admitted to MU;
- Complete NOVA's Honors Core Curriculum of 18-21 credits, and be in NOVA's Honors Program;
- Have earned a B or higher in all of their NOVA Honors Courses
- Have a minimum cumulative NOVA GPA of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to MU;
- Have a minimum composite (Math and Critical Reading) SAT score of 1270 on the 2016 version of the test, or 1200 on the previous version, and/or composite (English, Reading, Math, and Science) ACT score of 26;
- For international students who took the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a minimum score of 617 on the paper-based test or 105 on the Internet test;
- Submit an MU Honors Program application, including an essay and two NOVA faculty letters of recommendations, one of which must specifically speak to their ability to thrive in the Honors Program, in addition to the general university admission application.
- Successfully complete an interview with the MU Honors Program director or an MU Honors Committee member.

III. Implementation

- MU's Honors Program will transfer in up to 12 HON credits from NOVA, 9 credits of which may be from Honors Option (HO) courses.
- NOVA students must have earned a B or higher in these 12 credits in order for them to count towards MU's Honors Program requirements, and must have earned a 3.50 GPA at NOVA overall.

- These 12 HON credits would meet the requirements (or transfer as equivalent to) for HON 101, The Quest, and the three required HON Advanced Seminars.
- All Honors students admitted to MU's Honors Program from NOVA's must successfully complete (e.g. earn a B or higher) the 12 credit Honors Research tutorial sequence: HON 200 Traditional tutorial, HON 300 Advanced Tutorial, HON 399 Research Tutorial: Thesis Proposal, and HON 400 Research Tutorial: Honors Thesis, while maintaining a 3.50 GPA overall.
- To be recognized as an MU Honors Scholar upon graduation, students must successfully write and publicly defend an Honors Thesis.

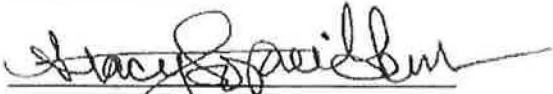
IV. Benefits

- Substantial tuition scholarships.
- Priority course registration and housing selection (including "living/learning communities" that may be offered in the residence halls).
- One-on-one mentoring in tutorials and the thesis project.
- Additional advising from the MU Honors Director to complement their major program advising and ease registration.
- Allowed the benefit of taking up to 2 credit hours over the standard maximum of 18 credit hours of academic coursework in a given semester without incurring an overage charge (see MU website for more information).
- Exclusive access to an Honors student lounge, with free printing available.
- Being a part of an intellectual community, with special field trips, lectures, and service activities.
- The Honors program offers travel money for students attending and presenting their tutorial and thesis work at professional conferences.
- The DISCOVER Program provides stipends and housing for students who are interested in working with faculty on research projects during the summer.
- Honors Program graduates' final transcripts and diplomas will denote, "*Honors Program.*" Participants will also be recognized yearly in the University's spring Awards Ceremony and presented with bronze medallions to be worn during commencement activities. Such a distinction, in addition to GPA, will clearly attest to a student's academic excellence.

V. Notice of Change or Termination

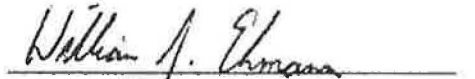
Either institution may terminate this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions from NOVA into MU's Honors Program will be made under this MOU after such notice is given. NOVA students admitted to MU prior to this termination notice, however, will still be allowed to apply to MU's Honors Program under the MOU.

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Honors Program Director


9/18/17
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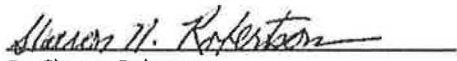
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