

University Honors at Firelands

Graduation with University Honors is one of the highest honors awarded by BGSU and can be completed simultaneously with any degree program. Operating under the Honors Program mission statement, which stresses the creation of “a community of scholars through an emphasis on personal and intellectual development and preparation for global citizenship”, the University Honors Program at Firelands is an extension of BGSU’s Honors Program to Firelands College.

This is an excellent opportunity for high-ability and intellectually curious students to either begin or complete Honors Program requirements at Firelands.

Curriculum

To graduate with University Honors, a student must complete the Critical Thinking sequence: Critical Thinking (HNRS 2010) and Critical Thinking about Great Ideas (HNRS 2020). These classes are taught by trained instructors, emphasize active and engaged classroom experience, and count toward BGSU general education requirements.

Students must also complete a capstone project, the Honors Project. In completing the project, students work with faculty advisors to generate original, multidisciplinary scholarship. The Honors Project aids in applying key concepts, theories and practices specific to the student’s chosen degree field.

Beyond the Critical Thinking sequence and Honors Project, students are largely free to choose which Honors courses will count toward their minimum required Honors credit hours. Students can choose from Honors course offerings as well as Honors Tutorial and Independent Study arrangements.

Program Requirements

Honors students at Firelands can choose one of three tracks to graduate with University Honors:

- 1. Associate degree program, completed at Firelands** (at least 12 graded

Honors credit hours): Students will complete a rigid sequence, typically Critical Thinking (4 hours) and Honors Varieties of Writing (ENG 1120H, 3 hours) in the first semester, Critical Thinking about Great Ideas (3 hours) in the second semester, and the Honors Project (HNRS 2990, 2 hours) in the final semester prior to graduation.

- 2. Bachelor’s degree completed at Firelands** (at least 23 graded Honors credit hours): Students will complete the Critical Thinking (HNRS 2010 & 2020) and Honors Project (HNRS 4980 & 4990, 3 total hours) sequences and choose from additional Honors course offerings and Honors Tutorial/Independent Study arrangements.
- 3. Bachelor’s degree started at Firelands and completed at main campus:** Requirements are identical to above program, except students can transfer to main campus at any time and fill the minimum required Honors hours at either location. (Note: there is no residency requirement for graduation with University Honors, but there may be for individual degree programs.)

Each of the three paths requires completion of the Critical Thinking sequence (must earn a grade of A or B in at least one), completion of a graded Honors Project (must earn a grade of A or B), and strict GPA requirements (3.5 or higher overall).

Program Admission

Students who are enrolling at BGSU Firelands and interested in the University Honors Program should send application materials to the University Honors Program Coordinator at Firelands.

All applications are reviewed by multiple Honors faculty/staff, and admission is granted for the BGSU Honors Program (i.e., there is no “re-application” if a student chooses to transfer to main campus). For incoming freshmen, a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher and an ACT score of 27 or

higher (or SAT of 1200 or higher) is typical. For applicants with previous college course credits, a college GPA of 3.5 or higher is typical. Completion of an Honors application and essay are also required.

Although these are general requirements, candidates are reviewed holistically. All interested students—particularly non-traditional students (i.e., no standardized test score, etc.)—who can demonstrate high intellectual ability and curiosity are encouraged to apply.

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Your University Opportunity

BGSU Firelands, located in Huron, Ohio, is a regional campus and one of the seven undergraduate colleges of Bowling Green State University. We offer many of the advantages and resources of a major university, but in a smaller, more personal environment.

Generally, students are able to complete at least two years of coursework toward most of the 200-degree programs at BGSU before transferring to the main campus, or to another college or university.



BGSU Firelands offers students a wireless environment campus wide. Kiosks and public-access computers located in most campus buildings provide easy Internet access. In addition, there are several on-campus computer labs with a variety of computers and software programs.

The library, containing more than 30,000 volumes, is computer-linked to the more than 4 million items available through BGSU's libraries to provide excellent research opportunities.

Academic advisors work individually with students to plan their degree programs and small class sizes allow students to have close, personal contact with their professors. Free tutoring is readily available through the Teaching and Learning Center. Scholarships, grants and loans are available to assist students with tuition.

NOTE: Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study at BGSU Firelands, please check the undergraduate catalog online.