



Dear Prospective Honors Program Student:

If you are looking for a way to make your educational experience at Oregon Tech extraordinary, then you should consider applying to the Oregon Tech Honors Program (OTHP). We are looking for students whose academic and life experiences attest to their desire to participate at a higher level in their education.

Application is competitive and rolling. **Early consideration deadline is 1 June 2018, and the last consideration—if positions are available—is 1 September 2018.** Please see the accompanying document, “Application Process and Requirements for Admission.”

Minimum requirements for admitting first-time first-year students with fewer than 30 college quarter credits include the following criteria, but do not guarantee admission: (1) Available to all students on the Klamath Falls campus; (2) Minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.5; (3) Examination scores: ACT of 26 or higher; SAT of 1800 (on the 2400 scale) or higher. Admitted OIT students, currently in attendance, must have three years left at the university. *If you have any questions about these criteria, or your eligibility, please ask.*

Life as an OTHP student involves more than just earning a high grade point average. Leadership, service, community involvement, breadth of interest, curiosity, and the desire to participate in interdisciplinary education are attributes of a student’s life who typically apply for the Honors Program. We are looking for students who will become the well-rounded professionals, capable scholars, and well-informed citizens of the future. The OTHP challenges students to demonstrate resourcefulness, determination, and creative thought through challenging courses, activities, and independent projects: *to foster the person in the future professional.*

Oregon Tech Honors Program Benefits

1. Honors sections of Essential Studies classes innovatively taught by select faculty for small classes.
2. Honors Seminars, Honors Courses, and opportunities for interdisciplinary work.
3. Advising and mentoring by **OTHP Core Faculty** who guide students throughout their studies at OIT.
4. Local/regional activities: **HELIOS Fieldtrips**—Honors Experiential Learning and Inquiry in the Outdoors.
5. **Honors Connections Events**: we connect with the campus—the campus connects with us!
6. Service and leadership activities and projects: **OWLS Projects**—Our World to Lead and Serve.
7. Priority registration for *all* classes.
8. Transcripts are designated with an H for each Honors course (as distinguished from University Honors).
9. Completion of a significant **Honors Project** that contributes to a community and/or scholarly issue.
10. **Honors Diploma** to be awarded upon successful completion of the program.



I welcome email from all interested students, teachers, friends, and parents:
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Application Process and Requirements for Admission

(1) Prepare a document of approximately 1000 words (total), addressing each of the following three questions as short-answer essays:

- Design a monument to education: what would it look like, where would you locate it, why?
- Define one ideal characteristic for a student seeking admission into the Oregon Tech Honors Program. Why is this characteristic important to you?
- Honors Question Seminar contribution (the Edge Annual Question): What do you consider the most interesting recent scientific news? And what makes it important?

The essay answers will be reviewed by the Honors Program Admissions Committee (HPAC): the Director and/or Assistant Director, Core Faculty, and current students of the OTHP.

(2) Please indicate in your application your current or expected undergraduate major(s) and your anticipated date of graduation. We require Honors Program students to have a minimum of three years as students at Oregon Tech. *If you have any questions about these criteria, or your eligibility, please ask.*

Email 1 and 2 above as an attached file (.pdf or .docx only) to: Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu or honors@oit.edu with "Honors Application Materials First and Last Name" in the subject line. **The first consideration deadline is 1 June: the last consideration deadline is 1 September.**

(3) After HPAC reviews the essay answers, we will contact students who have made it to the second round of the application process. The final element of the application process may be an interview with the prospective student—in person or via Skype—with HPAC.

(4) Final admission decisions, for all, will be provided in writing by **mid-September 2018**.

If you have questions about the Oregon Tech Honors Program or application process contact:

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Dr. Benjamin S. Bunting, Jr., Assistant Director, OTHP: Ben.Bunting@oit.edu

Thank you, and we look forward to your application.