



# ***HONORS PROGRAM***





**MISSION** The Honors Program strives to enhance and enrich the intellectual life of Merrimack College. The program supports talented, highly motivated undergraduates in programs and majors across all academic departments by offering a rigorous curriculum of challenging classes, encouraging interdisciplinary approaches to learning, and providing opportunities for students to pursue independent study and research with individual faculty mentors.

**Inspired by St. Augustine's philosophy of teaching and learning, the program is dedicated to:**

**Active Learning**

Honors courses are lively seminar-based discussions. They may include service and experiential learning such as community service, field trips, concerts, and plays.

**Community Learning**





Learning is best and most lasting when it is done in the company of friends. Merrimack Honors seeks students who strive to excel and who challenge, support, and celebrate one another in their efforts to do so.

**Self-Discovery**

The Honors Program challenges students to reach beyond their comfort level and to try new approaches and activities in a process of self-discovery.

**HONORS PROGRAM PILLARS**

The Honors Program strives to provide a rigorous and coherent experience for its students. Every aspect of Merrimack Honors — academic, extracurricular, and social — is organized around the Four Pillars of a Merrimack Honors Education:

-  **Community:** Learning is best and most lasting when it is done in the company of friends.
-  **Service:** What we learn finds its greatest value in the ways it benefits others.
-  **Research:** To effect meaningful change in today's world requires a knowledge that is both deep (disciplinary expertise) and attuned to connections to other fields (interdisciplinary competence).
-  **Leadership:** Fostering initiative and responsibility prepares students to preserve what is best and change what is needed to create a better environment at the college and beyond.

## Honors Program Requirements

In order to achieve Honors recognition at graduation, students must complete eight honors courses, including a senior capstone experience. Students must achieve a 3.4 GPA by the end of their first year and maintain a 3.5 thereafter.

## Honors Program Benefits

- Rigorous classes typically capped at 18 students, taught by some of Merrimack's best professors
- Numerous co-curricular activities and community events throughout the year
- \$1,000 annual Honors Program Scholarship awarded to every invited first-year student who commits to Merrimack Honors by May 1. The award is renewable each year the student remains in good standing in the Honors Program.
- Research and travel grants
- Priority course registration

## Honors Student Council

The Honors Program is about more than classes. It's also about the spirit of Merrimack's Augustinian tradition and fostering community, leadership, and friendship.

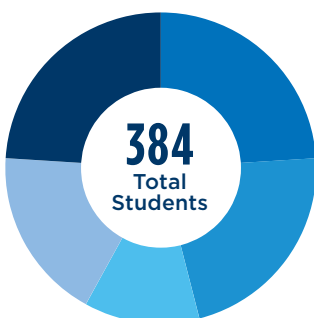
The Honors Student Council is the governing body of the Honors students, responsible for representing the student voice to the Honors Program staff as well as planning and organizing events, activities, and programs for the Honors student community.

## Honors Peer leaders

Our nationally recognized peer mentoring program pairs student leaders with incoming Honors first-year students to help orient them to the Honors Program, Merrimack, and college life in general.

## Honors Program Profile\*

Comprising of the **top 10%** of Merrimack College undergraduate students



### Breakdown of Honors students in each school:

- 24%** School of Science & Engineering
- 24%** Girard School of Business
- 22%** School of Liberal Arts
- 12%** School of Education & Social Policy
- 18%** School of Health Sciences

\* Data from the 2018-2019 academic year.



## HONORS HOUSING

Merrimack offers dedicated Honors housing for students in the Honors Program, complete with Honors community activities and Honors RAs. It is a program expectation that first-year Honors resident students live in the Honors Living Learning Community. The Honors Residential Suites, located in North Residential Village, are a popular option for Honors upperclassmen and feature four- and six-person suites.

## THE HONORS COMMONS

The Honors Commons in North Residential Village is an innovative 24/7 space for Honors students equipped with study spaces, a kitchenette, technology, and program support. A truly active and vibrant space, the Honors Commons strengthens the community and provides the resources to ensure student success.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**ALEX FEDOROV '20**  
Business Administration Major

Alex interned at Wells Fargo Securities as an Investment Banking Summer Analyst and already has a job locked in with them after graduation. On campus, he is a Senior Analyst for the Merrimack Investment fund and captain of the men's tennis team.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**FIONA COLEMAN '14**  
Health Science major

Fiona served as a Food Security Specialist with the Peace Corps in Zambia, Africa, empowering the community with programs related to food security and conservation agriculture. She also volunteered with Project Medishare for Haiti to develop programs that helped Haitian health care workers meet the needs of injured persons, and she traveled to Haiti to implement and teach injury prevention and rehabilitative programs. She is now a Ph.D. student, studying International Nutrition, Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University.

## HONORS PROGRAM TEAM



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## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Honors Program at **978-837-5404** or **honors@merrimack.edu**.  
You can also learn more at **www.merrimack.edu/honors**.

## NEXT STEPS

To accept your offer of admission into the Honors Program, log onto your application portal at **www.merrimack.edu/myapplication** to complete the Honors Reply Form.