

William Paterson University Honors College

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Welcome to Honors!

- What do you need to know?
- Honors academic requirements
- Honors co-curricular requirements
- Getting ready for the start of the Fall semester



Honors Requirements in brief

First and second year students – Honors UCC courses

Third and fourth year students join a track; at least one Honors course per semester; and design, complete and present an honors research thesis or honors project.

Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25

Honors First-year experience

First year research seminar

- A guided intro to university level research
- End of semester presentation

Honors UCC courses

- Honors sections of courses need for UCC or major
- Smaller, all Honors cohort

Mandatory First-year meetings

- Go over Honors requirements in depth
- Learn about Honors opportunities

First Year Honors Requirements

- Present at the December 2nd Research Day event
- Attend at least two “New to Honors” events on different topics
- Attend one “Honors All College Meeting”
- Complete some civic engagement hours (4.5 hours due by May 2025)



New to Honors Fall Meeting Topics

- Honors 101 – everything you need to know about Honors!
- Getting involved on campus – clubs, civic engagement, mentors
- Getting ready for registration – priority registration and your 8-semester plan
- Honors Track Information Session
- Hear from Your Peers



What is a track?

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Sign into WPCONnect and your Fall Schedule should appear

The screenshot shows the WPCONnect portal interface. At the top, the William Paterson University logo is on the left, and the WPCONnect logo is in the center. The navigation menu includes Home, Campus Life, Students (circled in red), and Employees. A user profile for Jackie Scordo is visible on the right. Below the navigation, the 'Fall 2016 Schedule' is displayed in a table. The 'BUSINESS STATISTICS I (40176)' course is circled in red. To the right of the schedule are sections for 'General Services' and 'Campus Life'. A red arrow points to the 'Science Hall East' location in the schedule table.

| Fall 2016 Schedule | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|---|---|----------|----------|---------|-------------------------|--|--|
| MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING I (40003) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1600 Valley Road | 2008 | M | W | 12:30 PM | 01:45 PM | Lecture | Staff, A | | |
| BUSINESS STATISTICS I (40176) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1600 Valley Road | 2008 | M | W | 11:00 AM | 12:15 PM | Lecture | Ramjerdi, Maria Hamideh | | |
| PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING (40339) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1600 Valley Road | 2001 | M | W | 02:00 PM | 03:15 PM | Lecture | Chao, Chen-Ho | | |
| DIVERSITY & EQUITY IN SCHOOLS (41029) | | | | | | | | | |
| Science Hall East | 4018 | T | R | 02:00 PM | 03:15 PM | Lecture | Villar, Maria | | |

General Services

- [My Academic and Profile Information](#)
- [Emergency Notification Setup](#)
- [Dining Services and Menus](#)
- [Pioneer Express Debit Card](#)
- [Parking Permit Request Form](#)
- [Pioneer Parking Garage Student Signup](#)
- [NJ Transit Discount Passes](#)
- [Student Employment Required Documents](#)
- [Student Health Portal](#)

Enrollment Services

- [Enrollment Verification](#)

Campus Life

- [Orientation Team Application](#)
- [Student Handbook and Student Conduct](#)
- [Sign Up for Clubs and Activities](#)
- [Sign Up for Intramurals and Fitness Classes](#)
- [Alcohol-Wise \(Freshmen Only\)](#)
- [Not Anymore \(New Students\)](#)
- [Badge Programs](#)
- [Register To Vote](#)
- [Additional Student Resources](#)
- [Career Assessments](#)
- [Trailblazer: Job & Internship Portal](#)

Campus Directories

What courses do I need?

The screenshot shows a student portal dashboard with three main columns: 'My Schedule', 'Billing and Payments', and 'My Degree'. The 'My Degree' column contains a list of links, with 'Degree Works' circled in red. A 'Notifications' box on the right indicates 0 notifications.

| My Schedule | Billing and Payments | My Degree | Notifications |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| My Schedule | Click here to view your balance | Add, Declare, or Change Major | You have 0 student notifications at this time. |
| Registrar Calendar | 1098-T Tax Information | Add, Declare, or Change Minor | |
| | Bill and Payment Home | Degree Works | |
| | Enroll into a Payment Plan | Request Official Transcript | |
| | Enrollment & Housing Deposits | Starfish Student Success | |
| | Make a Payment | Unofficial Transcripts | |
| | Sign up for E-Refunds | | |
| | View E-Statements | | |

Degree Works lists:

General education (University Core Curriculum [UCC]) requirements

A light orange downward-pointing arrow indicating a flow from the general education requirements to the major requirements.

Requirements for your major

A light gray downward-pointing arrow indicating a flow from the major requirements to the honors track requirements.

Honors track requirements are added once you are officially in your track, usually in your second year

Did your AP scores & dual-enrollment transfer?

The screenshot displays the WPI CONNECT student portal. At the top, the navigation bar includes the WPI CONNECT logo, a search bar, and user information. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Billing and Payments:** Includes a button to view balance, 1098-T Tax Information, Bill and Payment Home, Enroll into a Payment Plan, Enrollment & Housing Deposits, Make a Payment, Sign up for E-Refunds, and View E-Statements.
- My Degree:** This section is highlighted with a black oval. It contains links for: Add, Declare, or Change Major; Add, Declare, or Change Minor; Degree Works; Final Grades; Request Official Transcript; **Unofficial Transcripts** (circled in red); and Finish Student Success.
- Notifications:** Displays a message: "You have 0 student not time."
- Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Includes Financial Aid Awards / Status.
- Academic Services:** Includes Honors Application.
- Transportation / Park:** Includes Live Shuttle Map.

The bottom of the image shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a search bar.

Unofficial Transcript

Curriculum Information

Current Program

Undeclared

Program:

Undeclared - Undergraduate

College:

Special Programs

Major and Department:

Undeclared, Undeclared

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FALL 2016: SYRACUSE UNIV

| Subject | Course | Title | Grade | Credit Hours | Quality Points | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----|
| ENV | 220 | EARTH THROUGH TIME | TR | 4.000 | | | 0. |
| PSY | 1100 | GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY | TR | 3.000 | | | 0. |
| | | Attempt Hours | Passed Hours | Earned Hours | GPA Hours | Quality Points | GPA |
| Current Term: | | 7.000 | 0.000 | 7.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0. |

Unofficial Transcript

FALL2016: ADVANCED PLACEMENT

| Subject | Course | Title | Grade | Credit Hours | Quality Points | | |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----|
| ENG | 1500 | INTRO TO LITERATURE | TR | 3.000 | | | 0. |
| | | Attempt Hours | Passed Hours | Earned Hours | GPA Hours | Quality Points | GPA |
| Current Term: | | 3.000 | 0.000 | 3.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0. |

Unofficial Transcript

AP and Transfer Credits, Foundations Testing, Placement Tests

- AP and transfer credits must be sent to WP Admissions (or general electronic address).
- If you submitted SAT or ACT scores, you may be exempt from foundations testing.
- Honors students are not exempt from placement tests for **Calculus and languages** *unless you have AP test scores or transfer credits.*

Getting Started: Schedules and Credits



STUDENT SCHEDULES CAN BE FOUND ON THE STUDENT TAB IN WPCONNECT.



WPCONNECT CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY HOMEPAGE OR AT: WPCONNECT.WPUNJ.EDU.



STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE 15-18 CREDITS THEIR FIRST SEMESTER.



HONORS STUDENTS MUST HAVE HONORS COURSES EACH SEMESTER.

Honors College Student Handbook

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The Honors Student handbook includes:



Honors requirements



Honors curricula and tracks



Honors Agreement

The screenshot shows the website for the University Honors College at William Paterson University. The page includes a navigation menu with links for Academics, Admissions, Campus Life, and About Us. A sidebar menu lists Honors Courses, Tracks, Faculty and Staff, Resources/Forms, Honors College Archives, and Contact Us. The main content area features a paragraph about the college's offerings, a section titled "The Benefits of Participating in the University Honors College" with a bulleted list of advantages, and a "Contact Us" section with circular profile pictures and contact information for Dr. Barbara Andrew (Dean) and Jan Pinkston (Associate Director). A large black arrow graphic points downwards on the right side of the page. At the bottom, there is a "Publications" section displaying three documents: the Honors Research Week Program 2023, the June 2023 Newsletter, and the Honors Handbook 2023-2024.

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The University Honors College at William Paterson University offers academically gifted students the space to explore new ideas and engage in intellectual and creative collaborations with experienced and dedicated members of the faculty. It offers a rigorous curriculum with a challenging array of courses, seminars, and co-curricular activities. The University Honors College provides a comprehensive educational experience that brings together the academic, residential, social, and cultural experiences of its students. It is open to students in all colleges and majors. More than five hundred students are currently enrolled in the Honors College.

The Benefits of Participating in the University Honors College


- Honors College scholarships
- Honors cluster of linked courses taught by honors faculty during 1st semester
- Priority registration privileges
- Opportunity to live in an honors learning community in High Mountain East during 1st year
- Development of a final thesis or project with a faculty mentor
- Opportunities to travel to conferences to present thesis or project research
- Opportunities to take courses with embedded travel experiences
- Recognition as a graduate of the University Honors College at convocation and commencement ceremonies, as well as on the diploma and transcript


Contact Us



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Publications


Honors Research Week Program 2023


June 2023 Newsletter


Honors Handbook 2023-2024

The Honors College Agreement

Honors College Agreement

HONORS COLLEGE AGREEMENT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE AND HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

This agreement articulates the expectations for students in the Honors College. Please read this document very carefully and ask questions if any of the statements are not clear to you.

All Honors College students must fulfill the following responsibilities. By signing this document, you promise to fulfill all of the requirements. Students who fail to fulfill these responsibilities are subject to dismissal from the Honors College and cancellation of their Honors scholarship.

Academics

- Honors students must maintain a semester GPA of at least 3.25.
- Honors first-year students are required to complete a cluster of Honors courses in their first semester unless their major requirements prohibit it.
- Students who enter Honors as first year students are required to complete a minimum of four Honors UCC courses. Students who have sophomore status or higher are required to complete a minimum of 12 honors credits.
- Honors students must complete one Honors course each semester or be enrolled in an Honors track. In exceptional cases, students will be able to petition the Honors College Dean for a waiver of this rule.
- Honors students must be admitted to a track before the start of their junior year. Transfer students who begin Honors as juniors should be admitted to a track before the end of their junior year. The application process is online, and the student must have their online application approved in order to be placed on the track's roster.
- Honors students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to enter an Honors track.
- Students who have not completed enough credits to attain junior status by the end of their fourth semester may be dismissed from the Honors College.
- Junior and senior Honors students must make continuous progress in the track, which is demonstrated by taking track courses and working toward the final thesis or project.
- Honors students must complete a thesis or final project. The thesis is designed by the student and track director.
- Honors students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 to graduate with the Honors College designation.

Presentations, Meetings, and Civic Engagement

- Honors students must present their thesis findings or their projects during Honors



Honors Club

- Open to all WP students, not just Honors students
- Focus on civic engagement and social events that encourage networking and socialization with the WP campus community!
- Annual events like the winter coat drive
 - Last year, we collected and donated more than 300 coats for the Father English Community Center in Paterson





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