

Honors Programs and Transferring from Black Hawk College

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Purpose

The purpose of the Honors Program and Transferring Document is to accumulate information about honors programs from various colleges and universities with the hopes it provides clarity for students who want to join an honors program at another institution. I hope other Black Hawk College honors program coordinators, faculty members, and advisors can use this document to help their students take one more step towards finding a good fitting transfer school.

This document will list the top 12 transfer schools based on average transfer data from 2018 to 2020.

Information will be gathered through a combination of: institution website research, transfer databases, and outreach to honors program coordinators.

The Top 12

Over these three years, an average of 990 Black Hawk students were attending the top 12 schools annually, having selected the school as their initial choice. BHC students were enrolled at the transfer school at all levels. The transfer data has been included in the following table.

Top 12 Transfer School Destinations	3-yr avg 2018-2020	Transfer Percentage
Western Illinois University	135	13.64%
Augustana College	78	7.88%
St. Ambrose University	69	6.97%
University of Iowa	47	4.75%
Illinois State University	46	4.64%
Iowa State University	43	4.34%
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign	33	3.33%
Northern Illinois University	23	2.32%
University of Wisconsin - Platteville	23	2.32%
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	18	1.81%
Bradley University	17	1.71%
Monmouth College	17	1.71%

Source: National Student Clearinghouse STUDENTTRACKER AGGREGATE REPORT: ANA

Western Illinois University

Centennial Honors Program

Program Entry Qualifications

Western Illinois University has separate qualifications for transfer students. Transfer students must have a 3.4 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) with 12 or more semester hours earned.

Students will need to complete an honors application to enter the Centennial Honors Program.

Program Requirements and Projects

Students must maintain a 3.4 GPA

GE 299 Honors Colloquium must be completed

- A 1 credit course with varying subjects each semester

3 of 4 General Education Honors Courses

- There are a wide variety of General Education Honors Courses at WIU, but they complete 1 of 4 general education requirements. Student should consult their advisor

Honors Advantage Rewards

Students will receive a Centennial Honors Sticker to attach to their WIU ID. Showing this sticker to local businesses in the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses can provide the student with extra discounts. Participating businesses may change from year to year.

National Honors Organizations

Students are encouraged to participate various national honors organizations found on campus. Participation in these honors programs may provided students with more resources and recognition.

BHC Course Transferability

Western Illinois evaluates external honors courses on a course by course basis. Learning Objectives are needed for the course evaluation. **u** **h** **8** **-** transfer.

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Webpage: http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/

Augustana College

Interdisciplinary Honors Minor

Augustana has 2 different Honors programs. One is for Freshman called the First Year Honors (FYH). The other is for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors called the Interdisciplinary Honors Minor. The information

BHC Course Transferability

Direct course transferability =
director. Course equivalences are not listed. However, Aug " = =
students.

Contact Information

Program Director: Megan Havard-Rockwell (meganhavard-rockwell@augustana.edu)

Webpage: <https://augustana.edu/academics/honors-program>

St. Ambrose University

Honors Program

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Program Entry Qualifications

The student must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) and Sophomore credit status

The student must send in 2 letters of recommendation from faculty members in their major/area of study.

Students must complete an online application for the honors program and submit a 2-4 page statement

Program Requirements and Projects

Students must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Required Courses

- o Interdisciplinary Research Perspectives
- o Thesis Proposal Preparation

Contact Information

Program Directors: Marianne Fenn & Tanya Randle

Email: Honors@sau.edu

Phone: 563-333-5701

- Full-time internships (12 credit hours; for example, Criminal Justice Sciences or Exercise Science)
- Full-time clinical rotations (Medical Lab Science)

Service and Leadership Opportunities

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Student Benefit

Scholarships

All students admitted to the Honors Program are considered for an Honors Program Transfer Student Scholarship. Student also have a good chance at getting other scholarships geared towards high GPA and academic performance.

Honors Advising

Illinois State has Honors Advisors who work with students on their Honors requirements and academic/educational goals.

Miscellaneous

Students in the Honors program receive priority registration and academic/social programing throughout their time in the program.

BHC Course Transferability

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Contact Information

Phone: 309-438-2559

Email: HonorsProgram@illinoisState.edu

Webpage: <https://honors.illinoisstate.edu/>

University of Iowa

Honors at Iowa

Program Entry Qualifications

Transfer students have different entry requirements which are listed below.

Students can apply to the program in either semester. Spring entry has a December deadline and Fall entry has a May deadline.

Students must complete an Honors Application

- Students must be admitted to the University of Iowa before applying for honors

There are not formal minimum requirements but there are characteristics of a successful applicant

- A cumulative GPA of a 3.5 or higher
- Completion of an essay prompt

Program Requirements and Projects

Must enroll in at least one honors class by their first fall semester in the program

- Typically, students take HONR:1300 or HONR:1310 unless their major deems a different class is more appropriate

Iowa State University
University Honors Program

Program Entry Qualifications

Transfer students have a separate qualification process

Must have a transfer GPA of 3.5 or above

Must have at least 60 credits remaining before graduation

Must complete a University Honors Transfer Application

Attend the College Information Session and complete a Program of Study in your first semester

BHC Course Transferability

HONR 200 and 205 may come in as General Transfer Electives, but are officially assessed by the college/academic department to see if they come in as a specific course.

Contact Information

Honors Staff Directory and Contact: <https://www.honors.iastate.edu/about/staff>

General Webpage: <https://www.honors.iastate.edu/>

University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign

Campus Honors Program & James Scholars

The University of Illinois UC has a more general Campus Honors Program; however, it is only offered to incoming freshman. Transfer students cannot utilize this opportunity. The University also has **K o K o = h** specific college/academic department students are admitted into. There does not appear to be a localized honors

Northern Illinois University

University Honors Program

The Honors Program at Northern Illinois University is split into two groups, Full University Honors and Associate University Honors. The information below is for both programs unless otherwise specified. There is a separate online application for Transfer and Continuing Students.

Program Entry Qualifications

Must have a GPA of a 3.30 or higher

Complete the Transfer and Continuing Student Application

- No more than a 500-word essay
- Awards and honors received at other institutions
- Leadership, involvement, service, and work experience

Meet with an Honors Advisor after acceptance

Program Requirements and Projects

Full University Honors

6 honors courses (at least 3 credits per class)

- 3 classes outside of major
- At least 1 university honors seminar
- 1 honors capstone

4 Honors Engaged Experiences

- These are approved co-curricular experiences at NIU. It is advised you talk with your Honors Advisor about opportunities while attending

Service and Leadership Opportunities

honors students. Many can be found through their Honors Engaged requirements; however, they also have other extra-curricular options.

Honors Civic Engagement Project

Their program has an Honors Civic Engagement Project which focuses on helping students become more knowledgeable, thoughtful, caring, and active citizens through activities like community volunteering.

Honors Spring Break Trips

Honors Spring Break Trips are one-week service opportunities for students at NIU. The Honors

Phone: 815-753-0694

Email: honors@niu.edu

Webpage: <https://www.niu.edu/honors/index.shtml>

Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

University Honors Program

Program Entry Qualifications

Application

- **Grade Point Average (GPA)**
 - However, they typically look for a 3.5 GPA or higher
- **Extracurricular Activities**
 - their school and community, including:
 - Academic Achievements and Recognition, Organizations and Activities, Athletic and Artistic Endeavors, Community Activities, Volunteering and Community Service, and Work and Internship
- **Essay Prompt and Questions**
- **There are two different application deadlines**
 - Fall entry: August 1st
 - Spring Entry: December 15th

external community activities. The honors program does have an Alternative Spring Break trip students can participate in and the Honors Student Association periodically plans service opportunities.

Student Benefit

Community Building

Honors students are encouraged to build connections within their honors program through the Focused Interest Community (an on-campus residential hall for honors students), Honors Student Association
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University of Wisconsin – Platteville

University of Wisconsin Platteville does not appear to have an Academic Honors program after talking with them over the phone and researching their webpage. Of course, they do have various honors societies and organizations students can join while attending Platteville. Students are encouraged to contact <https://www.uwplatt.edu/campus-life> to learn more about Honors, Leadership, and Service Organizations. This link

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Bradley University

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Program Entry Qualifications

- Students . . . " y h - o
- Minimum GPA of a 3.50
- 1330 SAT or 29 ACT
- Online Application

Program Requirements and Projects

- Maintain a 3.4 GPA

Service and Leadership Opportun

Monmouth College

Monmouth College does not have a specific Academic Honors Program for students; however, Monmouth College does provide a Scholarship to transfer students in Phi Theta Kappa and students can apply for the Wallace Founders Scholarship. This scholarship is specifically for transfer students. More information about this transfer scholarship can be found [here](#). Students also have the opportunity to join the Phi Theta Kappa society. Consultation with their Monmouth advisor is recommended for this consideration.

Even though Monmouth does not have an Academic Honors group at this time, they may be revitalizing or revamping one they have had in the past. I recommend staying in contact with our Monmouth representatives in case an academic honors program is developed in the future.

BHC Course Transferability

Closing Statements

Black Hawk's transfer partners have a wide variety of honors programs with ranging requirements, rigor, and benefits for students. Southern Illinois University