Interested students may apply for the History Honors Program through Jenny Morton, Senior Academic Advisor, 103 Read Hall; 573-882-2069

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The Department of History offers an Honors Program leading to the bachelor’s degree with the notation “BA in History with Honors” on both the diploma and transcript.

Participation in the departmental Honors Program requires that the student maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Students are not required to be enrolled in the UMC Honors College to participate.

The Honors Program requires that the student complete a six-hour research sequence, a history seminar course (4970, 4971, 4972) the first semester and History 4996: Honors Thesis, the second semester. Students could take the seminar course in their Junior year or first semester of their Senior year. The student’s work focuses on the writing of a satisfactory honors thesis, which must be defended before a faculty examining committee. The thesis is directed by one or more History department faculty members.

In the past our students have explored a number of interesting topics, below are just a few examples:

- The Limited Effects of the Bubonic Plague on Medieval Medical Institutions
- The Organization of the First Federal Congress
- Social Problems Presented in Novels of Nineteenth-Century Ireland
- From Burn to Boom: The Post-Civil War Resettlement of Bates County, Missouri
- American Single Women in the Nineteen Twenties

UMC Honors College Information

Students are generally admitted to the Honors College if, in their senior year of high school they have at least a 29 ACT score, rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class, and complete an Honors application, along with an introductory essay.

Currently enrolled students are eligible for honors if they have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and have completed 30 credit hours.

Transfer students must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and will be considered on the strength of their application. Currently enrolled students should apply for honors eligibility prior to early registration for the semester they wish to enroll in Honors courses.

Qualified history majors are encouraged to take advantage of other programs in the Honors College, including enrolling in designated honors courses and earning a separate honors certificate.

The honors certificate may be earned by completing 20 hours of honors credit and maintaining a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Students who complete this requirement must complete a form in the Honors College and provide a copy of their transcript.

Questions about general honors matters should be addressed to the Honors College, 211 Lowry Hall, 573-882-3893