

MarymountManhattan



**"I dwell in possibility."
--Emily Dickinson**

WHAT IS THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM?

MISSION: The College Honors Program (CHP) creates honors-level sections of General Education courses—those with DS or AIP (NP, UP, CP, IP, EP, or REP) designations. It focuses on students who want and need a learning environment that is even more rigorous than that of the existing liberal arts education. CHP sections provide additional opportunities for intellectual and creative exploration.

NATURE OF THE CHP: During their years at the College, CHP students need to pass six (6) CHP sections to graduate from the program. On average, these sections contain fewer students than traditional courses; therefore, they provide opportunities for greater interaction among students and faculty.

ELIGIBILITY: Admitted students with the following qualifications are invited to join the CHP:

- a minimum 1200 SAT (minimal Critical Reading and Math each of 550); or a minimum ACT score of 26 in English and 24 in Math
- a minimum academic GPA of 3.50 / 4.00 in high school
- Transfer students with fewer than 15 college credits and a minimum college GPA of 3.5/4.00 may apply for admission to the CHP
- MMC students with a minimum GPA of 3.75 may apply in their first five semesters at the College
- Incoming students, including transfer students, must have at least eight (8) General Education courses to complete at MMC. Transfer students' transcripts will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that they can complete the CHP requirements at MMC.

To remain in the CHP, students must maintain:

- A passing grade in all CHP courses
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.5
- Must take at least two (2) CHP sections by the start of their 76th credit hour

ADMISSION: CHP students are coded to take CHP sections. Students who are not in the CHP may petition to enroll in CHP sections if they have a GPA of 3.5+. Students should email Prof. Adrienne Bell to seek permission to join a CHP section. If they qualify and if there is room in the CHP section, Prof. Bell will complete a Waiver of Pre-requisite form for the student, which the student takes to CSS to register.

MAINTAINING CHP STANDARD: Students whose GPA falls between 3.0-3.5 will be placed on CHP probation for one year. They will be permitted to remain in the CHP sections in which they are enrolled. If they do not raise their GPA to the CHP standard by the end of the probationary period, they will be dropped from the CHP. Students whose GPA has fallen below 3.0 will be removed from the CHP (decoded) and not permitted to take CHP sections. Students on probation may petition the CHP Committee to re-enter the CHP only once.

NUMBER OF CURRENT STUDENTS (SPRING 2018): 175 students

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2015: 1232

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2016: 1276

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2017: 1256

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2018: 1280

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2019: 1295

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2020: 1290

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORES OF CLASS OF 2021: 1285

COURSES: We offer 7-8 CHP sections each semester. CHP sections are coded “HP,” as in ART 252-HP01: Survey of Western Art II. (A standard section of the course is coded ART 252-01 or ART 252-02.) All courses are included in Latest Course Offerings on the MMC home website.

WRITING 201: As an honors iteration of the introductory Writing courses WRIT 101 and WRIT 102, WRIT 201 counts as a CHP section. Students who successfully complete WRIT 201 will then need to complete five (5) CHP sections to graduate from the program.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECTS AND STUDY ABROAD: Students may gain CHP credit for Independent Study projects and Study Abroad courses. Please contact Prof. Bell for details.

ADVISEMENT: All faculty, members of the Office of Academic Advisement, and CHP students receive a list of CHP sections in advance of each Advisement session. A separate Advisement session is also offered each semester to CHP students on the first Advisement day.

MENTORING AND SALON 220 EVENTS: First-year and Sophomore CHP students are invited to be mentored by Junior and Senior CHP students. CHP students are also invited to Salon 220 events—informal conversations on topics of the day—at the home of President Kerry Walk.

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY / COMMENCEMENT: Students who complete the CHP will be honored at the Senior Awards Ceremony; their names will be listed in the Commencement bulletin. Moreover, their transcript will include the notice of completion as “Graduate, College Honors Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHP, PLEASE CONTACT:

Adrienne Baxter Bell, Ph.D.

Professor of Art History

Director, College Honors Program

Director, External Student Scholarships

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OR CONTACT MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Peter Naccarato, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty (ex officio)

Prof. Adrienne Baxter Bell, Ph.D. (Chair)

Prof. Corey Liberman, Ph.D. (Communication Arts)

Prof. Jeff Morrison (FAPA)

Prof. Martha Sledge, Ph.D. (Humanities)

Prof. Pielah Kim (Business)

Prof. Sarah Weinberger-Litman, Ph.D. (Science)

INFORMATION ON THE CHP MAY ALSO BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- The CHP / Boren / Fulbright bulletin board outside of The Commons (near the double elevators)
- On the CHP website: <http://www.mmm.edu/study/honorsprogram.html>



**THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM IS A MEMBER OF THE
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