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The honors program at Denver Seminary enables outstanding students to specialize more intensely in their fields of interest, to pursue alternative options in meeting the requirements of prescribed courses, and to develop research skills and attitudes that will enhance their ministries. As a “value added” option, the program encourages students to go beyond some requirements of specific courses or to substitute courses in place of prescribed ones, to enhance their educational experience—not to increase the students’ workload but to accomplish curricular objectives through alternative avenues mutually developed by student and faculty.

Admission to the honors program requires a cumulative GPA of at least 3.7. Students must have completed at least 45 hours (MDiv) or 30 hours (MA) at Denver Seminary, but no more than 65 hours (MDiv) or 45 hours (MA). Likewise, to remain in the program, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.7 each semester. If the cumulative GPA drops below that threshold, the student will be dropped permanently from the program.

Process for Admission

Qualified students interested in entering the honors program will select a full-time faculty member (not associated faculty) to act as a mentor. Upon agreement by the faculty member, the student will complete the application form, submit it to the faculty mentor for their signature of approval, and then submit it to the department chair for their signature of approval. Since admission into the program implies faculty recognition of a student’s ability to work independently and across the curriculum, the faculty as a whole must vote to accept the student’s application. Following the faculty’s decision, the Academic Dean will sign to approve or deny the application. The Registrar’s Office will notify the student and faculty mentor of the faculty’s decision.

How it Works

Within a few weeks after acceptance into the program, the student should schedule a meeting with their faculty mentor to strategize about how to maximize the student’s learning experience from this point. They may discuss a range of issues that will include such topics as: areas of special interest or concern to the student, upcoming courses in the student’s program—and what alternative tactics could be developed to mesh the course objectives and the student’s interests, and the advisability of individualized courses. Students should schedule regular meetings (at least twice each semester) with their mentor to keep these conversations going so the student keeps on track and maximizes the values of the honors program. The faculty member will seek to assist with the integration of the student’s academic work.

The student bears the responsibility to consult with individual professors each semester to determine the feasibility of alternative methods of meeting the requirements of courses. Students must recognize that professors have legitimate concerns that their courses accomplish specific objectives. Honors students and professors will work together to devise mutually agreed-upon alternatives to meeting existing course requirements, or altering them where possible. Faculty members are encouraged to use honors students as teaching assistants, graders, or in other appropriate ways that further their academic progress.

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Admission Requirements

- Cumulative GPA of 3.7 for at least 45 hours (MDiv) or 30 hours (MA) of course-work taken at Denver Seminary.
- Registrar's Office application review and eligibility approval.
- Agreement of a full-time faculty member to serve as mentor.
- Vote of the entire faculty that the applicant possess the ability to engage in independent study and to profit from and flourish in the program.
- Approval of the Academic Dean.

Student Information

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Degree Program: _____ Concentration: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Hours Completed: _____

Application Rationale

Given the nature and objectives of the honors program, please outline your reasons for seeking admission. Identify your own goals and how the honors program will enhance your educational experience at Denver Seminary:

SIGNATURES

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair: _____ Date: _____

For Office	Registrar's Office Eligibility Approval: _____	Date: _____
Use Only	Faculty Vote Decision: _____ Approved _____ Denied	Date: _____
	Academic Dean Signature: _____	Date: _____
	Student Notified: _____ Document Added to Nexus _____	Date: _____