



# Welcome to the Honors Program!

*Honors Program Information for Entering Students  
Summer 2009*

**You made it!** Whether you are graduating from high school or transferring from a community college or another four year institution, this is an important step forward in your life. Your decision to join the Honors Program speaks volumes about your desire to maximize your UMass Lowell experience. We want to welcome you to the university and help you navigate this transition with minimal confusion. This brief document is designed to summarize the most important information about the UML Honors Program and our expectations of you during your first year.

**It's an exciting time!** As you will see, our Honors Program is growing at a pace unprecedented in our history. We believe that the result is an undergraduate experience that is both academically enhanced and life enriching, and we hope you take full advantage of all that we have to offer. Yes, we want you to work hard, but we also want you to have fun!

**Come FYSH-ing with us!** We are very excited to announce that our fun and fabulous First Year Seminar in Honors will be offered this fall as a 3 credit course and has been scheduled around Learning Communities. This course is designed to introduce freshmen to the history and culture of Lowell. The class is interactive and experiential and we have UMass Lowell faculty superstars teaching it. You will explore the city and discover much about its significance, charm, and even its wealth of international cuisines. The FYSH will fulfill a General Education (GenEd) requirement in the Humanities.

**So let's get started.** We are trying to arrange orientations for Honors students as early in the summer as possible. You will meet with the Honors Program Coordinator, Beth Donaghey, during that visit. Beth will advise you on courses to take, and answer any questions you have. In the rare circumstance that she can't have the answer, she will help you to find someone who does. *Never hesitate to contact us, no matter what the question.*

## ***When do I meet other Honors students?***

Watch for information on HOP '09. The Honors Orientation Program will take place early in September with dinner, activities, and connections.

## ***How many Honors courses do I need to take?***

You will take the FYSH. We encourage you to take one other honors level course, though it is not required. Taking one honors course each semester will keep you on track for graduation.

## ***How do I know which courses are Honors?***

Each course has a 2-digit department number, followed by a 3-digit course number, followed by a 3-digit section number. Courses that are 300 level *sections* are honors courses. Honors courses are also listed separately in the coursebook and on the Registrar's website. See your Guidebook for a description of types of honors courses.

## ***Won't the FYSH be too much for some majors?***

This course will fulfill one of your General Education requirements, giving you 3 credits in Humanities. It should not add to your graduation requirements.

## ***How will I fulfill my E1 requirement?***

Easy. The Honors House will be hosting weekly enrichment events (e.g., Twisted Tuesdays, Faculty Film series) and there are events all over campus. We will e-mail you WHEN, our Weekly Honors E-News, in which we organize that week's events chronologically for easy planning. Your job is to attend at least one enrichment event each semester and let us know about it. We have a simple form that you complete and drop off at the Honors Office where we keep it in your file.

## ***Can commuters attend Eames Hall E1 activities?***

Yes, all Honors Students are welcome.

## ***How do I keep up with events in Honors?***

Use your student.uml.edu e-mail address. Check it daily and *always* read messages from the Honors Office. Let us know if you don't hear from us for a while so we can rectify that situation.

## ***Who's who in the Honors Program?***

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