
College of Graduate Studies

Sul Ross State University Honors Program

The Sul Ross State University Honors Program, administered through the College of Graduate Studies, is a challenging and exciting integrative program of academic experiences designed to stimulate the more motivated student. This program offers the outstanding student an opportunity to take intellectually motivating academic classes and seminars. It is not an accelerated program but an in-depth approach to the understanding of ideas and relationships. It offers students a chance to go beyond the norms of traditional classroom experience and explore more challenging concepts and issues while applying critical thinking to the learning experience.

Students in the SRSU Honors Program have the opportunity to take courses designed with a low student to teacher ratio. Students earn Honors credit by entering into an Honors Contract with the faculty member of a regular course in which the student is already registered.

In order to earn the distinction *Graduate in Honors Studies*, with the designation imprinted on their transcript, the student must meet the following requirements:

- complete a minimum of 24 semester credit hours in honors classes with a GPA of 3.50,
Note: Students may take only one Honors course/contract per semester. Students may petition the Honors Director to take an additional Honors course/contract.
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.30,
- complete an Honors Activities Form each semester, AND
- meet twice a semester with the SRSU Honors Program Director for advising.

Eligibility Requirements

Entering Freshmen: To qualify for the Honors Program, entering freshmen must meet one of the following criteria:

- should be in the top 10% of their High School graduation class, **OR**
- a combined score of 40 or higher on the English and Reading (E+R) ACT tests and a score of 22 or higher on the ACT mathematics test **OR**
- have a combined score of 1200 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Mathematics sections of the SAT.

Continuing Students or Transfer Students:

- should have a minimum of 3.30 or higher cumulative GPA
- must be Texas Success Initiative (TSI) clear.

All Applicants:

- must complete the Honors Program application,
- write an essay, and
- provide at least one reference.

Scholarships

Honors Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis by the Sul Ross Honors Council. Students wishing to compete for scholarships should submit a **separate** application to the university committee. The application for Honors Scholarships may be found at www.sulross.edu/honors-program

Students awarded an Honors Scholarship are required to join the SRSU Honors Program.

Note: Becoming a member of the SRSU Honors Program does not mean that one automatically receives an Honors Scholarship.

SRSU Honors Program Application

Date: _____

Name: _____ A# (Student ID): _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Permanent Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ May we send text messages to this number? _____ Yes _____ No

Address While Attending SRSU: _____

SRSU Email Address: _____

Alternate Email Address: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Intended Major: _____

Awards and Honors Received:

Extracurricular Activities and Interests:

Entering freshman, please complete this section:

High School: _____
Name City State

ACT: Composite Score _____

or

SAT: Critical Reading Score _____ and Mathematics Score _____

Concurrent/Dual Credit Courses: (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

College Course Grade

Current SRSU and/or Transfer students, please complete this section:

Please list the colleges you have attended beginning with the latest school.

College Name

Cumulative GPA

All applicants must also submit the following:

1) Letters of Recommendation:

All applicants should submit a minimum of one letter of recommendation but no more than three. The letters should be from someone familiar with your academic abilities and potential. Letters from friends or family members will not be accepted.

2) An Essay

- A) Please use a word processing program.
- B) Write an essay about an event that has taken place during your education that influences, or has influenced, the way you feel about a specific idea.

**Submit completed applications to:
Sul Ross State University
College of Graduate Studies
Attention: SRSU Honors Program
Box C-89
Alpine, TX 79832**

If you have questions, please call 432-837-8524.