

Honors & Community College Transfer Students

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*Welcome to
The Irvin D. Reid Honors College
at Wayne State University*



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Welcome!

Congratulations on your decision to attend Wayne State University and welcome to the Irvin D. Reid Honors College!

Although you have been successful in taking college courses, it can be overwhelming when you transfer to a new institution - new abbreviations, new rules and regulations, new ways to pay for parking, etc.

We're here to help.

In this short booklet, we answer many of your questions and review a lot of information. Please review it carefully. Keep this for your reference.

Applications to the Honors College are processed in October and February. Applications are available at www.honors.wayne.edu. You must a 3.30 GPA or better from your transfer institution or once you have completed your first semester at WSU. If you are accepted, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with information about Honors Pre-Registration for the upcoming semester.

Of course, if you have any questions at all, please contact our office at (313) 577-3030 or send us an e-mail at honors@wayne.edu.

How Honors Works

In order to graduate, you will need to complete a minimum of 120 credits. Out of the 120 credits, some of those will be designated as Honors classes. Honors classes are noted on your transcript, and if you graduate with Honors it is also noted on your diploma.

Honors classes are generally smaller in size and taught by full-time faculty. To graduate with University Honors, you would need to complete at least 36 Honors credits. Many departments offer an Honors track in the major, which usually only requires 12 - 15 Honors credits.

Whether you pursue University Honors department Honors or both, you will take an Honors Senior Seminar and work on an independent research paper with guidance from a faculty member (3 - 6 credits). The Honors Senior Seminar is a special topics course offered in the fall and winter terms (3 credits).

Many transfer students take advantage of the ability to add an Honors assignment to a non-Honors class (Honors Option). For Honors Option paperwork, please visit our website, honors.wayne.edu. The form to establish an Honors Option is due to the Honors office by the end of the third week of classes.

As you look up classes for registration on the online Schedule of Classes, you will see Honors classes noted as "Open to Honors students," or "Must have a 3.30 GPA." The word Honors is generally in the title and the three-digit section number starts with a 5 (e.g., 500, 501, etc.). The Honors seminar and thesis are listed under "HON."

To request permission to register for Honors sections, send your name, WSU ID and the CRN to honors@wayne.edu.

Applying for Scholarships

The Office of Admissions administers the Wayne State Community College Scholarship (formerly known as the Transfer Presidential Scholarship). To qualify for the Community College Scholarship, you need to have completed at least 50 transferable credits or an associate's degree. The minimum GPA to apply is currently a 3.50 (A = 4.00). Grade point average is one of several criteria for this very competitive scholarship.

Eligible students will receive a \$3,000 tuition scholarship (\$1,500/year for two years) or a full tuition scholarship for two years. Awards are determined by the Scholarship office in University Admissions, subject to available funding, students' qualifications, and your application.

Application for admission to a degree program is required for consideration for the Wayne State University Community College Scholarship. Early application for admission is strongly encouraged.

For more information about the Wayne State Community College Scholarship program, please refer to the Undergraduate Admissions website at: www.admissions.wayne.edu/ccscholars

Information about financial aid, including private scholarships and grants, is available at www.financialaid.wayne.edu

Pipeline and your AccessID

By now, you should have received your AccessID and password to log into Pipeline (www.pipeline.wayne.edu).

Your AccessID is two letters followed by four numbers (ex: ab1234). Your WSU ID is a nine-digit number that starts with 003 (ex: 003 123 456). Be sure to explore Pipeline and get comfortable with it. You'll find a lot of information here and it won't hurt anything to play with it.

If you have any questions about Pipeline, be sure to call the C&IT Help Desk at (313) 577-4778.

You will want to make sure you can log into Pipeline. Pipeline is your portal to registration, campus announcements, e-mail and more. It also allows you to log in to the main page and access your OneCard and Blackboard, which many of your instructors will use in class.

WSU OneCard

Your OneCard is your photo ID, parking card, and campus debit card for many of the campus stores and restaurants. Once you have registered for classes, stop by Suite 257 in the Welcome Center (5057 Woodward) to have your photo taken for your OneCard. You will need photo identification. For more information, visit www.onecard.wayne.edu

Placement Exams

Honors students are required to follow prerequisites for courses, including placement exams. For test dates and frequently asked questions, please go to: www.testing.wayne.edu/orient2007.pdf

English Placement Exam: If your ACT English score is a 21 or better, you are automatically placed into ENG 1020 or ENG 1050, freshman composition. You can take the exam if you scored below a 21 and would like to place out of the preparatory ENG 1010 course.

Math Placement exam: Regardless of your major, if you scored below a 25 on your ACT Math, you will need to take the Math Placement exam. If your major or interests require you to take Business Math (MAT 1500), Pre-Calculus (MAT 1800) or beyond (like Calculus I, MAT 2010), you will need the Math Placement exam to register for math classes. Please note that the placement exam does not allow you to bring a calculator.

If you are interested in a special math Honors program, please visit the Emerging Scholars Program website at: www.math.wayne.edu/esp.html

Chemistry Placement exam: Required for students who are planning to take CHM 1220 and its lab, CHM 1230. This would apply to most science, engineering, pre-med, and pre-pharmacy and health science majors. Pre-nursing students take a different chemistry sequence (CHM 1020 and CHM 1030), so the placement exam is not required for Pre-Nursing students.

If you do not have your placement exam results when you register, you may get an error message that will prevent you from adding that class to your schedule.

Transfer Credit Evaluation

Once your official transcripts have been received by the Transfer Credit Evaluation office, it can take 4 - 6 weeks for the credits to be posted to your transcript. In the meantime, you can avoid duplicating classes you have already taken by going to www.transfercredit.wayne.edu.

In the lower right hand corner you will find an area labeled, "Equivalency Tables." Search for your school and a table will appear showing you all of the credits from the original institution and what they are equivalent to at Wayne State.

If the column for Wayne State is blank, that course will most likely not transfer. Also, WSU courses that look like this: ENG 2XXX, do transfer for credit, but they don't have a direct equivalent to a WSU course. However, if the class title has a General Education attribute, such as (IC), it should meet a requirement for graduation. (IC) means Intermediate Composition.

You will receive a statement in the mail with a list of the courses you have taken, what they are equivalent to at WSU, and which General Education requirement it fulfills, if applicable. You will also be able to see your transferred credit on your WSU transcript in Pipeline. Transferred credit does not affect your WSU Grade Point Average (GPA).

Crash Course on How to Register

The easiest way to learn how to register is to look up a course and register for it, so let's look at a fairly popular science course as an example: BIO 1510. BIO 1510 consists of a main lecture plus a lab.

- Step 1: Go to the online Schedule of Classes:
www.classschedule.wayne.edu - be sure the semester is set to Fall 2008
- Step 2: Click on "Courses/Subjects" < Biological Sciences < BIO 1510 (You may also select "Search" and type in BIO1510 (no spaces) in the "Course ID" box)
- Step 3: Select a lecture and a corresponding discussion section. You will need two separate course reference numbers (CRNs) to add this class to your schedule.
Notice how there is a LINK column with matching letters. You may only pair a lecture and discussion with the same two letters.
Clicking on CRN, will place your selection in a cart for your reference, but you must register via Pipeline.
- Step 4: Log in to Pipeline (www.pipeline.wayne.edu) < "Student" Tab < "Registration" < "Register – Add/Drop Classes"
- Step 5: There are boxes at the bottom the page to enter the CRN. Be sure to click on "Submit Changes" to add the course to your schedule.
- Step 6: Print your schedule either by day/time or detail view

Useful Websites

The following websites are indispensable in trying to navigate WSU. Add them to your bookmarks!

Honors at Wayne State University – your academic home away from home. Here you will find a compiled list of the Honors course offerings for the current semester, frequently asked questions (“What is Honors?”), as well as pictures and bios of the Honors staff: www.honors.wayne.edu

Honors Student Association (HSA) - the HSA was created to network Honors students from various academic disciplines throughout WSU. The organization also serves to provide Honors students with the opportunity to get involved in diverse social, academic, and service activities:
www.freewebs.com/wsuhsa/

The Undergraduate Bulletin online – our catalog of courses and major requirements: www.bulletins.wayne.edu > Undergraduate Bulletin

The Schedule of Classes online – the times and days classes are offered as well as any notes or pre-requisites:
www.classschedule.wayne.edu

WSU Pipeline – your portal to all things WSU, including registration: www.pipeline.wayne.edu

The University Advising Center (UAC) – chock full of academic goodness, this website has information about the University General Education Requirements and a Student Success Handbook that includes links to help you select a major: www.advising.wayne.edu

Wayne State University’s Home Page – from here you can click on “Schools and Colleges” and find links to all of the departments for information on their majors. You may even find majors you’ve never heard of or thought of majoring in:
www.wayne.edu

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