



Marietta College

Application for Curriculum Honors

Do you enjoy an intellectual challenge? If so, you are the sort of student who would enjoy participating in Curriculum Honors!

At Marietta College, we have two independent honors programs: Curriculum Honors and Research Honors. Curriculum Honors provides special enrichment courses and activities for students who have been accepted into the program upon the basis of this application. All Marietta College students who meet the GPA requirements are able to participate in Research Honors, which involves writing a thesis their junior or senior year. The honors thesis is a research project conceived and conducted by a student, working in conjunction with an advisor of their choosing.

The scope of the project is wide-ranging: as a general rule, student projects should meet commonly accepted standards in the academic discipline in which they are working. For a history major, that might mean a research paper utilizing source materials found in libraries and archives. For a biology major, that might mean field research or lab experimentation. For a theater major, that might mean writing and directing a play. A few of the honors projects currently underway include translation of Spanish poet Federico García Lorca's works, analysis of British explorer James Cook's leadership style, and isolation of the factors that influence chromatophore-mediated color change in Anurans (you might need to look up that one). Consulting the honors program website below will provide a sense of the theses students have completed recently.

(<http://www.marietta.edu/program/honors-program>)

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please print in ink or type)

Name _____
last first middle initial

Home Address _____
number and street

_____ *town/city county (not country) state zip*

High School _____

List honors courses or Advanced Placement courses taken: _____

Title of the last book you read that was not a class requirement: _____

SAT: V _____
M _____
ACT: _____
High School GPA _____
For Admissions: _____
Initial _____

To be considered for inclusion in the Curriculum Honors program at Marietta College, please write a short paragraph that describes the major that you are considering pursuing and a possible research topic that you would be interested in studying.

Send it to: Marietta College, Office of Admission, 215 Fifth Street, Marietta, OH 45750-4005

Applications must be received by June 15.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact: Dr. David Brown, Professor of Biology,
Director of the Honors Program
Email: david.brown@marietta.edu, Phone: 740.376.4916

Final Note

The interest paragraph you write does not obligate you in any way to do a thesis. Whether to take on Research Honors is a decision you will make sometime in your sophomore or junior year at Marietta College. You may wonder why inclusion in the Curriculum Honors program is predicated on a question based on the Research Honors program. There are several reasons for this, but the most important one is that working closely with a faculty member on a project of one's own choosing is the kind of unique learning experience that a small, liberal-arts college like Marietta can offer. The application thus helps to sow the seed for future thesis projects, as well as attract those students who enjoy intellectual challenge and cultivating the life of the mind.