

The Honors Program

Walla Walla Community College

The program is updated and refreshed on a regular basis. The following is the pathway as it will be in place through Spring 2023. Students finishing after that date may find a new some changes occurring, but we will work with you to help you finish strong.

What is required?

"In addition to maintaining a 3.5 or higher college level grade point average, honors students are also expected to fulfill all of the ethical requirements of the WWCC student code of conduct, as outlined in the student handbook. Students found to have violated the code of conduct will not be permitted to graduate with honors. See Student Handbook (pages vary by year) for the appeal procedures for findings of student code of conduct violations."

- Maintain at least a **3.5 cumulative GPA** in college level coursework
- **Three Honors Classes** (a class you are enrolled in to progress in your program, in which you complete an extra "MODULE" or project, about 10-15% beyond the typical classwork). Required paperwork is available from your Honors Program Coordinator. Not all teachers are willing to do this, so ask early!
 - Classes must be from at least 2 academic areas, with a minimum of a "B" in each, over your time at WWCC
 - If you are an AA/AS DTA student, these can be any classes toward your degree
 - If you are in another program, (Workforce, BAS, etc.) you will need to choose classes from YOUR degree pathway, with approval from your instructors or leads.
- **Honors Quarterly Read** (1 required to complete Honors). You may do more than one, if desired! A "common read" book read by you and other Honors students and faculty, with encouragement/thoughtful questions through the quarter and an "end of quarter" discussion led by a faculty member, encouraging student engagement and discussion and community-building)
- **Capstone Project:** Research or Service.
 - Choose between a research project (this could be a 4th module in a class with a willing teacher, or one on your own time) or meaningful service, volunteering with an agency or leading a community project, based on your interests and goals.
 - In Spring as you prepare to graduate, you will create a presentation about your project. **You will be working with faculty mentors to build powerful speeches, videos or visual demonstrations (such as posters) to share with the campus community.** You can work with your Program Coordinator to solidify your project/service as well.

Applications are available at www.wwcc.edu/honors.

For those who are eligible, **information about joining Phi Theta Kappa is available at www.ptk.org.**

Contact the Honors Program Coordinator for more information or a nomination for PTK.
(staci.simmelink@wwcc.edu)

Student Name: _____

Student WWCC SID: _____

Student Phone Number: _____

Student Address (including city/zip): _____

Student email address (one you will CHECK): _____

Advisor Name: _____

How many college level credits have you completed? _____

What is your College level GPA at WWCC? _____

What quarter do you anticipate graduating from WWCC? _____

What degree do you plan to earn from WWCC? _____

Would you like the Honors folks to submit your name and contact information to Phi Theta Kappa, for consideration of membership to the international Honors Society for community college students? YES NO

What questions do you have about Honors that we can help answer for you?

To graduate with Honors, you will need to take THREE classes as Honors, which means additional projects or work in those classes. You must earn at least a B in each. Also, one "quarterly common read", and completion of a service or research project are required. Please write/type your name here to indicate you understand and agree to this.
