Honors Program

The mission of the Honors Program at SUNY Corning Community College is to provide highly motivated and high achieving students the opportunity to pursue academic excellence within an intensive and challenging educational framework. Developed in 1975 by the Council of Full Professors, the program aims to create a stimulating learning environment, which encourages and recognizes the pursuit of intellectual inquiry and creativity. The Honors Program offers students the opportunity to explore selected topics within existing courses in greater depth and with extensive, personalized faculty mentorship. Honors students may also choose to take Honors-specific courses which are designed to highlight interconnections among diverse academic disciplines and provide for a rich, supportive, and inclusive learning experience.

Eligibility

Any full- and part-time student in any academic program may qualify to pursue Honors coursework within an existing course. Please discuss with your course instructor the appropriateness of completing the course for Honors credit and the proposed scope of work for the Honors project. If you and the instructor agree on a proposal, you will work together to complete a Contract for Honors Credit form by the end of the fifth week of the semester in which the course is taken. If the contract is approved by the Honors Committee, you and the course instructor are welcome to begin work on the Honors project. Honors-specific courses are generally reserved for students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and/or permission of the course instructor.

Honors Diploma

To earn an Honors Diploma, a student must complete no fewer than 15 credit hours of Honors course work. Up to three credits can be taken as Service Learning or Independent Study. In addition, the student must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.