

Honors Program

Daytona Beach Campus

The Honors Program at Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach campus is highly selective and offers an enriched, in-person academic experience for motivated students. Through small interdisciplinary seminars, close collaboration with faculty, and opportunities for research and leadership, Honors students deepen their education while contributing to campus and community life.

Some Features of the Honors Program:

- Honors seminars typically have no more than 24 students.
- Guest speakers of national/international notoriety who spend time with students in specially scheduled sessions.
- Honors Living Learning Community housing for first-year and second-year Honors Program students.
- Priority registration for classes.
- Research opportunities.
- Summer study-abroad opportunities.
- Exploring the Arts Program provides opportunities to attend local arts events.
- Honors student-led initiatives that promote leadership, scholarship, and community engagement.

Admission Into The Program

Students are eligible if they have a minimum SAT score of 1360 or an ACT composite score of 29, along with a minimum GPA of 3.75. Prospective Aerospace Engineering students must meet higher testing criteria, including a minimum SAT score of 1390 or ACT composite score of 31.

All students must apply to be considered. Applicants admitted to the university by December 1 are eligible to apply. If space remains available, students admitted between December 2 and February 1 may be invited to apply. All criteria must be met for consideration.

After you apply to ERAU, assuming you meet the baseline criteria for consideration, you will be invited to apply to the Honors Program. Once we have your application, it will be reviewed and a decision made. (We have two sets of application considerations - one in late fall/winter, the other in early spring). You must observe the published application deadline.

Late Admission

Upon entering your second year at Embry-Riddle if you have a CGPA of at least a 3.8 and less than 60 degree applicable credit hours, you may be invited to apply to the Honors Program. Each year, during the Fall semester, students who meet these criteria are notified that they are eligible to apply. Applications are then reviewed by a small committee within the student's respective college, and selections made. It is a very competitive process but, yes, it is possible to join "late."

Program Requirements

All degree programs at Embry-Riddle have a well-defined Honors curriculum for Honors Program students in their respective areas. Between 24-27 credit hours of Honors are embedded within the student's overall curriculum (NOT additional to existing requirements). Honors courses replace some general education requirements, as well as meet standard requirements specific to the major.

The Embry-Riddle Honors Program consists of at least 24-27 credit hours of Honors. These requirements are embedded in (not added to) the existing curriculum:

- 12-13 credit hours applicable to General Education requirements (HONR 150, HONR 250, HONR 350, plus math).
- At least 12-14 credit hours within the student's major.

The Honors curriculum emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to education by requiring students to enroll in three three-credit hour seminars (nine credit hours total) that encourages a global perspective and places disciplines in dialogue.

The seminars typically have no more than 24 students (all members of the Honors program) and are discussion based, and focus on developing students' communicative, critical, research and leadership skills, and require text and web-based original research, written essays, and oral presentations.

Continuing in the Honors Program

Honors Program students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20, earn a semester GPA of at least 2.75, and complete all required co-curricular activities. The semester GPA requirement is monitored each term. Students who fall below the cumulative GPA requirement or fail to meet co-curricular requirements will be placed on Honors probation and given an opportunity to return to good standing. Failure to meet the minimum standards within the designated timeframe may result in removal from the Honors Program.