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Honors College Admission Requirements

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

No

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

College Admission Requirements

Students interested in honors ~~To apply for honors, students~~ should visit the Honors College website at honors.uark.edu and ~~at honorscollege.uark.edu and~~ click on Apply. There they can review admission requirements and the honors program requirements in their college. Honors-eligible new ~~new~~ freshmen applicants will be invited to complete ~~should fill out~~ the Honors College application after they are admitted to the university. ~~Application, available online.~~ To ~~register~~ register for honors classes in their first semester, they will need to be admitted to the Honors College prior to new student ~~they should apply before attending freshman~~ orientation.

New transfer students and current students should contact the honors program director or assistant director in their college to ~~to~~ determine eligibility ~~eligibility~~ and, for some programs, which form of honors (four-year or departmental) would best meet their needs. Then they should fill out the Honors College Application form. The list of honors program directors and both honors application forms are available online at honors.uark.edu ~~at honorscollege.uark.edu.~~

The chart below ~~below~~ contains basic ~~basic~~ requirements for each of the honors programs. For detailed information, see the individual honors program sections for each college or school in this catalog. Note that honors admission is based on the highest composite ACT or SAT score, not on superscores. ~~on superscores.~~ In calculating GPA, extra weight is given only for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual enrollment/concurrent credit courses clearly indicated on the high school transcript. ~~International Baccalaureate courses.~~

College or School	New Freshmen	Current Students
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences	Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.75 high school GPA are <u>3.5 cumulative eligible for automatic admission. Students with a 3.9 high school GPA</u> can submit an essay and academic resume for application review.	<u>University of Arkansas GPA</u>
Fay Jones School of Architecture	Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.75 high school GPA are <u>3.5 cumulative eligible for automatic admission. Students with a 3.9 high school GPA</u> can submit an essay and academic resume for application review.	<u>University of Arkansas GPA</u>

College or School	New Freshmen	Current Students
<u>Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences</u>	<u>Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.</u>	<u>3.5 cumulative University of Arkansas GPA</u>
<u>Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design</u>	<u>Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.</u>	<u>3.5 cumulative University of Arkansas GPA</u>
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences	Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.	3.75 cumulative University of Arkansas GPA
Walton College of Business	Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.	3.75 cumulative University of Arkansas GPA
College of Education and Health Professions	Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.	3.5 cumulative University of Arkansas GPA
College of Engineering	Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.	3.5 cumulative University of Arkansas GPA

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Change the new freshman requirements for each college to state the following: Minimum 28 ACT composite or 1310 SAT and 3.90 high school GPA are eligible to apply for automatic admission. Students with a 3.95 high school GPA can submit essays and an academic resume for application review.	Enrollment Services recently reported that the average high school student entering the university for Fall 2025 was a 3.83. Considering this average GPA figure, each of the six honors programs have agreed to raise their minimum GPA for automatic admission to a 3.90 GPA. The minimum test score for automatic admission, a 28 ACT composite score or 1310 SAT, will remain the same. We expect this GPA to only affect 3-4% of our honors applicants in a given year.

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