

Honors Program Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is there Honor specific housing available for students?** Yes, there is honors specific housing as many of you have received some information from Residential Life. You are eligible to apply to live in Slade Hall, which is the first-year's Honors Defined Community. In this Defined Community, you'd be living with up to 65 other Honors Program students. These are people that you're going to be seeing in your classes and getting to know while you're here at Bentley University. After your first year, you are eligible to also apply for upper-class Honors Defined Community in Falcone North. You'll learn more about this during your first-year in the Residence Halls.
- **What events does the Pulsifer Career Development Center put on each semester?** We are very fortunate to have Lisa Dinsmore, Associate Director, in the Career Development Center as the Honors Program liaison. Lisa works with our Student Honors Council Events Committee and the Honors Program Leadership Team to put on two events each year, one in the fall semester and one in the spring in the fall semester. The fall semester event is a kickoff event to learn more about the resources that are available to you and the spring semester event varies from an alumni panel, resume workshop, etc.
- **How can students get involved in the Honors Program outside of their classes?** There are many ways to get involved. One way is joining the Student Honors Council, which is a large membership board that has sub committees focusing on recruitment, event planning, mentorship, and more! This is a great way for your voice to be heard. The Student Honors Council puts together events with the Leadership Team and helps facilitate different conversations of things based on student interest and need. One way you will interact with the council is as a mentee this fall, where you will be paired with an upper-class mentor. Next year, you can serve as a mentor! We encourage all students to frequently check your emails as the various opportunities come up over the year to get involved with one another and get to know us a little bit more. A number of events and information sessions will be held for folks to learn more!
- **Are there any study spaces available for Honors Program students, specifically?** Yes, we are located in the Honors Program and Valente Center Suite in Adamian 247. There are various study rooms you able to first come first serve basis as long as the building is open, you have access to this space. There is a code to access the space if you come to the space before or after the faculty and staff. We will share the code with you during orientation. We also have coffee and tea and things that are available, and periodically have some breakfast food available. We encourage you to take advantage of the Honors Program specific space.
- **What other types of programs does the Honors Program host throughout the semester?** The Honors Program hosts various events for you all to get to know each other throughout the academic year. During Orientation, there is a BBQ for all incoming new students to get to know each other and the Leadership Team. At the end of the Spring semester to wrap up the year, we host a Reading Day BBQ in the LaCava Tent. We raffle playoff tickets for Celtics, played some music, and lawn games. Throughout the fall semester, the Leadership Team holds various

breakfasts, Pathway Information Sessions, advising sessions, and more. In September, we're hosting the Junior Achievement (JA) Be Entrepreneurial event. JA is a nonprofit organization outside of Bentley and brings high school students to be mentored by you and work on an entrepreneurial project. We're really excited that this is an annual fall event! Some other events off campus include Bruins and Celtics Games at a low cost! We're excited to continue a lot of those events this upcoming year and hope to have you all join us when those are available. Be sure to check your email because this is where a lot of the information becomes available to you. Follow @bentleyhonors on Instagram as some information is available there as well.

- **What is the work wise difference between honors and non-honors classes?** One of the major differences in your honors classes and your non-honors classes is the size. Honors courses have a cap of 18 students. With the size being smaller, it offers a more personalized and individualized course from your professors who are able to spend more time with you talking about the content and have you all work together in a collaborative space. Collaborating with your peers and faculty are important skills to have when you go out in the workforce. Faculty will help you take advantage of all the resources and class time that you have so when you're leaving class, you have a good grasp on the material and also being able to apply it later. We've had a lot of positive feedback from our current students and hope to continue to offer even more over the upcoming years.
- **Is it true that there's priority in admissions for honors students, for Advanced Standing Programs?** A lot of students in the Honors Program are really excited about the Advanced Standing Programs. There are a few different programs that you can choose from. As you know, Valerie Como is your Academic Advisor as an Honors Program student. She will help guide you in your early semesters, making sure that your schedule is planned out as some programs are four years, some programs are five years, etc. If you are considering the Advanced Standing Programs, please be sure to let the Honors Program Leadership Team know as soon as you can so we can plan your courses and pathway accordingly. You will be required to submit a complete application for the Admissions office.
- **How does being in the Honors Program give you an advantage professionally versus non-honors students?** Our students are really excited about heading out into the workforce and wanting to make sure that they are highlight their Honors Program experience to the fullest. As you explore your strengths, learn more about your interests, the different fields that you're considering, you will learn about ways to highlight these experiences in your job interviews. Based on recent graduates, Honors Program students report earning more than their peers when entering the work force. It is important to take in each experience in the Honors Program and highlight it appropriately.