

Honors Program Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is there Honors-specific housing available for students?** Yes, there is honors specific housing. You received some information from Residential Life. You were eligible to apply to live in Slade Hall, which is the first-year Honors Defined Community, with 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 also eligible to apply for the upper-class Honors Defined Community in Falcone North. You'll learn more about this during your first year in the Residence Halls.
- **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 an at-large membership board with 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, when 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 for the various opportunities that 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 Falcone North. The Honors Program Leadership Team and open study spaces are located in Room 004 on the basement floor. The individual, private study rooms are Room 015 and are available to residential students on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a code to access the lounges if you come to the Honors Hub. 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 hub. Additional study space will be available exclusively to all honors commuters, in the library. For more information, contact Professor Rubio.
- **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 Event. Information about the time and location will be sent out prior to the end of the semester. We raffle playoff tickets for Celtics, Red Sox games, play some music, and lawn games. Throughout the fall semester, the Leadership Team also holds various breakfasts, Pathway Information Sessions, twice weekly advising sessions, and more. In October, 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. Make sure to follow @bentleyhonors on Instagram as the most up to date information is available there.

- **What is the work load difference between honors and non-honors classes?** One of the major differences between your honors classes and your non-honors classes is the size. Honors courses have a cap of 18 students. As a result, it offers a more personalized and individualized course from your professors who can 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 into 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 of the material and will be able to apply it later. We've had a lot of positive feedback from our current students.
- **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 accordingly. If you plan to enroll in an Advanced Standing Program, please let the Honors Program Leadership Team know as soon as you can. Please note that you will be required to submit a complete application to 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 highlighting their Honors Program experience to the fullest. As you explore your strengths, learn more about your interests, and consider different fields, 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 workforce. It is important to take in each experience in the Honors Program and highlight it appropriately.