

MarymountManhattan



**"I dwell in possibility."
--Emily Dickinson**

WHAT IS THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM?

MISSION: The College Honors Program (CHP) creates honors-level sections of General Education courses—those with Social Justice Seminar (SJS), Scientific Literacy Seminar (SLS), Race & Ethnicity Seminar (RES), and MMC Seminar designations, as well as New York City Seminars. The CHP focuses on students who want and need a learning environment that is even more rigorous than that of the existing liberal arts education. CHP sections provide additional opportunities for intellectual and creative exploration.

NATURE OF THE CHP: During their years at the College, CHP students need to pass six (6) CHP sections to graduate from the program. On average, these sections contain fewer students than traditional courses; therefore, they provide opportunities for greater interaction among students and faculty.

ELIGIBILITY: Admitted students with the following qualifications are invited to join the CHP:

- a minimum academic GPA of 3.50 / 4.00 in high school
- a minimum combined SAT CR & M (Critical Reading and Math) score of 1270. The minimum SAT CR score is 600; the minimum SAT M score is 570.
- The minimum ACT Composite score is 26. The minimum ACT English score is 26; the minimum ACT Math score is 24.
- Transfer students with fewer than 15 college credits and a minimum college GPA of 3.5/4.00 may apply for admission to the CHP; they must also adhere to the SAT/ACT standards described above, with the exception of ACT M & E, which are both minimum 24.
- Test optional admits with a 4.0+ recalculated GPA qualify for the CHP.
- International students who take the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE in lieu of the SAT or ACT with high ability demonstrated by IB or other academic factors will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Incoming students, including transfer students, must have at least eight (8) General Education courses to complete at MMC. Transfer students' transcripts will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that they can complete the CHP requirements at MMC.
- MMC students with a minimum GPA of 3.75 after their first semester are invited to join the CHP. Students with a 3.5-3.74 GPA may petition the CHP Director for admission.

To remain in the CHP, students must maintain:

- A passing grade in all CHP courses
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.5
- Must take at least two (2) CHP sections by the start of their 76th credit hour

ADMISSION: CHP students are coded to take CHP sections. Students who are not in the CHP may petition to enroll in CHP sections if they have a GPA of 3.5+. Students should email Prof. Bell to seek permission to join a CHP section. If they qualify and if there is room in the CHP section, Prof. Bell will complete a Waiver of Pre-requisite form for the student and will email it to the Center for Student Services, which will then enroll the student. The student can check MMC Connect in a day or two to confirm enrollment.

MAINTAINING CHP STANDARD: Students whose GPA falls between 3.0-3.5 will be placed on CHP probation for one year. They will be permitted to remain in the CHP sections in which they are enrolled. If they do not raise their GPA to the CHP standard by the end of the probationary period, they will be dropped from the CHP. Students whose GPA has fallen below 3.0 will be removed from the CHP (decoded) and not permitted to take CHP sections. Students on probation may petition the CHP Committee to re-enter the CHP only once.

NUMBER OF CURRENT CHP STUDENTS (FALL 2025): 287

COURSES: We offer 7-8 CHP sections each semester. CHP sections are coded "HP," as in ART 252-HP01: Survey of Western Art II. (A standard section of the course is coded ART 252-01.) All courses are included in the Course Bulletin on the MMC website. Online CHP sections are coded -OLH; blended CHP sections (partly online and partly in-person) are coded -BLH01.

WRITING 201: As an honors iteration of the introductory Writing courses WRIT 101 and WRIT 102, WRIT 201 counts as a CHP section. Students who successfully complete WRIT 201 will then need to complete five (5) CHP sections to graduate from the program.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECTS AND STUDY ABROAD: Students may gain CHP credit for Independent Study projects and Study Abroad courses. Please contact Prof. Bell for details.

ADVISEMENT: All members of the MMC community receive a list of CHP sections in advance of the first advisement session each semester. Prof. Bell holds an Information Session on the CHP on Junior/Senior Advisement Day (via Zoom).

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY / COMMENCEMENT: Students who complete the CHP will be honored at the Senior Awards Ceremony; their names will be listed in the Commencement bulletin. Moreover, their transcript will include the notice of completion as "Graduate, College Honors Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHP, PLEASE CONTACT:

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MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHP MAY ALSO BE FOUND ON THE CHP WEBSITE:

<http://www.mmm.edu/study/honorsprogram.html>



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