Dear Prospective *Oregon Tech Honors Program* Student:

Would you like to achieve an extraordinary educational experience here at Oregon Tech? Apply to the **Oregon Tech Honors Program** (the HP). We seek amazing students—in all degree programs— who wish to do more at Oregon Tech.

Honors Program: Application Process and Minimum Requirements

The application process is competitive and rolling. **We accept applications from January 1st each year, to September 27th. Application review begins at the start of Oregon Tech's spring term. Each cohort year is capped at 25 students.** See: **Application Process and Requirements for Admission**.

Since you meet the basic criteria, see if you meet these criteria. Meeting criteria is a part of the admission process:

(1) Available to students on the Klamath Falls campus

(2) Students, currently attending, must have three years left to their degree, which may include an externship

Any questions? Email Dr. Syrnyk (Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu), the Director, or stop by his office! **(SE 118)**

Honors Program: Student Life

The HP is for you if you value leadership, service, community involvement, adventure, curiosity, and the desire to participate in interdisciplinary education, and your academic and life goals inspire you to achieve more in your education. ***The HP is for you*** if you seek to become the well-rounded professional, capable scholar, and well-informed citizen of the future. The HP promotes resourcefulness, determination, and creative thought through dignity, innovation, tradition, and talent, with one goal: ***to foster the person in the future professional***.

Honors Program: Benefits

1. Honors sections of General Education courses innovatively taught by select faculty for small classes.
2. Honors Seminars, Honors Option Courses, and opportunities for interdisciplinary work.
3. Advising and mentoring by **HP Core Faculty** who guide students throughout their studies at OIT.
4. Local/regional activities: **HELIOS Fieldtrips**—**H**onors **E**xperiential **L**earning and **I**nquiry in **O**utdoor **S**ettings.
5. **Honors Connections Events**: we connect with the campus—the campus connects with us!
6. Service and leadership activities and projects: **OWLS Projects**—Our World to Lead and Serve.
7. Priority registration for *all* classes each term: for students in good standing in the Honors Program.
8. Transcripts are designated with an H for each Honors course (as distinguished from University Honors).
9. Completion of a significant **Honors Project** that contributes to a community and/or scholarly issue.
10. **Honors Diploma** awarded upon successful completion of the program.

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Director, Oregon Tech Honors Program
Associate Professor of Communication

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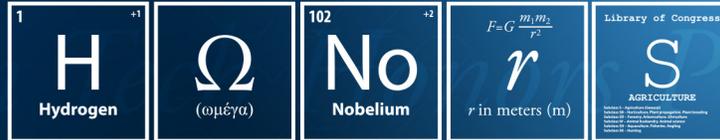
Application Process and Requirements for Admission

(1) Prepare a typed document of approximately 1000 words (total), addressing each of the following three questions as separate essays:

a. Design a monument to education: what would it look like, where would you locate it, why?

b. Define one ideal characteristic for a student seeking admission into the Oregon Tech Honors Program. Why is this characteristic important to you?

c. Honors Question Seminar contribution (a classic Edge Annual Question): What do you consider the most interesting recent scientific news? And what makes it important?

The essay answers, as part of the application process, will be reviewed by the Honors Program Admissions Committee (HPAC): the Director and/or Assistant Director, Core Faculty, and current students of the OTHP.

(2) Please indicate in your application your current or expected undergraduate major(s) and your anticipated date of graduation. We require Honors Program students to have a minimum of three years as students at Oregon Tech, which may include a year on externship. *If you have any questions, please ask.*

Email **(1)** and **(2)** above as one attached file (.pdf or .docx only) to: **Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu**
Include "Honors Application First and Last Name" in the subject line of the email
We accept applications from 1 January of each year to 27 September (later if warranted). Application review begins at the start of Oregon Tech's spring term. Each cohort year is capped at 25 students.

(3) After HPAC reviews the essay answers, we will contact students who have made it to the second round of the application process. The final element of the application process may include an interview with the prospective student—in person or via Skype—with HPAC or the Director.

(4) Final admission decisions, for all, will be provided in writing no later than **mid-September**: we will use your official Oregon Tech email for this and all correspondence (other email only if you do not have an OIT email).

If you have questions about the Oregon Tech Honors Program or application process, please see our website:
Oregon Tech Honors Program

Or contact:

Dr. Christopher J. Syrnyk, Honors Program Director: Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu

Dr. Benjamin S. Bunting, Jr., Honors Program Assistant Director: Ben.Bunting@oit.edu

Thank you, and we look forward to your application!

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