

Honors College

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The Honors College particularly supports the institutional missions of offering "a wide array of undergraduate programs all of which meet national standards of excellence, ..the highest quality of instruction, ...and in providing leadership to the state and nation in teaching, research and service.

Institutional Goal(s) Supported

To support the University's mission, the Honors College offers honors versions of general education courses, administers contract honors courses and degrees with honors, and directs the undergraduate research program. Honors students are also required to engage in volunteer public service.

Intended Objectives for your unit, Methods for Assessment, and Criteria for Success for each Intended Objective

Intended Objective 1

To recruit and admit 150 new Honors College students each year.

Method for Assessing Objective 1 and Criterion for Success: By reporting the total number of new admissions each year.

Intended Objective 2

To continue to improve our first year retention program.

Method for Assessing Objective 2 and Criterion for Success: By reporting the number of meetings with first year students each semester and by reporting the number of students who returned to the university after their first year. Also by reporting on the number of students who return after a one-year hiatus. Information will also be collected on the reasons why students do not return.

Intended Objective 3

to continue to search for a smooth operation of the college and its various functions, such as the Undergraduate Research Program, the Scholarship Continuance activity, the local chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the President's Lecture Series, and assisting students who compete for national and international prestigious scholarships.

Method for Assessing Objective 3 and Criterion for Success: The Undergraduate Research Program's results can be reported by the number of awards made each semester, and by the number of student presentations at regional and national conferences, and by the number of student publications. The Scholarship Continuance activity can be reflected in the number of cases considered and evaluated while an assessment of Phi Eta Sigma can be reported by the number of new members each year. The President's Lecture Series can be assessed by considering the scope and quality of the lectures and the occasional recognition given to the Series. A list of students who competed for awards such as the Rhodes, Truman, Marshall, and Mitchell scholarships will be used for assessing this activity of the Honors College.

Intended Objective 4

To support excellence in teaching.

Method for Assessing Objective 4 and Criterion for Success: By reporting on the annual honors faculty teaching workshop, and by supporting honors course needs, and by awarding faculty development grants to enhance teaching and research.