

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Honors Program

Report to the Faculty Senate – Friday, December 5th 2014

- Enrollment:
 - Fall 2014 – 31 students
 - December 2014 – 37 students and 12 candidates
 - ✓ Arts and Humanities – 5 students (English – 2, Communications – 3)
 - ✓ Business and Social Sciences – 12 students (Accounting – 1, Business administration – 2, Energy management – 1, Political Science – 1, Psychology – 6, Sociology – 1)
 - ✓ Natural Sciences and Mathematics – 19 students (Mathematics – 1, Chemistry – 7, Biology - 11)
 - ✓ Professional studies – 3 students (Education – 2, HHPLS – 1)
- Student recruitment:
 - Invitation letters are sent to both prospective, admitted, and existing students to join the Honors program at the end of each semester.
 - Information about the Honors Program is presented to all the students during the Freshman Experience classes.
 - Honors Program camping trip took place on the weekend before the beginning of the academic year, August, 15th 2014.
- General Education Honors sections – these courses are *open to all students*.
 - Spring 2014 – 28 students were enrolled in General Education Honors classes
 - Fall 2014 – 44 students are enrolled in General Education Honors classes
 - Spring 2015 – 21 students were enrolled in General Education Honors classes
- Honors Research – *All the students are required to complete Honors Research*. The research is composed of three steps:
 - Proposal – the student has to submit Honors research proposal approved by the Honors Thesis Committee no later than the beginning of the senior year.
 - Research – the length of the research may vary; however, it should not be shorter than two semester. During that time, the student is enrolled to NSM 490H/HON 490, Honors Research.
 - Thesis and defense – the final draft of the Thesis is submitted to the Honors Thesis Committee and the Honors Program Coordinator by the end of the semester following a presentation and defense.

- Experiential learning – the students are required to participate in two cultural and/or professional activities each semester. At least one of the activities has to be an outreach activity.
 - Travel abroad – three students received funds to travel abroad
 - Mid-East Honors Association (MEHA) Conference – three students attended the conference Grand Rapids, MI April 4-6, 2014.
 - Honors Program annual camping trip
 - Outreach activity – the students adopted Rehab's Rope and raised over \$2,300! All proceeds go to prevention, intervention, and rescue of women and girls that were subject to human trafficking.
- Meeting with students – there are two required meetings each semester. The first meeting typically takes place on the first Tuesday of the semester. The second meeting takes place after mid-terms.
- Honors Program Committee meetings – takes place every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am in Hill Hall conference room.
- Graduation – students that complete the academic and extra-curricular activities graduate with the Honors Program Distinction.