Why Study Honors Arts & Letters?

The world is changing daily and people who have a broad vision of the future, possess good communication and reasoning skills, and can adapt are in demand. The HAL degree is based on critical, ethical, and creative thought and teaches efficient communication. HAL prepares students for graduate or professional schools and to enter careers that require clear thinking and adaptability.

This degree is intended to provide students who have wide-ranging interests in the arts and humanities with a broad-based and flexible liberal arts education similar to what many small liberal arts colleges offer. HAL will provide you with a foundation in history, humanities, language, and art, while the track you chose within the major will allow you to focus on a more specific area of study or career track.

The Honors Arts and Letters degree is based in the humanities, with Western Civilization, fine arts, and an emphasis on language and literature as the foundation. Proficiency in a foreign language is required, and a study abroad experience is strongly recommended, with College and University financial support available to make that possible. The HAL student also chooses from among five tracks, consisting of Pre-Law, Health and Humanities, American Studies, Arts and Aesthetics, and an open track option.

Why Study in the Honors College?

Honors College students have the unique advantage of experiencing a small, intellectually and socially vibrant environment while having access to the vast resources of the major research university at TTU. Honors College students simultaneously benefit from being with others of the same intellectual preparation and commitment while enjoying the advantages of a university environment actively engaged in exploring all areas of human interest and concern.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

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  - Terry Foundation Scholarship—funding available to outstanding students wanting to attend a Texas institution
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**Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)**

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

### Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks:

[https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/)

### Steps to Apply:

- **Admission Requirements**
  
  Application from applytexas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: [http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/](http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/))

  Official college transcripts from **ALL** previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  - Undergraduate Admissions
  - Box 45005
  - Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

### Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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### Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major

- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success

- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: [http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/](http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/).