



Global Honors Scholars Program Application

A Global Honors Scholar at Mary Baldwin College is a student distinguished by academic record, broad-ranging intellectual curiosity, and eagerness to pursue interdisciplinary and in-depth studies beyond the traditional College curriculum. Global Honors Scholars are participants in the MBC Global Honors Scholars Program and members of the Global Honors Scholars Society (student group). By applying to become a Global Honors Scholar, a student declares the intention to pursue an Honors Degree.

Qualifications for Global Honors Scholars Program applicants who are current Mary Baldwin students:

- A cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher in at least 24 semester hours of graded work at Mary Baldwin College (12 hrs. of MBC work for ADP students).
- The student must have at least three semesters remaining before graduation. (Two semesters is not an adequate length of time to fulfill the requirements for an Honors Degree.)

High School students with strong academic records who are applying for admission to Mary Baldwin College may also apply for the Global Honors Scholars Program but must use a separate application form. Contact Mary Baldwin College admissions at admit@mbc.edu for more information.

Expectations:

Global Honors Scholars are expected to demonstrate consistent and substantial progress towards an Honors Degree. The requirements for the Honors Degree are as follows:

1. Successful completion of the following courses (required for Phi Beta Kappa candidacy). No more than one of these courses may be taken using the P/NC option. **One natural science lab course; one year (six hours or more) of foreign language courses.** Students should also take at least one Mathematics course at the level of Math 150 or higher.
2. Successful completion of at least **9 credit hours of "Honors" course work.** At least 3 hours must be earned through an interdisciplinary Honors course offered by Mary Baldwin College faculty. The remaining 6 hours may be earned through any combination of Bailey Colloquia, other Honors Colloquia, or Honors Contracts. These courses may not be taken P/NC. An ADP Global Honors Scholar who cannot take an on-campus interdisciplinary Honors course may, in consultation with at least two faculty members, design a 3-credit hour

- interdisciplinary course of study and submit this course proposal to the Honor Scholars Committee for approval.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
 4. Successful completion of a **senior Honors project or thesis**. The Honors project must be supervised by a full-time faculty member and approved by an interdisciplinary examining committee. The Global Honors Scholar's proposal of an Honors project or thesis is submitted as part of the application for candidacy for the Honors Degree.

Requirements for continuation in the Global Honors Scholars Program:

1. Traditional Global Honors Scholars: Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; complete at least 12 hours of graded work per semester. ADP Global Honors Scholars: Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; complete at least 6 hours of graded work per semester (in at least 2 out of 3 consecutive semesters: fall, spring, summer) with a semester average of 3.5 or higher.
2. In general, a cumulative GPA that falls below 3.5 for one semester will result in a letter of warning from the Global Honors Scholars Committee. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.5 in two consecutive semesters, she or he will lose designation as a Global Honors Scholar. (A student who loses Global Honors Scholar standing may reapply to the program with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.)

Application Process:

The Global Honors Scholars Committee receives and reviews applications from Global Honors Scholars Candidates midway through fall and spring semesters. Deadlines for application: Fri., Oct. 13 (2006) and Fri., Feb. 23 (2007).

Applicants should submit the following materials to the chair of the Global Honors Scholars Committee:

1. A short essay addressing the student's desire for admission to the Global Honors Scholars Program.
2. An outline of the student's plans for completing the courses required for the Honors Degree.
3. A letter of reference from an MBC faculty member who is familiar with the student's academic abilities.
4. A copy of student's most recent MBC transcript.
5. A cover sheet that includes the applicant's name, MBC ID number, phone number, e-mail address, MBC box number or mailing address, faculty advisor, and intended year of graduation.