



## MCB Honors Concentration



### Fall 2007 Informational Meeting



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## Overview



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  - Honors sections in the MCB Core
  - Upperclass Honors courses



## Requirements for Admission



- ✍ Open to **MCB majors only**
- ✍ Evidence of appropriate preparation for the MCB honors concentration **may include:**
  - ACT score of 29 or higher
  - Average GPA in college-level mathematics and science courses of 3.5 or higher
  - Motivation for honors work



## Requirements for Completion



- ✍ Fulfill all requirements of the MCB Major
- ✍ Honors sections in MCB Core
  - Honors Discussions (250, 252, 354)
    - 3 hrs Honors credit (AH, B+H, etc.) for course
  - Honors Labs (251, 253)
    - 2 hrs Honors credit (AH, B+H, etc.) for lab
    - 1 hr regular graded credit for discussion (A-, B, etc.)



## Requirements for Completion



- ✍ Upperclass Honors Courses (choose 4 or more)
  - One additional 3-5 hour advanced MCB course from the Approved List.
  - Honors Credit Learning Agreement in a 300- or 400-level MCB course.
  - MCB 290: Individual Topics (Undergraduate Research).
  - MCB 492: Senior Thesis.
  - Study Abroad in an MCB-approved discipline-specific program.
  - MCB 493: Special Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology.



## Overlap with James Scholars

- ✦ Honors sections in MCB Core
  - Taking Honors sections in 250/251/252/253/354 all count for James Scholars credit
- ✦ Upper-class Honors Courses
  - Honors Credit Learning Agreement in a 300- or 400-level MCB course—counts for James Scholars credit
  - MCB 492: Senior Thesis—counts for James Scholars credit



## Requirements for Retention

- ✦ To maintain good standing in the MCB Honors Concentration, students must do the following
  - Keep a minimum B (3.0) average in all MCB courses.
  - Take the required MCB honors sections in the Core courses.
  - Take an average of one honors course per semester as upperclassmen.
  - Consult with the honors advisor at least once every semester to discuss progress toward fulfilling the concentration.



## Diploma and Transcript

- ✦ How will the Concentration Appear on my Transcript?
  - On your Diploma, your degree is:  
**Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences**
  - On your transcript, your major is:  
**Major in MCB, Concentration in MCB Honors**



## Application and Admission

- ✦ Application is available on-line as a fillable PDF form
- ✦ Applications for admittance to the Honors Concentration during Fall '07 will be accepted from **Sept. 28-Oct. 5** only.



## Timeline

- ✦ Applications reviewed: ~Oct. 8-9
- ✦ Qualified applicants invited for Interviews: ~Oct. 10
- ✦ Interviews conducted: ~Oct. 11-17
- ✦ Admittance offers: ~Oct. 22
- ✦ Acceptance required: Oct. 26
- ✦ Priority registration begins: Oct 29



## What do I do now?

- ✦ Download the Application:  
[www.mcb.uiuc.edu/academics/undergrad/honors](http://www.mcb.uiuc.edu/academics/undergrad/honors)
- ✦ Fill it out
- ✦ Email it as an attachment to: [shawna@uiuc.edu](mailto:shawna@uiuc.edu)
- ✦ Wait to be contacted