MCB Honors Concentration

Spring 2008
Informational Meeting
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Benefits of Honors

- Designed for students considering professional or graduate school
- More interaction with faculty
- More contact with/exploration of material
- Cohort of honors students
- Smaller class size
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 Honors credit for discussion—MCB 290/298 (A-H, BH, 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 (pending).
Overlap with James Scholars

Honors sections in MCB Core

- Taking Honors sections in 250/251/252/253/354 all count for James Scholars credit
- The 1 cr. 290/298 discussion does not count

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:

- Earn a minimum of B (3.0) 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 webform.

Applications for admittance to the Honors Concentration during Spring ‘08 will be accepted from Feb. 1-Feb. 20 only.
Timeline

Applications reviewed: ~Feb. 21-26

Qualified applicants invited for Interviews: ~Feb. 26

Interviews conducted: ~Feb. 27-Mar. 7

Admittance offers: ~Mar. 14

Acceptance required: Mar. 26

Priority registration begins: Mar. 31
What do I do now?

Apply via the webform: http://www.uiuc.edu/goto/mcbhonorsapplication

If you make a mistake...

Wait to be contacted