

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Ramapo College Honors Program is a community of faculty and students dedicated to intellectual, creative and moral engagement.

Honors students seek excellence through continual guidance and a distinctive curriculum of critical thinking, intercultural and international understanding, experiential learning, service, and interdisciplinary studies. The end of the program is the beginning of an enriched and accomplished life. Ramapo College invites all who have the aspiration, potential and passion for discovery to join.



"The College Honors Program and its enhanced curriculum challenges me to aspire beyond what is required of me in a single course. The new Honors Lounge encourages constructive discussions in a peer-to-peer co-curricular environment that I feel will prepare me for the kinds of work required in graduate school."

Siquina Anthony,
Student Executive Member

Ramapo College of New Jersey

COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

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If you long for the personal experience of fulfillment that comes from encountering new ideas, stimulating dialogue with others, and if you approach your scholarly research in a deeply personal manner and seek to find ways to contribute to society, consider the College Honors Program.

The College Honors Program offers a four-year curriculum blended with co-curricular activities designed for talented and motivated students. Faculty mentors and instructors form a learning community with students, recognizing that intellectual development is inseparable from a person's life-long growth and development.

The College Honors Lounge provides a space for students and faculty to meet socially, as well as to work together on collaborative projects. Activities planned by the Student Executive Committee contribute to the Ramapo College community.

We welcome qualified students to join us and become part of an intentional learning community designed to ignite the imagination of all students at the College.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marta Vides Saade
Director, College Honors Program

Front Cover: Members of the Honors Program Student Executive Committee (L-R front): Jackie Ostrander, Miles Siegel, Siquina Anthony, Jay-Anne Mandingin, Aaron Rampersadsingh, Dara Monasch. (L-R back): Corey O'Connell and Monique Simpson.



"The remarkable feature of our College Honors Program is the opportunity for students to bond intellectually through shared courses each year.

I am hopeful the energy and cohesiveness of students, such as the 19 students I had the privilege of leading in my Honors First-Year course Encounter with the Other, will strengthen the enthusiasm for learning in all students."

Bernard Roy,
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Chair, Advisory Board



"The Honors Program at Ramapo has been a great experience for me these past four years both personally, and through my contribution to the Honors education of other students. I am thrilled to have been instrumental in exciting program changes that have brought us towards becoming a true learning community."

Dara Monasch,
Student Executive Member



"Being in the new Honors Program is like being stranded on a deserted island with other like-minded individuals. But, instead of trying to get back to civilization, you are trying to build a whole new one."

Aaron Rampersadsingh,
Student Executive Member

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

Good academic standing is a consequence of the engaged values of a College Honors student, not the primary goal. Self-motivated intellectual independence from extrinsic rewards is the distinctive disposition of a College Honors student.

A completed application is required of all First-Year, Continuing or Transfer students. An **admission essay** should accompany that application. A previously submitted paper or project that demonstrates the applicant's intellectual independence and curiosity is encouraged.

For continuing students already attending RCNJ, admission to the program requires **two faculty recommendations**.

An **admission interview will be required** for each applicant. The admission interview will be conducted by a three-member panel of the College Honors Advisory Committee or teaching faculty.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Objective test scores and grade point averages will be only one measure of assessing a general readiness to enter the College Honors Program.

To apply, please visit our Web site: www.ramapo.edu/honors/