The Honors Program offers academically talented day program students seeking bachelor’s degrees the opportunity to explore challenging and stimulating courses. Eligible applicants must have taken a college prep curriculum, maintained an average of B or better, placed in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class, and submitted SAT or ACT scores.

Honors students enroll in honors sections of several courses in the Arts & Sciences Core Experience, including smaller, student-centered honors seminars in their sophomore and junior years. All honors students complete a two-term research course sequence, culminating in an honors thesis. Through these experiences, they have the opportunity to work closely with some of the university’s most dedicated and accomplished faculty, join a community of academically motivated students, and pursue original and individually directed study.

Students who complete the Honors Program requirements will graduate with the University Honors Scholar designation.

To complete the Honors Program requirements, honors students must complete a total of eight honors courses and submit an accepted honors thesis to earn the University Honors Scholar designation. These courses include ENG1024 Honors Composition: Writing in the Academy; ENG1027 Honors Advanced Composition and Communications: Civic Discourse; four honors seminars; RSCH3020 Honors Research Seminar; and RSCH4020 Honors Directed Academic Experience, culminating in an honors thesis.

Transfer Students
Transfer students may enter the Honors Program if they can provide documentation of Honors Program enrollment at their former institution, provided their GPA is 3.40 or higher at the time of their acceptance to Johnson & Wales University.

Non-honors students at Johnson & Wales may apply to the program, provided they carry a 3.40 GPA or higher, first-year or sophomore status, and have completed at least a term of study at JWU. Students must provide a faculty recommendation.

Students who transfer into the Honors Program may be eligible to waive some honors course requirements.

Contact the Honors Program director on your campus for application details.