

Honors Courses

Most MNOHS courses designed for students who are working *at* or *above* grade level in the core content areas offer an honors option. Elective courses with an honors option are now being developed as well. The honors option is designed by the course instructor and may include some or all of the following:

- Weekly assignments that extend or enrich standard assignments
- Weekly assignments that replace standard assignments
- Special honors projects
- Advanced topics which exceed state content standards

Students do not need to declare an intent to complete honors work in a course. Those who earn an overall grade of B- or better on the standard assignments and complete all the honors assignments in the course will be given an honors designation on their transcripts.

Descriptions of all MNOHS courses, including whether or not they offer honors credit, can be found at this web page: <http://www.mnohs.org/course-descriptions>. MNOHS currently offers the honors option in the courses listed below, which span all grade levels and a wide variety of topics and subject matter

Math

Applied Statistics
Geometry A & B
Algebra 2 A & B
Alg 2 with Stats A & B
Precalculus A & B
Calculus A & B (also AP)
Discrete Mathematics
Intro to Computer Prog

Science

Earth and Space Science
Biology A & B

Chemistry A & B

Physics A & B

Language Arts

Myths and Legends A & B
Explorations in Lit A & B
American Literature A & B
World Literature
British Literature
Research Learning
Effective Writing
Creative Writing

Social Studies

Civics
World Geography
U.S. History A & B
World History A & B
Economics
U.S. Government
Introductory Psychology

Electives

Elements of Music

Honors Diplomas

The MNOHS Honors Diploma Program is designed for students who wish to participate in a comprehensive, 4-year advanced academic program resulting in graduating with honors. This option provides an opportunity for students to significantly enrich their learning experience, while cultivating habits of independent analysis, creativity, collaboration, leadership, and intellectual skills.

MNOHS Honors Courses, as well as AP and PSEO courses can all count toward a MNOHS Honors diploma. Success on AP and PSEO courses can also result in college credit.

Credit Requirements:

- The Honors Diploma requires completion of at least 5 credits in honors, Advanced Placement, or PSEO courses, with a grade of B- or better in all courses.
- Alternately, a student may earn a traditional diploma with an Honors category designation, in Art, Math, English, Social Studies, Science, or World Languages. To do so, a student must complete at least 3 credits with a grade of B- or better in honors, Advanced Placement, or PSEO courses within each category. There is no limit to the number of categories one can earn a designation for.

To Participate: Students interested in participating in the program should contact their MNOHS counselor with questions and to submit the form provided below. The application can be filled out at any point during high school, but no later than January 31st of the student's graduation year.

Note: The Honors Diploma is unique to MNOHS and is not affiliated with any state or national program.

MNOHS Honors Diploma Statement of Intent

The Minnesota Online High School offers three diploma options at graduation a regular high school diploma; a regular high school diploma with an honors category designation; or an honors diploma.

I understand that I have two Honors Diploma pathways to choose from. I wish to earn the:

___ Honors Diploma (5.0 honors credits required in any subject combination)

___ Honors Specific Category Diploma in the following category(s):

(3.0 credits required from any of these subjects: Art, Math, English, Social Studies, Science, or World Languages)

I understand that I must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 and have earned a grade of B- or better in all honors diploma qualifying courses, which includes honors, Advanced Placement, or PSEO.

Full Name (printed):

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Present grade: Year of graduation:

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if student is under 18)

Date

This form must be returned to your counselor with a list of all classes taken, or those you are planning to take that you believe will fulfill the requirements. Please indicate the year each course was or will be taken.