HONORS PROGRAM AT PCS

Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies is unique among major universities in offering an honors program tailored specifically for adult students. The program enables students who have demonstrated their capability for independent work of high quality to form mentorship relationships with senior faculty of their choosing and to design projects related to their personal and professional goals.

For more information:
Please contact your advising dean to express your interest in the Honors Program or to determine your eligibility.

Requirements

Students become eligible for nomination to the Honors Program after completion of at least 30 credits toward the bachelor’s degree (which may include transferred credits) and at least four Core Curriculum courses at Fordham with a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. Nominations from among this eligible group are made annually by faculty members and reviewed by the Honors Program Committee.

Students who are invited to participate, and who accept this invitation, will register for a four-credit interdisciplinary honors course, in which they must earn a grade of at least B to continue in the program. Interdisciplinary honors courses are offered each term and rotated among the campuses.

In subsequent semesters prior to graduation, honors students will seek faculty mentorship for two advanced-level study projects. Each project will be done as an independent research course and need not be taken in consecutive semesters. Project grading will be done by the faculty mentor, in consultation with the honors program director or designee.

Projects must be in two different disciplines, only one per semester, and none in the semester of intended graduation. The interdisciplinary honors course or one of the projects may, if appropriate, be counted toward fulfillment of the student’s major. None can substitute for a major or core curriculum requirement.

Upon satisfactory completion of the interdisciplinary honors course, two independent study projects, as well as the completion of all other degree requirements with a final cumulative grade point average of 3.6, students will graduate with the notation in cursu honorum inscribed on their diplomas and transcripts. Students who are unable to fulfill all of these requirements will, nevertheless, receive full academic credit for work which they have completed.