

Motion to revise Honors College Atlanta admissions cycle

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Approved by University Senate 4-13-17

Effective Fall 2017

Section 1700 of the Undergraduate Catalog is modified as follows:

Additions

Deletions

Admission

Admission to the Honors College is competitive and limited to the top 5-8% of the bachelor degree-seeking fall freshmen class. Entering freshmen should have an outstanding high school grade-point average combined with excellent SAT or ACT scores and a record of meaningful community service, leadership, and extra-curricular activity. High school students who are jointly enrolled will also be considered.

Currently enrolled and Perimeter College transition students must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5 based on a minimum of 12 credit hours completed at Georgia State University to be considered for admission to the Honors College. Transfer students must have 30 hours completed. All applicants are required to obtain a recommendation from a faculty member or staff who can speak to the applicant's academic performance. Applicants who have completed more than 60 hours will be required to provide additional information and may be required to interview with the dean or associate dean. ~~The application cycle is as follows:~~

~~Applications for spring semester will open in mid-December with the release of fall semester grades, and will close on February 1. Applications for fall semester will open in early May with the release of spring semester grades, and will close on July 1. Applications to the Honors College by students from other institutions will also be evaluated during these application periods. Students who do not meet these academic requirements in full but wish to pursue honors work should contact the Honors College staff.~~

The application for admission to the Honors College will open for submissions on March 1st and close on May 1st each year; applicants will be evaluated based on their completed credit hours and cumulative institutional grade point averages as of the completion of the spring semester. Admission to the Honors College is for the fall semester and is offered on a space-available basis to the most highly qualified applicants. Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements for admission consideration but wish to pursue Honors course work should contact the Honors College staff.

Rationale:

This motion reduces the number of application periods for Atlanta campus students from two per year to one, reducing administrative burden without having an impact on students' ability to register for

courses. Regardless of the number of application periods, the first semester students may register for Honors courses is the fall semester after application approval.

Current two-cycle application system:

1st Application cycle opens mid-December – closes Feb 1
Applicant decisions provided March 1
First-semester Honors participation summer or fall

2nd Application cycle opens mid-May – closes July 1
Applicant decisions provided August 1
First-semester Honors participation fall

Proposed one-cycle application system:

Application opens March 1 – to May 1
Applicant decisions provided June 1
First semester Honors participation fall