Profile of the University of Delaware Honors Program Class of 2015

Honors received 3,930 applications for a Fall 2011 entering class of 438 freshmen.

Number of New Honors Freshmen……438
Men……164 (37%) Women……274 (63%)
21 high school valedictorians, 12 salutatorians
60 students of color (14%)…5 African-Americans, 27 Asian-Americans, 26 Latino-Americans, 2 Pacific-Islander Americans

High school grade point average (4-point scale): middle 50% of class falls between 3.96 – 4.00
SAT Reasoning scores: **middle 50% of class falls between 2020 – 2170**

Who Gets Admitted into UD's Honors Program?

The University of Delaware Admissions Office reviews all applicants who apply to the Honors Program. No admissions decisions are made by the Honors Program staff. Questions regarding admission to Honors should be directed to the Admissions Office directly through the website: www.udel.edu/admissions.

The Admissions Office looks first at your **course selection**: Have you taken a generous selection of your school's most demanding courses? How much of your work is designated as Honors, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate? Are you continuing to take a heavy academic course load during your senior year? *Please note: it is preferred that students take a more rigorous program of study* ***even at the cost of slightly lower grades****, instead of taking a schedule of easier, undemanding classes just to earn higher grades.*

The Admissions Office considers only grades earned in academic core courses (English, math, lab science, history/social studies, and foreign languages) and the level at which the course(s) were taken. It is expected that you will be taking the majority of your courses in the *highest* level of accelerated courses (Honors, AP, IB, etc.) available in your school. They also examine the ***trend*** **in your grades**. Some students with 'overall lower grades in academic core courses since 9th grade' may be admitted because their most recent grades show significant improvement. (And some students with 'overall higher grades in academic core courses since 9th grade' may be denied admissions because their most recent grades show a significant decline.) Admissions also considers special circumstances that might have affected your performance, such as a serious illness or family problems.

SAT scores are important, but they are not as important as your course selection and your grades. (The University has turned down students with perfect SAT scores – 800 on each part of the examination – when their high school grades were dreadful).

Strong **letters of recommendation**, well-written **admission essays**, and outstanding **school activities** can improve your chances of admission. They will also help you compete for academic scholarships at the University of Delaware.

Students who are not admitted to Honors as freshmen or do not apply to Honors as freshmen can apply to the Honors Program as upperclassmen. See the Honors Program website for information on how to apply as an upper-division student.

Fall 2011 Honors Program Applicants

With cumulative high school GPAs of:	The percent admitted with SATs between						
	2250 - 2400	2100 - 2240	1950 - 2090	1800 - 1940	1650 - 1790	1500 - 1640	Overall
A (3.9-4.0)	99%	98%	83%	20%	0%	0%	71%
A- (3.5-3.8)	94%	81%	46%	3%	1%	0%	34%
B+ (3.2-3.4)	40%	40%	8%	0%	0%	0%	8%
B (3.0-3.1)	0%	8%	4%	0%	0%	0%	3%
<B (<2.9)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Overall:	97%	89%	61%	10%	<1%	0%	50%