THE PROGRAM

The English Honors Program (EHP) is a selective program for undergraduates majoring in English. More than a “thesis” program, EHP helps students to develop advanced skills in writing, textual analysis, and research. Applications are evaluated by a committee of Honors faculty who select students on the basis of writing and “close reading” skills, instructor evaluations, academic record, and intellectual potential.

Students must apply to EHP no later than the summer prior to the junior year and spend no fewer than 4 semesters in the program. Additionally, a minimum UT-Austin GPA of 3.5 is required in order to apply; students who have not yet achieved a 3.5 GPA but are on track to do so should meet with Brad Humphries in the English Advising Office (Parlin 114; 471-5736). A Requirements FAQ and other materials are available at www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/english/undergraduate-program/Honors.php. Please direct any EHP questions to the English Advising Office.

INSTRUCTIONS

To apply to the English Honors Program, please submit the following to Parlin 114:

- application form (this page)
- one-page (double spaced) personal statement describing your academic background and interests, as well as what you hope to accomplish in the EHP
- critical paper of 4-6 pages that represents your best work in literary criticism/analysis
- two faculty evaluation forms, below (at least one evaluation must be from an instructor of an English course completed at UT-Austin; students who have transferred to UT-Austin with 60 or more credit hours may substitute letters of recommendation or evaluation forms from non-UT instructors)

Typically, admission decisions are made within two weeks. Applications submitted during the summer or winter break will likely take additional time to process, though decisions will be made prior to the following fall or spring semester, respectively.

INFORMATION

Name: ___________________________ EID: ___________________________
E-mail: ___________________________ Telephone: _______________________
Graduation date (spring only, circle one): May, 2017 May, 2018 May, 2019 May, 2020

Do you plan to study abroad in a spring or fall semester? If so, when? ___________________________

Have you applied to EHP before? If so, when? ___________________________

Faculty recommenders: ___________________________

Have you reviewed the EHP requirements (see website above)? ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
STUDENT WAIVER

I waive my right of access to the material recorded below and/or attached:

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

FACULTY EVALUATION

The English Honors Program seeks bright, creative, highly motivated students capable of thinking critically, working independently, and participating in challenging seminars. Students should be both intellectually mature and eager to plan, research, and write an undergraduate thesis. No more than 10% of English majors will be invited to participate in the program. Please evaluate the applicant’s readiness for English Honors.

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1. Are there strengths and/or weaknesses that should be addressed?

2. What challenge(s) might this student face in our Honors Program?

3. What unique abilities, characteristics, or perspective might this student bring to the Honors Program?

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