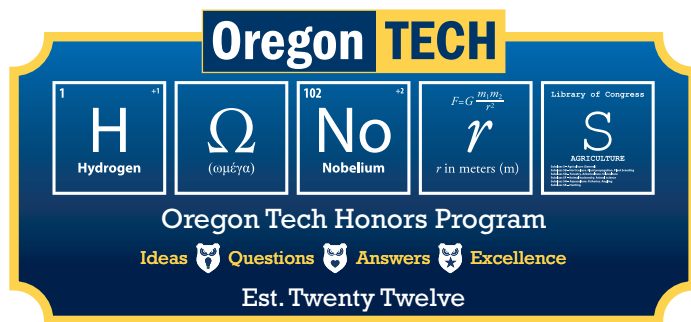




FOSTERING THE PERSON IN THE FUTURE PROFESSIONAL

DEAR PROSPECTIVE OREGON TECH HONORS PROGRAM STUDENT:

What do great ideas, questions, and answers have in common? Could be you!
Apply to OT's **Honors Program**! (a fun curricular and co-curricular academic program)

HONORS PROGRAM: APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Each year's cohort group is capped at around 25 students—this year could be YOUR cohort group!

1. For new and transfer students at OT's Klamath Falls campus with a 3.75 GPA (or above!).
2. Is your GPA close, like a 3.5? Apply! Questions? Ask! (Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu)
3. Students must have **three years left to degree completion when starting at Oregon Tech**.
4. We accept HP applications from all degree programs, from the start of January to the end of September.
5. Complete the application and submit it as soon as you know you want to apply.

HONORS PROGRAM: STUDENT LIFE

1. In the Honors Program, HP students will tell you it's about the community: meeting for breakfast after seminar, having late-night conversations you'll always remember, and being there for one another.
2. It's a classic education with a cutting-edge approach, for those who are curious about everything. We meet in weekly seminar classes to engage in robust discussions; we work on challenging projects and co-curricular activities.
3. The HP focuses on the student as a whole person. It's about critical thinking and mindful living.
4. Each student brings something special to the Honors Program, and the Honors Program is something special because of each student.
5. Find your path. Find your place. It's your mind. It's your life. It's your Honors Program.

HONORS PROGRAM: BENEFITS ... a top five (but you know there are more)!

1. **Honors Program—NO COST**: no additional fees, and no cost to join, just the price of tuition. Students pay the same tuition and fees if they are not in the Honors Program or are in the Honors Program. All courses count toward degrees.
2. **Honors Thought Projects**: unique no cost, credit-equivalent projects to meet your 30 HP credits.
3. **Honors Activities**: movie nights, UNO tournament, Hikes with Hobart (he's a dog 🐕).
4. **Priority Registration**: for students in good HP standing.
5. **Diploma Distinction**: "Honors Program" printed on your diploma.



Christopher J. Syrnyk, Ph.D.

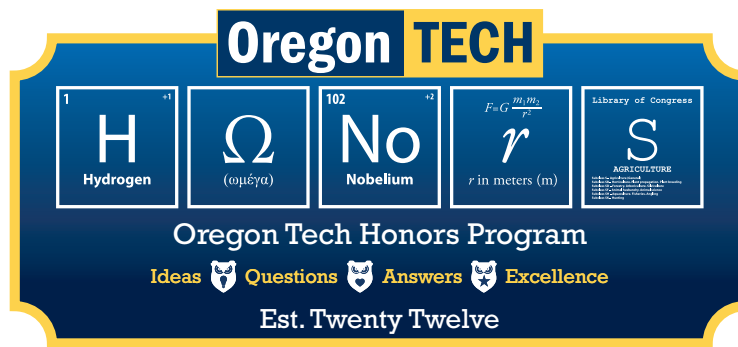
(← that's the director—super nice guy)

Christopher J. Syrnyk

Executive Director, Oregon Tech Honors Program and
The Office of National Scholarships
Professor of Rhetoric and Composition



Hiking with Hobart, Fridays at Five!
DIRECTOR TESTED. DOG APPROVED.



Application Process and Requirements for Admission AY 2026-2027

[A] ESSAY QUESTIONS Please answer **the** “MAIN” and **one** “SUPPLEMENTAL” essay question.

Write two engaging essays: one in answer to the “Main Essay Question” and one essay in answer to **one** of the “Supplemental Essay Questions.” Compose each essay in multiple paragraphs of approximately 500 words each (1000 words total: 1500 maximum). **Students may not use AI for any part of the researching/writing/revising/editing process of this application.**

MAIN ESSAY QUESTION: Everyone answers this one! Compose a multiple-paragraph essay!

Design a **monument to hope**: produce a developed description, consider its dimensions and from what materials would it be made, where would you locate it, and why? Explain how it symbolizes hope. Be detailed and give thought to the composition of this monument! Explain your choices and thinking about the monument you would design in a multiple-paragraph essay.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY QUESTIONS: Everyone chooses one to answer! Compose a multiple-paragraph essay!

1. 7 or 8?
2. Would humans make great pets for aliens from another planet?
3. If we live in three dimensions, and time is the fourth, what is the fifth dimension?

The essay answers, as part of the application process, may be reviewed by the Honors Program Admissions Committee (HPAC): Exec. Director and/or Assistant Director, Core Faculty, and current students of the OTHP.

[B] STUDENT INFO At the end of the application document, please include your undergraduate major(s) and/or minors, and your anticipated date of graduation (month/year). **We require Honors Program students to have a minimum of three years** as students at Oregon Tech, which may include a year or term on externship or study abroad or an internship. Also, include your hometown and high school.

If you like, you may also include one “fun fact” about you related to why you would make a great HP student.

Email **[A]** and **[B]** above as one attached .pdf file, to the Exec. Director: Christopher.Syrnyk@oit.edu.

Please include “Honors Program Application First and Last Name” in the subject line of your email.

We accept applications for Fall term 2026, from January 1 to September 30, 2026. Sometimes we offer early acceptance!

Application acceptance and review will conclude by the start of Fall term 2026.

[C] ADMISSION PROCESS After reviewing the application, we will email students with an “Honors Program Admission Decision.” The final element of the application process, if deemed necessary, may include an interview with the prospective student—in person or via Zoom—with HPAC or the Executive Director, or we may request essay revisions or further information in a follow-up email.

[D] FINAL ADMISSION DECISION At the latest, will be provided in writing, via email, **by the end of September.**

If you have any questions about the Honors Program or application process, please email the Exec. Director, Dr. Syrnyk, and see our website (FYI the website is being remodeled): oit.edu/honors