



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **1. Who is eligible to apply for the Honors Humanities Program?**

All students who are in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024/2025 school year who meet the criteria can apply.

### **2. What is the difference in workload between the Hunterdon Preparatory School Honors Humanities Program and our regular course offering?**

As you move from the regular course level to the Honors level, each of the skills and abilities listed on the Overview and Expectations sheet increases in intensity. The single biggest difference between the levels is the amount of reading and writing required. You are also required to complete work outside of the classroom and take tests and quizzes.

- Students will study the same material as the regular class offering but on a deeper level.
- The workload will be more challenging and demanding than our regular course offerings.
- Students are expected to learn more on an independent basis.
- Students will write more essays and have higher expectations.
- Students are expected to participate in class and Honors Lab discussions.
- Students are expected to be self-motivated and possess a strong work ethic.
- Students should enjoy learning and bring a natural interest and enthusiasm to the Honors Level.

### **3. Do I have the flexibility to move down to the regular course once I begin the program?**

Yes. We allow you to move within a reasonable amount of time (usually between 2-3 weeks into the course).

### **4. Am I locked into taking Honors in the future?**

No. We encourage you to take the most challenging level where you can succeed.

### **5. Can I re-apply during the school year if my application is not approved?**

Yes, you may reapply. To be reconsidered for enrollment in the program, you need to demonstrate improvement in the areas identified by the staff for at least one marking period. If you are interested in reapplying, you must speak with your English and Social Studies teachers.

**6. Are the courses weighted?**

No, they are not. **All students can earn 1 extra credit on their transcript for participation in their Honors Lab class.**

**7. How do I apply for the program?**

You can pick up an application from your English teachers or print one out from an email sent home to your parents. You and your parent must sign the application, and you must submit your 500-750-word essay.

**8. Am I automatically approved for enrollment?**

No, you are not automatically approved. HPS staff will evaluate your application and let you know whether or not you have been approved.

**9. What happens if I am not approved for enrollment in this course?**

If this is the case, an HPS staff member will speak with you and contact your parent/guardian to discuss your application.