The mission of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College is to provide an exceptional undergraduate experience for high achieving students, to inspire in our graduates a thirst for the lifelong pursuit of creative inquiry and discovery, to provide our students with the skill and passion to address critical challenges, and to foster personal responsibility informed by a global perspective. The Lee Honors College was founded in 1962 and has a current enrollment of more than 1,700 undergraduate students. Our diverse students, representing all seven of WMU’s academic colleges, are pursuing over 150 different majors and programs of study. In addition to honors courses, we also offer substantial co-curricular activities and other unique opportunities designed to enhance the college experience for our students.

The Lee Honors College offers WMU undergraduate students the ambience and benefits of a small private college combined with the resources and diverse programmatic offerings of a major research institution. Each fall and spring more than 40 honors courses, with enrollments typically capped at 20 students, are offered. These courses are open only to current honors students. The honors college also offers unique educational experiences, such as the Study in the States program. Costs for travel associated with Study in the States courses are entirely paid by the honors college, with honors students only responsible for paying tuition.

The Lee Honors College is housed in a beautiful, modern, LEED Silver Certified facility which offers honors students a large lounge, kitchen, classroom and conference facilities. Our Peer Student Success Team (PSST) mentors are paired with freshmen to help foster a successful transition to WMU. The PSST group also facilitates a number of volunteer opportunities, encouraging honors students to get involved in our local community. The Lee Honors College hosts a weekly Lyceum Lecture series featuring lectures from faculty and community experts. Recent series topics have included Race Matters, Living With Uncertainty, Global Citizenship and Sustainable Energy Future. A weekly evening series in the college, Mix It Up, offers a combination of professional development workshops and opportunities for students to relax and socialize.

Honors students are required to complete a minimum of 18 honors credits and three credits of honors thesis. Honors credits may be earned for honors courses, as well as through the study of foreign languages, independent study, study abroad, field experiences and internships. All students are required to complete 20 hours of community service each year. Honors students are also required to complete an honors thesis, which is an original work of scholarship or creative activity, reflecting the academic standards of the student’s chosen program of study. The thesis work is completed in close consultation with a WMU faculty expert and at least one additional committee member with significant expertise in the area chosen for study. The honors thesis is intended to allow students to apply the knowledge and skills they have gained from their studies at WMU to create an authentic work of scholarship. Examples of honors theses include senior engineering design projects, creative works of fiction, original documentaries, educational curricula, original performances or works of art and many other types of research projects or papers.

The Lee Honors College also offers several competitive scholarships, available only to current honors students. These include scholarships to support study abroad, thesis research and presentation of scholarly works at regional, national and international conferences. On behalf of the University, the Lee Honors College recruits and helps qualified applicants to prepare for prestigious scholarships including the Rhodes, Gates Cambridge, British Marshall, Goldwater, Truman, Fulbright, Mellon Fellowship and Morris K. Udall Scholarships. Upon completion of the honors program requirements, students graduate from the Lee Honors College with recognition in the WMU commencement program, on the diploma and with special notation on the academic transcript.
### 2015 College Statistics

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#### Academic Quality

- **Average WMU GPA**: 3.64
- **Average High School GPA**: 4.05
- **Average ACT**: 28.2

#### Population Distribution

- **Michigan**: 1,522
- **Other States**: 202
- **Foreign Countries**: 32

#### Class Standing

- **Freshmen**: 431
- **Sophomores**: 460
- **Juniors**: 458
- **Seniors**: 407

#### College Enrollments

- **Arts & Sciences**: 469
- **Aviation**: 55
- **Business**: 271
- **Education & Human Development**: 146
- **Engineering & Appl. Sci.**: 325
- **Extended Univ. Programs**: 5
- **Fine Arts**: 220
- **Health & Human Svcs**: 237
- **Univ. Curriculum & Others**: 28

### 2015 Freshman Profile

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#### Academic Quality

- **Average High School GPA**: 4.05
- **Average ACT**: 28.2

#### Population Distribution

- **# of Michigan Counties**: 47
- **# of Other States**: 9

#### Top Michigan Counties Represented

- Kalamazoo: 54
- Oakland: 31
- Kent: 24
- Van Buren: 21
- Wayne: 20
- Allegan: 20
- Macomb: 19
- Ottawa: 16
- Berrien: 14
- Washtenaw: 11
- Livingston: 10

#### High School Sources

- 240 high schools
- 32 schools sent 3 or more students