



● **Am I eligible to apply for the English Honors Program (EHP)?**

A UT-Austin GPA of 3.5 or higher is required in order to apply; meeting this minimum does not guarantee admission. Consult with Brad Humphries, EHP advisor, if your GPA is not yet 3.5 but on a trajectory to be so.

Generally, successful applicants have completed at least one English “writing flag” course at UT-Austin prior to applying. Plan II students may apply after completion of E 603A.

● **What if I am a transfer student?**

Transfer students who are entering UT-Austin having completed 60 hours of coursework may apply during the summer prior to the junior year. Transfer students who have completed fewer hours should establish a UT-Austin GPA and take an English course at UT-Austin prior to applying.

● **When should I apply?**

Students are encouraged to apply as soon as eligible (spring of freshman year), provided they feel prepared for honors courses in English. Because four fall or spring semesters in residence at UT-Austin are required for program completion, and given that the thesis year begins in August and ends in May, apply no later than the summer prior to the junior year. The more time spent in the program, the better.

● **How are students selected?**

Applications are evaluated by a committee of Honors faculty who select students on the basis of writing and “close reading” skills, instructor evaluations, grades, and intellectual potential.

● **May I take an English honors seminar prior to admission to EHP?**

No. Please see an English Academic Advisor for other challenging and enriching English course options.

● **Where can I find an application, and when is it due?**

Applications are available at liberalarts.utexas.edu/english/undergraduate-program/Honors.php or in the English Advising Office (PAR 114). Applications are accepted at any time, though those submitted during the summer or winter break are generally not reviewed until August or January, respectively.

● **May I submit a faculty evaluation form from a non-UT professor?**

Junior/Senior transfer students applying for immediate entry to the program may do so. Others are permitted to provide external evaluations as support, but should submit evaluations from two UT-Austin instructors.

● **How do I choose a writing sample?**

A good writing sample need not be long, but must show excellent skill in textual analysis. Perfect grammar, spelling, and punctuation are a plus. If your best work is longer than six pages, please edit to the appropriate length, provide a meaningful excerpt, or choose another sample. Many students submit a paper from an English course.

● **My question isn't answered here. What should I do?**

Please call 471-5736 and arrange to meet with Brad Humphries, who serves as advisor to EHP students.