

Is the Honors College Right for Me? A Self-Assessment for Prospective Students

Choose the appropriate rating for each item.

- 5 - Strongly agree
- 4 - Agree
- 3 – Indifferent or can't decide
- 2 – Disagree
- 1 – Strongly disagree

	I enjoy discussing books, films, and current events.
	I always completed assigned reading in high school.
	I like to write.
	I enjoy other forms of self-expression, such as music and art.
	I see failure as an opportunity to learn.
	I enjoy solving problems.
	I am curious about the world.
	I am interested in a wide range of subjects, and hope college will broaden my horizons, not just help me get a job.
	I try to look at issues from a variety of perspectives.
	I like to express my opinions and to hear others express theirs.
	I like a good challenge and would prefer to take classes that challenge me.
	I enjoy learning things that are not required, purely for the sake of increasing my own knowledge.
	I am goal-oriented and hate to be distracted from achieving what I have set my sights on.
	My strongest motivations are intrinsic. Some things are worth doing for their own sake.
	I enjoy being creative in my work, finding ways to go above and beyond what is expected of me.
	I tend to set high expectations for myself.
	I think a good course is one that is an adventure in thinking and that tackles big issues.
	I pay attention to news, current events.
	I enjoyed the classes in high school that required the most participation.
	I work well independently, completing projects and research on my own.
	I am a self starter.
	I am comfortable with assignments that don't tell me EXACTLY what to do and how to do it. I like to find my own way to accomplish the objective.
	I am very good at scheduling my own time to accomplish my goals.
	I expect to meet interesting people and be exposed to new ideas in college.
	Even though I expect to make friends and participate in extracurricular activities, my top priority in college is learning.
	I enjoy discussing books, films, and current events with friends.
	I'm open to an "analog experience" in class where we minimize the use of technology.
	I like to test and develop my ideas by sharing them with others.
	I like to collaborate with others because my peers often help me to see things in new ways.
	When I do group projects, I take responsibility for my share of the workload.
	I would like to be a part of a living/learning community supportive of my academic endeavors.
	I am interested in and like to learn about other cultures.

Interpreting Your Score: Students who share many of these characteristics benefit the most from Grand Valley's Honors College. We offer a challenging liberal arts education that explores subjects from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. Faculty engage students in discussion and learning activities that emphasize individual responsibility and accomplishment. If you rated most characteristics with a 4 or 5, you will undoubtedly enjoy being a part of our living and learning community.