Students often present work done in their honors-enhanced classes in the “Semi-Annual Math Honors-in-Discipline Day” (S.A.M.H.I.D.D.) seminar. Here are four HiD students with Dr. Jeff Knisley (center) at the spring 2009 S.A.M.H.I.D.D.

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The ETSU campus in Johnson City, TN, is on over 350 acres in the southern Appalachian Mountains. The campus includes a medical school, college of pharmacy, a large Center for Physical Activity, and a central library with capacity for 800,000 volumes.

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Math and Stats H-i-D Web Site:
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Math Honors-in-Discipline Mission

The primary mission of the Department of Mathematics Honors-in-Discipline (HiD) program is to recognize and foster student academic excellence at East Tennessee State University by:

- Recruiting academically talented and highly motivated students,
- Nurturing the intellectual growth of students by providing challenging curricula,
- Encouraging life-long learning and leadership,
- Instilling the desire to advance knowledge,
- Promoting continued studies in graduate school, and
- Offering mathematics faculty the opportunity for innovative and unique teaching experiences.

Honors-in-Discipline Opportunities

The benefits of involvement in the Math Honors-in-Discipline program include the following: consideration for an HiD scholarship (decisions for these are made by the Honors College, not by the Math HiD coordinator), the opportunity to take classes as honors enhanced, the opportunity to be involved in other honors enhancement activities (attending seminars, Honors College activities, participating in undergraduate research), getting an HiD medallion to wear to graduation, and having the final transcript marked "Honors in Mathematics."

Mathematics Honors students are encouraged to become active in the ETSU chapter of the Mathematics Association of America. They are also encouraged to participate in the Math Department seminars. Opportunities may also present themselves to attend math meetings at ETSU and nearby universities.

Admission Requirements

You may apply for admission into the Math HiD program if you are: (1) an entering Freshman with an ACT score of 25 or higher and a high school GPA of at least 3.2, (2) an ETSU student at no later than the first semester junior year with an overall ETSU GPA of 3.2 and Math GPA of 3.4 or higher, or (3) a transfer student with an overall GPA of 3.4 or better.

Financial Support

Tennessee resident students who are accepted into the ETSU Department of Mathematics Honors-in-Discipline Program are eligible to be considered for HiD scholarships (of which there are a limited number).

Out-of-state students who are accepted into the ETSU Department of Mathematics HiD Program are eligible for out-of-state tuition waivers (allowing them to attend ETSU at the in-state tuition rate).

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Retention Requirements

To remain in the Mathematics Honors-in-Discipline program a student must:

- Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester (15 if student is awarded an Honors-in-Discipline scholarship),
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.8 for the first 30 hours of study,
- A 3.00 GPA for 31-45 hours completed,
- A 3.15 GPA for 46 to 60 hours, and
- A 3.25 GPA after 60 hours.

Honors students who fail to meet these grade point average requirements may request one semester of probationary status. If students meet the retention requirements after one semester of probation, they may remain in the Mathematics Honors Program.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate as a Mathematics Honors Major, honors students:

- Must have completed all major course requirements,
- Must have completed 18 hours of honors-enhanced classes (including Honors Thesis),
- Must have successfully completed and publicly presented their senior Honors Thesis on which they received at least a B, and
- Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.25.

(Left) The ETSU Math Department is housed in the oldest building on campus, Gilbreath Hall (1911).