



University Honors

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Overview

The University Honors Program fosters academic achievement, personal growth, and independent learning. Seeking to expand the usual avenues for student excellence, the Honors Program invites students to develop self-directed projects from the ground up. Faculty serve as teachers, advisers, and advocates in this dynamic 18-credit hour program.

Admission

- Incoming students awarded Presidential or Friars Scholarships invited to join
- Invitation sent with acceptance letter
- May transfer in six credits of Honors courses with a B+ or higher in them
- Can request admission with a 3.5 GPA after first semester

Program Requirements

- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 each semester
- Must take at least one Honors course per year
- Must meet with the Honors Director at least once a year

Requirements for “Degree with Honors”

Students completing the full 18-credit Honors Program, including the final 3-credit Honors Project, are granted the Degree with Honors.

The Honors Project is a yearlong signature piece of research or creative work in which students bring their academic training and personal knowledge together with input from faculty mentors. These exceptional projects are presented to faculty, friends, and family at the Honors Symposium held every spring.

Program Benefits

- Early registration times for classes
- Maximum of 15 students per class
- Up to two required general education courses offered for Honors credit
- Scholarships available for the Oxford Summer Program
- Honors study space in main classroom building updated summer 2021
- “with Honors” listed on diploma and transcript for students completing the program
- Incoming Honors students may request a roommate also enrolled in the Honors program

Curriculum

- Five Honors courses (3 credits each)
 - No more than two courses can be introductory level.
- HON 300: Honors Experience (0 credits)
 - An internship, research assistantship, work study, or other academic work beyond your major requirements
- HON 498 (1 credit) and HON 499 (2 credits)
 - Senior Honors Project, including preliminary proposal, formal proposal, and presentation

Student Success

In training students to develop independent research and creative projects, the Honors Program prepares students for careers and for post-graduate education. Recent graduates are currently pursuing M.A., M.B.A., Ph.D., J.D., and M.D. degrees at top-ranked programs throughout the U.S.