



University Honors

WHILE honors programs may focus on the classroom as the core of honors education, University Honors at Virginia Tech considers the classroom a launching pad for involvement in undergraduate research, tutorials, and independent study. As an honors student, you will join a select group of individuals actively engaging with nationally and internationally renowned educators. As a leading research university in the state and the nation, your program of study can only be enhanced by working directly with such superb faculty.

Please review the eligibility information below, and if you qualify, please do not hesitate to write, visit, or call. We look forward to hearing from you.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Entering freshmen are invited to apply to University Honors if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.70 (as reported on the high school transcript) and a minimum SAT score of 1350 (critical reading and mathematics) or a minimum ACT composite score of 30. Students who do not meet these criteria upon entering Virginia Tech will have an opportunity to apply to University Honors after they have established themselves at the university and met the internal GPA requirement. Students transferring to Virginia

Tech from another college or university who have at least a 3.50 GPA from their former institution are eligible to apply.

Honors students are able to advance their education as far as possible, using a combination of eleven ways to earn honors credit. Honors students determine which diploma to pursue that best complements their individual learning goals. There are five diploma options. **Honors Baccalaureate** and **in-Honors** are thesis-based diplomas which re-

quire undergraduate research. **Honors Scholar** is a non-thesis diploma. The **Scholar in Health Studies** diploma is recommended for students pursuing careers in health care. The **Commonwealth Scholar** is a non-thesis diploma available for students who enter the program late in their college career and have limited time to complete the other diploma options.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Participants in University Honors receive many tools to assist them in gaining a superior education. The primary advantage is the care and concern of University Honors' advisors and staff. Their mission is to ensure that you are able to live up to your potential and fulfill your goals.

An important facet of honors is the one-on-one relationships you will develop with the university's most outstanding faculty members. You will also have a departmental honors advisor who will work with you to design a course of study unique to your intellectual interests. Normal course prerequisites may be waived and degree requirements reshaped to allow you to make optimum use of your time.

As an honors student, you will receive priority in

class registration which, in most cases, means both advantageous course selection and the chance to choose your faculty. An honors colloquia series offers superior courses taught by outstanding faculty. The list of opportunities includes chances to complete an honors independent study, a semester abroad – and most important for many participants – undergraduate research projects leading to a thesis.

For talented students who wish to move directly to graduate work in their chosen fields, Virginia Tech offers a combined bachelor's/master's degree option. Students who are interested in this option should work closely with University Honors, their home department, and the Graduate School to apply for admission to graduate school

for their final undergraduate year. Honors students can also substitute graduate-level courses for selected undergraduate requirements.

Professors and advisors work closely with honors students to prepare them for national fellowship nominations such as Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Mitchell, Gates, National Science Foundation, Cooke, Truman, Goldwater and Udall. By identifying and strengthening weak areas, students can improve their credentials and increase their chances of winning. Sophomore-level scholarships, including the Honors Class of 1954, Class of 1956, Horton, Cloyd, Perna and Gough, are excellent preparation for major national scholarships.

COME FOR A VISIT

The main office of University Honors is located on the first floor of Hillcrest Hall. University Honors

staff members conduct honors information sessions in Hillcrest Hall Monday through Friday at 1:15 PM

(walk-in) and at 3:15 PM (**by appointment only**).

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