



University Honors

UNIVERSITY HONORS is an experiential as well as a curricular program. While other honors programs often focus on the classroom, our program considers the classroom as a launching pad for involvement in undergraduate research, tutorials, independent study, and other kinds of important experiences. As an honors student, you will join a select group of individuals actively engaging with nationally and internationally renowned scholars and educators. Your program of study will be enhanced by working closely with the superb faculty that make up the core of a leading research university.

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.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Housing: University Honors challenges students to shape their own educational experience. Honors housing invites you to share that challenge with others – living, learning, and working together cooperatively to build a home in a unique scholarly community. Open to students of all majors, years, and interests, honors housing offers a diverse social and intellectual environment that challenges members to learn from each other. Honors housing is only available to about 25% of honors students and is awarded based on application and performance or potential.

Advising: 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.

Faculty: 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.

Honors Classes & Priority Registration: 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.

Honors Diplomas: Honors students are able to enhance their education in significant ways using a combination of 11 ways to earn honors credit and a choice of honors diplomas. Honors students determine which diploma to pursue that best complements their individual learning goals: **Honors Baccalaureate** and **in-Honors** are thesis-based diplomas; **Honors Scholar** and the **Commonwealth Scholar**

do not require a thesis. The **Scholar in Health Studies** diploma is recommended for students pursuing careers in health care.

Scholarships: Professors and advisors work closely with honors students to prepare them for national fellowship nominations such as Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Mitchell, Gates-Cambridge, National Science Foundation, Truman, Goldwater and Udall. University Honors sophomore-level scholarships – including the Class of 1954, Class of 1956 *Ut Proxim*, Horton, Cloyd, Perna and Gough – are excellent preparation for major national scholarships.

Honors Mission: University Honors challenges motivated students to create their own world-class education. The program supports students' efforts to take advantage of all that a major research university offers in the intimate setting of a smaller academic community. Integral to undergraduate education at Virginia Tech, University Honors provides leadership in innovative and extraordinary learning opportunities.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Entering freshmen are invited to apply to University Honors if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.80 (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 3.60 GPA from their former institution are eligible to apply.

COME FOR A VISIT

The main office of University Honors is located in 137 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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