

THE HONORS COLLEGE

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Website: www.honorscollege.uncc.edu

The Honors College at UNC Charlotte offers academically talented, enthusiastic, motivated students many of the personal and intellectual advantages of a small liberal arts college within the diversity of a large university.

The emphasis is on seminars, intensive reading, writing, and discussion in which reasoned self-expression and critical thinking are valued and rewarded. The Honors College is comprised of several distinct programs, each with its own standards for admission and requirements for graduation. Unique enrichment opportunities; including scholarships, study abroad, community service, executive shadowing, special lectures, and individualized senior projects are also available. Some exceptionally talented students are enrolled in more than one program. An honors residence option is also available for all students in the Honors College.

Honors College Programs

THE BUSINESS HONORS PROGRAM

Director: Dr. Jack Hogue; *Assistant Director:* Ms. Kristine Hopkins

The Business Honors Program (BHP) provides students with access to a range of opportunities designed to stimulate their thinking and broaden their exposure to topics related to business issues.

Admission. Students majoring in The Belk College of Business must complete an *Application for Admission* to the Business Honors Program and conduct an interview with the Program Director. Admission to the program is based on the student's demonstrated Honors potential (determined by examining GPA, SAT scores, courses completed, academic and other distinctions, and other factors) and availability of space in the program. If the GPA of a student admitted to the program drops below that required for graduation for two successive semesters, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Courses. Students in the Business Honors Program must complete a minimum of 18 semester hours including BUSN 3780 and 3790, nine hours in business honors sections, and three hours from the University Honors Program. Once students are admitted to Business Honors they are required to complete all business honors sections offered unless they receive permission from the Director of the Business Honors Program. Honors courses cannot be repeated.

Extra-curricular Activities. Students in the Business Honors Program are required to participate in a minimum of 50% of the extra-curricular activities and events offered by the Program during the academic year.

Certification Requirements. To graduate with "Honors in Business," a student must complete the required Honors courses, submit an application for Honors Candidacy at least two semesters prior to graduation, receive a grade of at least *B* in BUSN 3790, and present a GPA of at least 3.3

overall and 3.3 in all Honors courses for which a grade was assigned.

THE TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

Director: Dr. Misty Hathcock

The NC Teaching Fellows Program provides \$26,000 four-year scholarships annually to 400 high school seniors from across the state. In turn, students must participate in a rigorous and unique four-year teacher preparation program and teach for four years in the public schools of North Carolina. At UNC Charlotte, the NC Teaching Fellows Program fosters scholastic achievement and professional leadership through personal attention and enrichment experiences. Teaching Fellows participate in special activities to complement their involvement in the regular teacher education program. UNC Charlotte's Teaching Fellows Program features a variety of exciting enrichment experiences such as activities designed to build leadership activities, retreats focused on interpersonal and team building skills, weekly seminars on relevant and timely educational issues and trends, cultural events, community service projects, multicultural/diversity activities, opportunities to participate in the University Honors Program, and early and continuous field experiences in NC public schools. NC Teaching Fellows at UNC Charlotte also benefit from the special guidance of a full-time campus director, an academic advisor, and faculty members in the Colleges of Education and Arts and Sciences. Teaching Fellows are housed in the Honors residence hall and receive priority registration. For more information, visit the Teaching Fellows website at www.uncc.edu/teffellows.

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Director: Ms. Connie G. Rothwell

Open to talented and highly motivated students of all majors, the University Honors Program (UHP) is designed to challenge and broaden the intellectual growth of UNC Charlotte's most gifted students. The purpose of the University Honors Program curriculum is to provide intellectual excitement for students, to complement traditional disciplinary learning, to encourage concerned, globally-aware citizenship, and to provide a unique social and intellectual mix for both students and faculty. Interdisciplinary courses fit the theme, "*Issues for Human Survival in the 21st Century*," and are designed to confront political, religious, economic, ecological, gender, race, justice, and human rights related issues and their impact on the global community and the human condition. Through its core courses, cultural enrichment opportunities, a strong commitment to citizenship and service, and an individually designed senior project, honors students have a unique opportunity to customize their honors curriculum to meet their own specific goals. To stimulate discussion and faculty-student interaction, all University Honors Program classes are restricted to a small class size with program permission required for enrollment.

Admission. Any student accepted into the University may apply to The University Honors Program. Acceptance

will be based upon criteria which include: a 2-page application essay stressing personal successes and goals, high school rank indicative of exceptional performance, acceptable SAT scores, and a letter of recommendation. A transcript may also be required.

Entering freshman and continuing students seeking admission to the University Honors Program should review its web page and download an application at www.uhonors.uncc.edu. Admission to the University Honors Program is highly competitive, requiring evidence of a strong record of academic achievement, leadership and a commitment to community service.

Course Work. To graduate with University Honors Distinction, students must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Complete two courses selected from the following *designated honors* sections of the General Education Curriculum (6 hours):

- LBST 2101, (Hx) *Western Cultural and Historical Awareness* (Honors section)
- LBST 2102, (Hx) *Global and Intercultural Connections* (Honors section)
- LBST 2213 (Hx) *Science, Technology and Society* (Honors section)

2. Complete two honors designated 3000 level three-hour topics courses. (6 hours).

3. Satisfy the University Honors Community Service Requirement by completing either LBST 2215 *Citizenship*, or HONR 2750 *Community Service Practicum*. UHP students must complete 40 hours of community service.

4. Satisfy the University Honors Enrichment Requirement by completing either LBST 1105 (Hx) *The Arts & Society* or HONR 2701 *Enrichment Seminar*.

5. Complete HONR 3790 *Honors Senior Project*, or an approved discipline-based honors thesis/project, with a grade of A.

6. Have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 and a 3.2 grade point average in University Honors Program designated courses.

7. Obtain the following endorsements:

- Approved Application for Graduation with University Honors Distinction
- Endorsement by the University Honors Program Director
- Endorsement by the University Honors Council

Honors sections for ENGL 1103 (Accelerated College Writing and Rhetoric) and HONR 1100 (Honors Freshmen Seminar) are offered during the fall semester to orient entering freshmen to the philosophy and rigors of the University Honors Program. In addition, courses across a wide variety of disciplines, including Business, Architecture, Biology, Criminal Justice, Dance and Theatre,

History, English, Philosophy, and Political Science, are offered to University Honors Program students on a demand basis and may be used to satisfy the University Honors Program course requirements. In every case, University Honors Program courses include strong humanities components.

University Honors Program students are encouraged to live in the Honors College Residence, located on the third floor of Witherspoon Hall, which provides an environment especially conducive to study and cooperative learning. The commons area of this floor contains a well-equipped computer laboratory for use by honors students, and a study/classroom area where honors classes may meet.

The University Honors Program, in cooperation with the Education Abroad Program, also promotes a comprehensive study abroad program, emphasizing diversity, choice, and flexibility. Some study abroad opportunities are interwoven with specially designed honors classes, while others are combined with the community service aspect of the program. Although study abroad is not required, it is strongly encouraged.

Students in the program are also part of the University Honors Program Student Association. The student-led organization organizes social events, special discussions, student mentoring, and community service projects. All UHP students are expected to attend meetings and participate in community service projects each semester.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT HONORS PROGRAMS

Many academic departments also have honors programs permitting students to graduate with honors in their academic discipline. In some cases, graduation with honors within an academic discipline can be combined and coordinated with graduation with University Honors distinction. Academic departments that have honors programs include: Anthropology, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Geography & Earth Science, History, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, and Psychology. Information on how to apply and graduate with honors in a specific academic discipline can be found in this *catalog* under each academic discipline with an honors program. In general, disciplined based honors programs are open only to students with junior or senior standing.

THE UNC IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM

Jointly administered through the Honors College and the University Career Center, the UNC in Washington Program provides an opportunity for upper-level students from any major to work and study in Washington, D.C. Students may work in internships at Washington-based organizations such as the U.S. Congress, the U.S. executive branch, corporate headquarters, and nonprofit foundations. Interns are also required to spend 3 hours per week in an academic seminar, the Washington Experience, and must complete a campus based independent study during their internship. Admittance to this program is highly competitive.

PRE-HEALTHCARE AND PRE-MEDICAL SCHOOL ADVISING

The Honors College maintains a proactive pre-health advising office to serve undergraduates seeking careers in a variety of health care professions, including, but not limited to: medicine, physical therapy, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, dentistry, occupational therapy, podiatry, and chiropractic medicine.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDY

The Honors College coordinates applications for many national scholarships for advanced undergraduate and graduate study. These scholarships, including the Rhodes, the Marshall, The James Madison, The Barry M. Goldwater, the Jack Kent Cooke, the Phi Kappa Phi, and National Science Foundation Fellowships require extensive application procedures and are only awarded to the most outstanding applicants. Only students with exemplary academic records--combined with service & leadership—qualify for these highly selective graduates and, in some cases, advanced undergraduate awards. Most also require an on-campus review and institutional endorsement of completed applications.