



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

HONORS

DREAM. DISCOVER. DO.

Find Your Fire

Florida State University is a remarkable place to live and learn. As a distinguished, world-class research institution, we offer a rigorous academic environment amidst a diverse community of engaged and caring learners from around the world. Imagine learning from and collaborating with internationally-renowned faculty members while choosing from more than 150 undergraduate majors, including many nationally-ranked programs in the sciences, arts, and business.

Florida State University delivers a student-centered experience designed to inspire you, fuel your fire, and ignite your passion. We will teach you to think both critically and creatively, to be innovative inside and outside of the classroom, and to become a well-rounded scholar, globally-aware citizen, and dynamic leader who will contribute to the greater good.

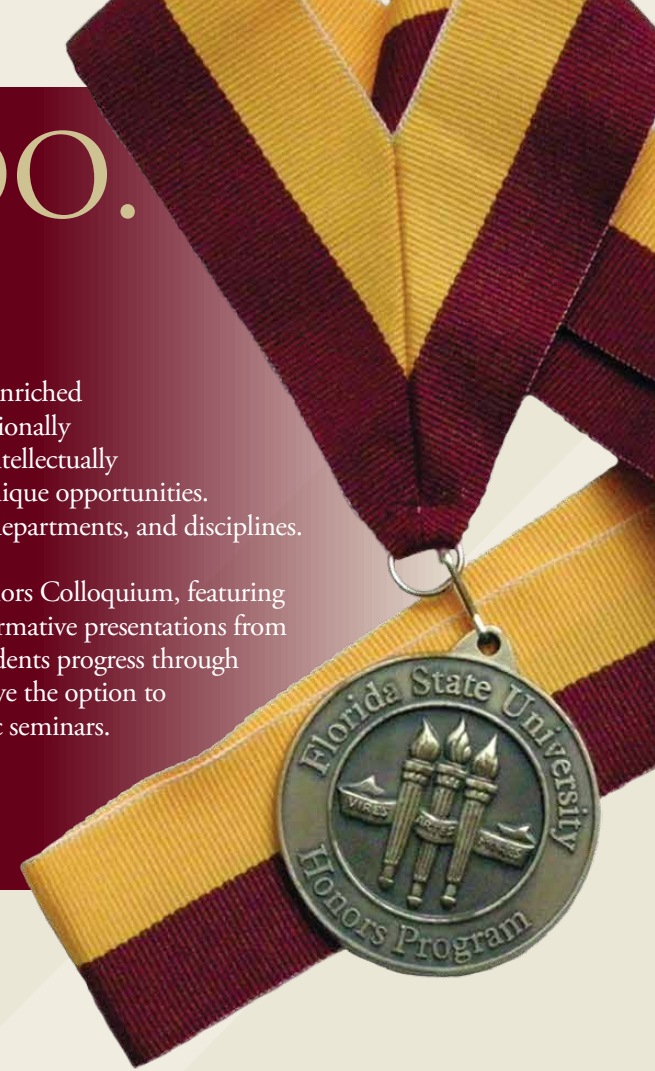
The University Honors Program provides an enriched curriculum and distinctive privileges for exceptionally high-achieving students. The environment is intellectually stimulating, socially dynamic, and rich with unique opportunities. Ideas and inquiry flow freely between people, departments, and disciplines.

Each year, freshmen attend the University Honors Colloquium, featuring lectures by distinguished faculty, as well as informative presentations from directors of various academic programs. As students progress through the liberal studies curriculum, they will also have the option to enroll in Honors-only courses and special-topic seminars.



- More than 150 undergraduate majors
- Internationally-recognized faculty members
- 20 study locations around the world
- Steps away from the state capitol

**EXTENSIVE CHOICES
AND EXTRAORDINARY
OPPORTUNITIES**



LEARN MORE. LIVE MORE. BE MORE.

Why Honors?

- **Outstanding Faculty:** Honors professors invite undergraduate students into their laboratories, studios, and theatres – not only to learn, but to become researchers and innovators at the highest level of scholarship. These instructors often become mentors to Honors students.
- **Great Peers:** You'll be a part of a community of accomplished, interesting, and gifted students from different backgrounds and majors who are intellectually inquisitive, creative, and engaging.
- **Specialized Advisors:** Experienced Honors advisors will help you find the best avenues to pursue your academic and professional goals.
- **Honors-only Residence Hall:** Honors students may apply to live in Landis Hall, located in the heart of campus, and just steps away from Strozier, the University's main library.
- **“Jump-Starting” your Medical or Law School Career:** Challenge yourself to earn a place in the Honors Medical Scholars Program or the Honors Legal Scholars Program, pre-professional track programs only available to Honors students.
- **Study Abroad Grants:** Florida State has 20 study locations around the world, and, through the Honors program, you can apply for grants to partially finance your study abroad.
- **Travel Grants:** As an Honors student, you are eligible to apply for grants to attend or present at professional conferences.
- **Early Registration:** Honors students have the privilege of being able to register for courses at the same time as seniors.
- **Smaller Classes:** Honors sections of regular courses are generally limited to 25 students; Honors seminars are limited to 15 students.
- **Recognition:** By completing the Honors Program and/or Honors in the Major Program, you can earn a prestigious Honors Medallion at a special ceremony. In addition, your transcript will denote your Honors achievements.



Are you ready to be an intellectual trailblazer who learns to answer questions ... but more importantly, learns to question answers?



HONORS. SCHOLARS. FELLOWS.

Admission to the University Honors Program is only open to freshmen, but the Honors in the Major Program is open to all qualified FSU students. As a research institution rooted in the liberal arts tradition, FSU developed the Honors in the Major Program to encourage students to explore their major discipline in greater depth by completing a research or creative project.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

The Honors in the Major program provides students with the opportunity to learn from faculty members who are experts in their field through completion of an Honors Thesis. While many students conduct traditional research, the program also supports the creative endeavors of those students in majors such as Creative Writing, Dance, Film, Music, Studio Art, and Theatre. Upon successful completion and defense of your Honors Thesis, you will graduate “with honors” in your major – a distinction that is announced during the commencement exercises and is cited on your official transcript.

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (OUR)

The Office of Undergraduate Research promotes and encourages research. They aid students in developing research projects and creative initiatives and oversee several generous awards and scholarships to help fund student research. This office also works directly with the Office of National Fellowships to help students compete for prestigious national awards.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS (ONF)

The Office of National Fellowships mentors students to compete for more than 60 nationally-competitive fellowships. Since the office opened in 2005, Florida State undergraduates have won more than 100 awards, including three Rhodes, three Truman, six Goldwater, and 11 Hollings scholarships; four Pickering fellowships; and 48 Fulbright fellowships and assistantships.



Two additional offices that can enhance your undergraduate experience, your future graduate studies, and your career path include the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Office of National Fellowships.

STUDENT PROFILES



Dana Boebinger

Double Major: Psychology and Music, Honors in the Major, Class of 2012

As a recent graduate, Dana challenged herself by completing the Honors Liberal Studies Program and Honors in the Major, along with graduating summa cum laude. In her junior year, Dana researched how people learn languages by investigating how they learn the structure of both language and music. Her research, supported by the Bess H. Ward Honors Thesis Award, was supervised by Michael Kaschak, an associate professor in the Department of Psychology. Additionally, Dana was selected as a Fulbright Scholar and plans to complete a Master's degree in Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London.



Baileigh Hightower

Double Major: Psychology and Religion, Class of 2012

Baileigh completed her Honors Thesis project with Dr. Rodefer, studying the effects of kynurenic acid on cognitive impairments associated with schizophrenia. She presented her initial research at the Psychology Department's 2011 Undergraduate Research Day and, in turn, won the Mark A. Berkley Award. Baileigh has also received the Mentored Research and Creative Endeavors Award, a Conference Travel Award, and the Kingsbury Undergraduate Writing Award for her Honors Thesis. Recently, she was selected to be a Neuroscience Fellow in the Graduate Program in Neuroscience at FSU, which will allow her to continue her research.



Amanda Krueger

Major: Interior Design, Minor: Business, Class of 2012

Amanda was in the Honors in the Major program, doing her part to make a difference in the world. Her Honors Thesis focused on finding ways to improve construction practices for orphanages in Haiti, a country devastated by natural disasters, a lack of trees, and significant economic challenges. She researched Haiti's native resources, labor force, and best practices in construction in order to help them build more sustainable orphanages and communities. Her goal is to someday bring positive change for third-world orphanages around the globe. Her research project was conducted with Jim Dawkins and Laurel Harbin of the Interior Design Department.



Orlando Remak

Double Major: Finance and Economics, Class of 2012

Orlando pursued his global business interests by completing an Honors Thesis that took him to Hong Kong, where he performed a cross-cultural risk-aversion study, comparing American and Chinese citizens. There, he surveyed more than 200 students — thanks in part to funding he received as a recipient of the Bess H. Ward Honors Thesis Award. In addition, Orlando was selected to participate in Florida State's \$1.5 million Student Investment Fund, where he analyzed different markets and presented solid investment ideas. Upon graduation, he accepted a job in New York City as an investment-banking analyst at Credit Suisse, one of the top-performing investment banks in the world.



Daniel Stribling

Major: Chemistry, Class of 2013

Daniel is the recipient of the prestigious 2012 Goldwater Scholarship, which is awarded to the nation's brightest mathematics, science, and engineering college sophomores and juniors. Daniel, who is one of only 12 students from the state to receive the Goldwater Scholarship this year, studies protein recognition in biochemical systems in the laboratory of Associate Professor Wei Yang. Stribling's research focuses on proteins found in the human body that detect antigens that signal an infection. His research is helping to lay the groundwork for the development of drugs that can detect antigens to help the body's immune system combat disease. When he is not in the lab, Daniel is a performer in Florida State's Flying High Circus and is a founding member of Killavil, a traditional Irish music group.

*Developing Eminent Scholars,
Passionate Artists, Imaginative
Entrepreneurs, and Dedicated
Community Leaders*

FACULTY PROFILES



Walter Boot, Ph.D.

- Assistant Professor, Psychology
- Honors Mentor Thesis Award, Spring 2012

Research in visual cognition, training, and transfer of training. Currently investigating video games as a means to improve perceptual and cognitive abilities.

Rhea Lathan, Ph.D.

- Assistant Professor, English
- Taught Honors Introduction to African-American Literature

Research includes the literate and rhetorical history of women of African descent, the development of literacy, and the delivery systems for the teaching of writing; community based critical intellectualism, identity politics, and social activism as well as critical race theory in rhetoric and composition.



Steve Mills, Ph.D.

- Associate Director, The Center for Leadership and Social Change
- Honors Service Learning

Believes strongly in the power of informed, committed service to transform student perspective and give meaning to academic pursuit.

Laura Osteen, Ph.D.

- Director, The Center for Leadership and Social Change
- Honors Service Learning

Research interest includes undergraduate change agent development.



Ingo Wiedenhoever, Ph.D.

- Associate Professor, Physics
- Honors Mentor Thesis Award, Spring 2012

Research focuses on nuclear astrophysics, nucleosynthesis in stellar explosions, and the structure of extremely neutron-rich nuclei.

Choose from a variety of Honors-only seminars that are limited to 15 students, such as:

Gendered Bodies Over the Life Course

This course integrates three areas of sociological research – gender and sexuality, bodies, and health – to examine how gender is woven into embodiment over the entire life course

Music and Human Rights

An investigation of the dialogic role music plays worldwide in negotiating, consolidating, and questioning power between dominant macro-reaching political entities (corporations, nation states) and micro-locales (villages, regions, sub-cultures)

Sustainability and Biodiversity

A study of the relationship between humans and the diversity of other living things on the planet, including an examination of sustainable ecosystems

The History of Animation

An exploration of the medium of animation, enabling students to identify and define various types of animation using a “hands-on” approach with direct method animation and stop motion

Human Rights and Crimes Against Humanity

An examination of the history and dynamics of crimes against humanity (including genocide), focusing on two historical cases – the Belgian Congo in the early 20th century and the Holocaust at mid-century

The Ecology of Food

An exploration of the science and social implications of topics such as genetic engineering, organic agriculture, pollinator declines, and overfishing

Race and Minority Group Relations

A study of the sociological theories about dominant-subordinate relationships between different ethnic groups

Hemingway in the 21st Century

An examination of the cultural importance of and authorial style in the fiction of Ernest Hemingway

American Legislative Politics

An examination of how public interest is represented in U.S. legislatures and what potential for change in public policy that representation possesses

THE HEART OF HONORS

Your Community

The Honors community offers more than just an enhanced academic experience with great faculty. You can be a leader in the Honors Student Association, volunteer as an Honors Delegate or Honors Medallion Mentor, and help coordinate educational, social, and service activities. Honors students sponsor and participate in events such as the Brain Bowl, Relay for Life, and Luau Social.

Your Home

Living in Landis, you will discover an intellectually magnetic, supportive, and friendly environment – mere steps away from your classes, labs, and Strozier Library. A bridge connects Landis with Gilchrist Hall, which also houses Honors students. The halls also share a common study area.

Your World

Florida State Honors students can live and learn all over the world through our 20 different study abroad locations. It's your opportunity to earn Honors credits and get up close and personal with incomparable academic resources, including works of art, architecture, museums, and libraries, as well as institutions of government and commerce.

Your Leisure

Mark your calendar! Freshmen Honors students traditionally kick off the school year with a big welcome event where they convene to enjoy good food and good music. In addition, there's the annual Fall Ice Cream Social and the student talent showcase at the Honors Coffee House.



Artist rendering of the prospective Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House on Landis Green.
To learn more, visit honors.fsu.edu.

Your Advantage

Excelling academically has its perks. As an Honors student, you will enjoy access to eminent faculty, specialized advisors, priority registration, and smaller classes.





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FSU Honors is an invitation-only program for exceptionally high-performing high school students who have been accepted to Florida State University. The opportunity to join the Honors program is based on the evaluation of your entire record, including the strength of your academic curriculum, which is submitted to the University during the general admission process.

Average Academic Profile of Students Invited into the 2012 Honors Program:
Academic GPA: 4.3 • ACT Composite: 31 • SAT Total: 2070