Recognized as one of two pre-eminent research universities in the state, Florida State University offers 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 delivers a student-centered experience designed to inspire the academically motivated, intellectually curious, and socially conscious student. We 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 distinct 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 our students progress through the liberal studies curriculum, they also have the option to enroll in Honors-only courses and special-topic seminars.

Extensive choices PLUS a supportive environment PLUS unlimited opportunities EQUALS a remarkable future!

Why Honors?

- **Internationally Recognized 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 Advisers:** Experienced Honors advisers 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 within close proximity to Strozier, the University’s main library.

- **Jump-Start 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.

- **Supportive and Mentoring Services:** Students will find the offices of the Honors Program, Undergraduate Research, and National Fellowships in the new Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House.

*Excelling academically has its perks. As an Honors student, you will enjoy access to eminent faculty, specialized advisers, priority registration, and smaller classes.*
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. The staff assists students in developing research projects and creative initiatives and oversees 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 125 awards, including three Rhodes, three Truman, seven Goldwater, and 15 Hollings scholarships; four Pickering fellowships; and 56 Fulbright fellowships and assistantships.

Florida State University is a place where you will be challenged to turn research into discovery, inspiration into opportunity, and ideas into action.
Extraordinary Students

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 was one of only 12 students from the state to receive the Goldwater Scholarship, 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 performs in the FSU Flying High Circus and is a founding member of Killavil, a traditional Irish music group.

Elizabeth Ogunrinde
Major: Biochemistry, Minor: French, Class of 2014

Elizabeth completed her Honors in the Major Thesis with Dr. Nowakowski, using mice models in conjunction with mass spectrometric technology to examine metabolites (small particles) to find potential biomarkers for Alzheimer’s disease. Elizabeth has received numerous recognitions including the Bess H. Ward Honors Thesis Grant, the UNCF-Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Book Stipend. After graduation she hopes to pursue a combined MD-Ph.D. in order to become a physician scientist in the areas of immunology and infectious diseases.

Aaron Brown
Major: Classical Archaeology, Class of 2013

Aaron’s Honors Thesis, “The Art of Binding Magic: An Iconographic Analysis of the Defixiones from the Fountain of Anna Perenna in Rome,” offered a close examination of the enigmatic images engraved alongside the texts of defixiones - defined as objects of various media, such as lead tablets and containers, used in rites of ‘binding magic’ - which were discovered in 1999 as part of a 4th-century CE cache of magical materials in a fountain in northern Rome. The results of his case study suggest that the visual component of Late Roman defixiones was an integral part of the magical operation and served to make spells more efficacious. Aaron received the Kingsbury Undergraduate Writing Award for his Honors Thesis. He intends to continue his study of Roman visual culture and Mediterranean archaeology at the University of California, Berkeley, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology.

Colin Jacobsen
Major: Criminology, Class of 2013

Colin completed his Honors in the Major Thesis under the direction of Dr. Dan Maier-Katkin. His research focused on the underlying ideology of historical and contemporary right wing extremism in Norway. For his thesis, he drew on archival research on the extreme right in Scandinavia and Europe, as well as conducted interviews with several prominent psychiatrists, politicians, authors on Knut Hamsun, and experts on the radical-right in Norway. His research suggests there are close parallels between the rhetoric of Nazi anti-Semitism and modern Islamophobia, with incidental differences of group identities and the basis for perceiving a threat. Colin received an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Award and the Kingsbury Undergraduate Writing Award for his Honors Thesis.

Michelle Sauer
Majors: History and English Literature, Minor: Art History, Class of 2015

As a sophomore, Michelle participated in a prestigious Fulbright Summer Institute Program in Durham, England. Michelle spent the first two weeks of the program on an archaeological dig, where she joined British archaeologists and other American archaeology students to help unearth the Roman Fort at Binchester, just half an hour outside Durham. She worked in the vicus (civilian area) of the site, uncovering Roman period nails, coins, pottery, and countless animal bones, and eventually discovering the original floor of the room in which she was excavating. The second two weeks were spent taking classes at Durham University, learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Norman periods in Durham, and focusing on the construction, preservation, and importance of the Durham Cathedral in its own time and in the present. After graduation, Michelle plans to return to Durham University to pursue a Ph.D. in ancient or medieval history with an emphasis on art throughout history.

Developing Eminent Scholars, Passionate Artists, Imaginative Entrepreneurs, and Dedicated Community Leaders
Choose from a variety of Honors-only seminars, 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 the 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 student 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 in represented in U.S. legislatures and what potential for change in public policy that representation possesses.

**Seeing Sounds, Hearing Pictures: The Interactions of Music and Photography**
An exploration of the specific category of sound, music, and a specific visual medium, photography, on how the aural and visual interact today.

**Defining Moments and Identities: From the Persian Wars to September 11**
Using the Persian Wars of the 5th c. BCE and the attacks on the U.S. on September 11, 2001 as major touchstones, we investigate the important ways in which societies remember, memorialize, and come to grips with major events in history.

**Living Green: Theory to Action**
This class will examine ways to integrate sustainability into building techniques, infrastructural details, and social structures.

**Medical Seminar**
This seminar will cover current issues in medicine such as: health policy issues; the psychological impact of chronic disease, obesity, and genetic screening; rural health in the U.S.; global health issues; caring for the medically underserved; and how cultural differences impact ideas on disease and illness.
You are the Heart of Honors

**Give Back to 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.

**Live Your Dream**
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.

**See 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.

**Enjoy Your Campus**
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.

**Find Your Place**
You’ll spend lots of time in the new Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House. Not only is it home to the Undergraduate Honors Program, but also the offices of Undergraduate Research and National Fellowships. Students will find The House to be a place of discovery, creativity, and engagement with other Honors students and even graduate students who are members of the Fellows Society.

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* Your Advantage

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Artist rendering of the new Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House, scheduled to open in early 2014. To learn more, visit honors.fsu.edu.
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 2013 Honors Program:
Academic GPA: 4.3 • ACT Composite: 31 • SAT Total: 2070

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