

Honors

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PROGRAM

The Honors Program is a community of engaged scholars — both students and faculty — devoted to learning, and to the wider world. Courses offer an enriched educational experience beyond the expectations of regular students, with outstanding faculty and innovative classroom approaches. They also stress critical thinking and analysis through intensive reading, writing, and discussion. Beginning Fall 2006, the new Honors Program will offer upper-division courses suitable for entering freshmen, transfer, and continuing UVSC students interested in graduating with Honors.

The newly expanded Program will also offer cultural and social events, workshops for graduate school preparation, and service and leadership opportunities integrated into the curriculum. At UVSC, an Honors Student Advisory Group takes the lead in design and planning of these events, collaborating with faculty and Program administration. Honors students will enjoy access to an on-campus Study Commons and a residential option to live with other Honors students close to campus. Honors collaborates with the Student Organization for Academic Research (SOAR), and Honors students receive mentoring by Honors professors on building careers, designing and conducting original projects, and doing cutting-edge work in the studio, lab, and field.

The Honors Program seeks to build a diverse community open to students from a wide cross-section of academic majors. Its goal is to enhance the educational experience of students, including the student body at large, and to connect what students learn with their professions, their communities, and the wider world.

Admission and Participation

Because we look at the whole person, admission to Honors is based on GPA, ACT, high school and college transcripts showing details of coursework, and a written response to one of the admission questions. The Program looks for students who are motivated by intellectual curiosity and who exhibit independence, achievement, and initiative in their studies and in their lives. For detailed application and qualification information, see our website at www.uvsc.edu/honors or contact the Program Director.

Graduation Criteria

To receive distinction as an Honors Program graduate, students must:

1. Be admitted to the Honors Program
2. Complete 12-25 credits in Honors courses, H-recommended sections of General Education courses, and/or Honors contracts for major courses. Credits required depend on a student's status at admission to the Program (freshman, transfer, continuing)
3. Attain a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.25
4. Complete an Honors thesis or project (topics must be pre-approved by Director)
5. Complete major and College requirements for graduation
6. Receive approval from the Program Director

Curriculum

All Honors students enroll for 1 credit of Honors Colloquium, beginning with their first semester in the Program. They also take at least one of the designated Honors courses: Ancient Legacies, Modern Legacies, Interdisciplinary Seminar. Honors-recommended sections of G.E. and regular department offerings cross-listed with Honors can be identified in the class schedule by letter "H" in the fourth position of the course number. Courses change each semester, based on student needs and requests. The following pages list Honors courses and H-recommended departmental courses approved at time of printing. Contact Program Director for additional course offerings.