Honors & Scholars Programs

The University Honors Program (UHP) and University Scholars Program (USP) enrich the educational experience of high-achieving students, providing them with a platform for fulfilling their unique potential. Students in these programs study and conduct research abroad. They present their research at academic conferences and are published in peer-reviewed journals. They receive national and international scholarships and fellowships. They are elected to serve as Student Body President, Senior Class President, and Student Senate President. They are recognized as valedictorians when they graduate. They enroll in advanced and innovative courses. They excel at the nation's most prestigious graduate and professional schools and are leaders in their professions. You are invited to apply to join the ranks of these talented students at NC State.

Admissions

Students who meet the following three criteria will receive information about how to apply to join one of these two programs in early February.

- 1350 SAT (Critical Reading and Math only) or 30 ACT Composite
- 4.75 weighted GPA or 3.8 unweighted GPA
- Rank in the top 5% of high school class

Additional criteria may be used to encourage diversity and inclusion per the University’s strategic plan. We encourage interested and self-motivated students who do not meet the criteria listed above to contact the program to obtain application materials.
**University Honors Program**

“The University Honors Program has done a phenomenal job of challenging my intellectual curiosity and fueling my desire for interdisciplinary learning. The curriculum played a key part in my comprehensive education at NC State, and my experiences in the program will be an invaluable part of my lifelong learning.”

**HON SEMINARS**
Small, interdisciplinary seminars that motivate students to become knowledge-creators within their own field.

**HONORS CAPSTONE**
A culminating experience that demonstrates a student has developed an integrated understanding of their major field of study and can apply the tools and modes of inquiry of that field.

**HONORS VILLAGE**
Creates a community of young scholars which is engaged in societal issues; provides opportunities for growth; and is grounded in critical scholarship.

CREATE.

The University Honors Program is an academic program which centers on NC State's mission and institutional strengths in discovery-, inquiry-, and creativity-based learning. Students in the UHP are those who wish to have their educational experience catalyzed through direct participation in disciplinary based research, scholarship, and creative activities. The UHP is designed to prepare outstanding students for admission to and success within graduate and professional schools, for excellent jobs in their chosen field of study, and to position students for major national scholarships and fellowships.

**SCHOLARS FORUM**
Brings noteworthy speakers and performers to campus.

**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**
Include performances, conversations with faculty and alumni, visits to museums, cultural sites, research centers, and more.

**EXPLORATION TRIPS**
Take students to unique cultural and outdoor locations around the country and world.

**SCHOLARS VILLAGE**
Immediately connects residents to a community of like-minded students.

**ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES**
Offer students access to honors courses and study abroad programs in Florence, Italy and Oxford, England.

“Participating in the USP was the best decision I made as an undergraduate. The Scholars Forum introduced me to important issues and ideas, a spring break trip to Ireland and Scotland was the experience of a lifetime and the USP courses I enrolled in were full of incredible students and faculty. I will forever cherish the opportunities the University Scholars Program has given me.”

**ENGAGE.**

The University Scholars Program introduces a community of high-achieving students to the visual and performing arts, encourages them to consider issues drawn from the sciences and politics, challenges them to excel academically and inspires them to explore and engage through international and outdoor education programs. Through these experiences, University Scholars are encouraged to connect their educational goals to their passions, to become active citizens, and to embrace the challenges of a rapidly evolving world.

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