

HONORS *Program*



UNC

Dream Big

Honors students here set the bar high and challenge each other to perform their best. Our small class sizes spark thoughtful discussion, pushing each student to consider fresh ideas and new ways to collaborate.

But besides joining a vibrant learning community, there are other **great benefits**:

- Access to special Honors-only courses, seminars and research opportunities, with opportunity to earn priority registration
- Making lifelong friends by living in our Honors Residential Learning Community
- Opportunities to gain leadership experience
- Scholarship, travel and research stipend opportunities specifically for Honors students
- Honors graduate recognition on your academic transcript, at commencement and on your diploma

Discover Your Potential

Join a diverse community of intellectually engaged student scholars who want to enrich the world as responsible global citizens

Excited to **explore your passions** and discover how you can **impact the world**? So are we. The Honors Program at the University of Northern Colorado can help you get there.

Here you have the freedom to design a **custom plan of study** with interdisciplinary courses, giving you the chance to examine problems through varied perspectives, unfettered by disciplines, majors or programs. Get the most from your UNC education and student experience and build a strong foundation for your future by pursuing hands-on opportunities for research, student-driven projects and other scholarly and creative endeavors.



"The Honors Program has given me the opportunities to pursue my newfound interests in research. Honors provided me with support and encouragement to do what I thought was not possible."

-Miranda Bermudez, '24
B.A. Anthropology



UNC's Honors Program is accessible and welcoming, with no extra cost to participate.



NOT YOUR AVERAGE BEAR

Our students are three times more likely to graduate on time – or sooner!

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?

- You're an original thinker restless for your next challenge
- Someone who wants to make a difference in the world
- Yearning for a community of peers and faculty who share your enthusiasm
- Eager for a world of learning beyond the confines of the classroom and textbook

UNC HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS WILL:

- Gain the skills to tackle pressing issues in the broader world beyond UNC
- Benefit from individualized mentorship and coaching directly from professors
- Learn at a deeper level with innovative, intimate seminar courses
- Participate in cutting-edge faculty research or creative works
- Connect with an intellectually stimulating community of peers
- Customize your learning plan around topics and concepts that matter to you
- Broaden your perspective through study-abroad programs and expand your global network
- Showcase your research and creative works at national conferences
- Develop a tangible portfolio of achievements to impress future employers
- Create a skills-bridge and the experience needed for post-baccalaureate, graduate or professional school



FIRST YEAR HONORS

First Year Honors Experience is designed for incoming first-year students who want an introduction to Honors education.

Students will:

- Complete one Honors course each semester
- Participate in workshops, social events and leadership activities with other Honors scholars
- Live in the optional Honors residential community
- Receive the designation "First Year Honors" on their UNC transcript upon completion of the program

You can continue your Honors journey as a sophomore, junior and senior through University Honors or through the Honors Capstone-Only Program.

Honors Program Deadlines

New student application deadlines

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

- December 10 – Early Action, Priority Consideration
- March 10 – Regular Decision, Priority Deadline for the Honors Residential Community

TRANSFER STUDENTS

- November 1 – Spring Semester, Priority Consideration
- March 1 – Fall Semester, Priority Consideration

Limited space is available for students who qualify. Apply early!

No minimum GPA. Test scores are not required. Open to all academic programs.

Preference is given to students who demonstrate intellectual curiosity and a motivation to think critically and creatively.

You can apply to the Honors Program through your UNC Admissions Portal. You will find a separate Honors application on the portal that requires additional short-answer essays.

Remember, the Honors Program is competitive. To increase the likelihood of being admitted into the Honors Program and for eligibility for Honors Heidger Scholarships, apply by the early-action deadline of December 10 immediately after applying for admission to UNC.

Applications are accepted after December 10, with priority deadline of March 10. Admission into the program requires that you answer several short essay questions, which can be found on the Honors Program website. After March 10, we will accept applications from well-qualified students on an as-available basis.

For more information: unco.edu/honors



Research and Creativity

Push boundaries in research and creativity

Honors students at UNC have the opportunity to work alongside world-renowned faculty, assisting with research and even developing their own student-designed, student-led original research.

THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (OUR) provides support and recognition for undergraduate student research and creative endeavors for all colleges at the University of Northern Colorado. OUR provides numerous opportunities and support services.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS offers stipends up to \$2,500 per semester for students engaged in research or creative endeavors.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITIES hosts the Fall Undergraduate Symposium and the Student Showcase of Artists and Scholars to exhibit students' work and creativity.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM offers funding and support for graduate students to mentor undergraduates in their research and creative projects.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH allows Honors students to present their work alongside other students from across the country in a unique environment to celebrate and promote undergraduate student achievement.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH JOURNAL provides Honors students a chance to submit their work to be considered for publication in this interdisciplinary journal featuring research, scholarly articles, creative writing, artwork and photography.

EXAMPLES OF HONORS COURSES

HON 182: Confluence of Cultures: Costume & Identity

HON 180: Great Ideas in Context: Endurance of Transitory Narrative: Spoken, Lived, and Printed Stories

HON 395: Cultural Depictions of Middle Earth

HON 395: Sound Art and Sound Studies

PAST STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Decision-Making Process of Parents Choosing Cochlear Implantation for Their Child, Karissa Terry, Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences

Constructing a Model for Cosmic-Ray-Induced Hard Errors in CMOS Detectors, Evander Espinoza, Physics

Theatre As a Form of Healing, Stephen Contreras, Psychology, minor in Theatre Arts

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Take control of your education with a student-designed major

Want to design your own major focused on what you want to learn? Our **Interdisciplinary Studies** bachelor's degree is an opportunity to chart an academic journey according to your own interests and goals. Explore subjects ranging from the arts to sciences and everything in between.

Students can even choose a course of study that focuses on a theme, topic or problem while at the same time gaining valuable hands-on experience through many different internships and research opportunities. Faculty advisors will work closely with you to build a program that best meets your goals.

FIND FREEDOM TO THINK

Join a group of like-minded, passionate students who want to **make an impact** in the world. Forge your unique college experience, career path and identity alongside others who push boundaries. Honors programs are where great ideas are sparked in simple discussions. Here, you'll find a close-knit environment with award-winning faculty eager to challenge you to bring your best ideas to light.

Apply today.



Scholarships & Fellowships

Pay for your education with scholarships or fellowships

The Honors Program offers several **scholarships**, specifically for Honors students, made possible by the generosity of past Honors faculty, directors, alumni and friends of the Honors Program. These scholarships are offered for specific majors and are designated for full-time, active Honors students with high levels of achievement and academic engagement.

HONORS SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded based on a student's progression through the Honors curriculum with high academic achievement and who has completed two semesters at UNC.

BECKY R. EDGERTON MEMORIAL HONORS SCHOLARSHIP—Supports an Honors student who has completed a meritorious thesis and demonstrates the greatest breadth of intellectual curiosity that distinguishes them from their Honors peers.

PAUL HEIDGER SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to a student who is studying or plans to study the sciences with preference given to exceptional students during their freshman year.

BARBARA HEIDGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Given to a student who was previously involved with or has expressed an interest in International Studies with preference given to exceptional students during their freshman year.

GREGORY E. AND DEBRA K. HOLMAN SCHOLARSHIP—

Supports a full-time, first-generation student who has demonstrated evidence of active civic or community engagement, with preference given to students involved in environmental advocacy, environmental education or cultural resource preservation.


EUGENE D. AND PEGGY J. KOPLITZ SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to an Honors student during their senior year who has produced the best proposal for a senior Honors research thesis.

MARIE LIVINGSTON HONORS SCHOLARSHIP—Supports students with a 3.25 GPA or higher who have completed at least two semesters at UNC.



"Honors allowed me the ability to go farther in my education. It taught me knowledge and skills that will better me in the future."

—Nathan Petit, '22
B.A. Musical Theatre



"The Honors Program opened doors for me to present my cutting edge research at national conferences and even to attend state and national government functions to lobby for continued funding for undergraduate research."

-Shukuru Rushanika, '22
B.S. Biological Sciences
Pre-Health and Biomedical Sciences

PHELPS FAMILY CAP AWARDS

Supported and championed by UNC friends Bob and Bonnie Phelps Family, the CAP Awards recognize students with up to a \$10,000 annual scholarship. The CAP Awards recognize UNC juniors and seniors whose lives demonstrate an exceptional and exemplary personal commitment to the following values:

CONTRIBUTING—by volunteering time and personal skills, talents, abilities, experience and passion around issues in service to the community.

ACHIEVING—by displaying a bias toward action and performance, overcoming obstacles and setbacks, and accomplishing goals.

PAYING-IT-FORWARD—by impacting the lives of others in meaningful and positive ways through random and planned acts of kindness, caring and giving back.

FELLOWSHIPS AND EXTERNAL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Academically engaged students can pursue many national scholarship and fellowship opportunities. Various institutions and organizations, ranging from employers and civic institutions to fraternal organizations and individual bequests, offer undergraduate scholarships.

Graduate students can find scholarships and fellowships from academic departments, foundations and government agencies. UNC's Honors Program is eager to support and assist exceptional students who are qualified and competitive with highly prestigious national scholarships and fellowships, including Marshall, Rhodes, Fulbright, Goldwater and Soros, along with National Collegiate Honors Council, National Science Foundation and National Endowment for Humanities opportunities.

ADMISSION-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your general UNC admission application simultaneously considers you for merit-based scholarships that are automatically awarded based on your academic performance. Be sure to complete your UNC admission application by March 1 to be considered for these scholarships.

All Honors students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and UNC's Universal Scholarship Application to be eligible for these scholarships.

Learn more at:
unc.link/external-scholarships-1d7be8





QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about the program.

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