University Honors Program

"Joining the Honors Program is an opportunity to immerse yourself into a community of compassionate intellectuals. It's a chance to enroll in classes that don't force you to do more work, but to do work that will compel you to think harder and deeper than you otherwise would. Honors courses connect you to peers and faculty at a level that's near unreachable in a normal classroom setting. The relationships forged, lessons learned, and communication skills acquired will last a lifetime. It's not a program seeking to burden students with excessive classes or to add another arbitrary accolade to resumes. It's a family dedicated to fostering growth as both an academic and world citizen."

Tayo Sanders ’15 | Kimberly, Wis.
Honors Student | 2015 Rhodes Scholar
Your exceptional education begins here

The students, faculty, and staff of the University Honors Program invite you to begin an intellectual and personal journey that will enable you to exceed your expectations and prepare for success.

The University Honors Program is a diverse, motivated, inspired community of Honors students with majors from across the university and interests in just about everything. Help us define the Power of AND by becoming an Honors student, thinker, innovator, performer, researcher, athlete, scholar, artist, activist. Leader!

Choose an adventurous and rewarding path

Honors is about taking great courses, learning and growing through stimulating discussions, honing your analytical skills and insight, and developing arts of communication—all at high levels.

Honors students:
- Compete for top scholarships and graduate school admission
- Collaborate with top professors in small courses
- Explore issues in depth with fellow Honors students
- Discover new knowledge through interdisciplinary inquiry
- Work to improve the communities in which we live
- Gain and apply global expertise
- Engage in research, scholarship, and creative activity
- Receive fellowship advising

“A different kind of learning

Joining Honors gives you access to an ever-changing world of courses designed for students who want to get the most from their university experience. Instead of asking you to do busy work, we help you cultivate and strengthen your abilities to learn and to think independently. As our students attest, Honors at UW-Eau Claire isn’t necessarily more work—it’s about more valuable work.

Honors doesn’t add requirements or time to graduation to your degree. Nearly every Honors course at UW-Eau Claire helps students fulfill liberal education and other university requirements. This means you’ll be able to take great Honors courses every semester and keep making progress toward your Honors degree.

Recent Honors courses include:
- Art and Science of Do it Yourself Multimedia
- Community Leadership: Moving from Talk to Action
- Tracking the Campus Carbon Footprint
- Honors Chemistry, Accounting, Economics, International Politics
- Game Analysis and Design
- Global Issues in Health
- Introduction to Ancient Greek Literature
- Knot Theory and Application
- Music and the Brain
- Songs and Symphonies
- Take Action: Mentoring Youth with Differing Abilities
- Understanding Suicide

The Honors community

When you join Honors, you join a diverse community of students interested in music and science, sports and poetry, research and gaming, entrepreneurship and hiking, art and technology, enjoying the moment and changing the world.

Our students are active in the classroom and out. They know how to work hard, how to lead, and how to have fun.

First-year Honors students can choose to live in the on-campus Honors Living Learning Community (LLC). The Honors LLC gives you instant study buddies who share your dedication to academics and are as creative in their approach to relaxation, service, and fun as you are.

Whether you’re on an Honors museum trip, engaging with faculty and community experts in our Meals with Honors discussion series, or collaborating with fellow students on projects in or outside of class, you’ll be making friends and memories, and embarking on a life of doing good and doing well.

Supporting your journey

In Honors, we give you unconditional support and expert advising. We’ll help you set goals for your university career and beyond. We’ll introduce you to opportunities for research, internships, study abroad, and student leadership, and help you prepare for success after graduation, whether your plans include a rewarding career or further study in graduate or professional school—or both.

Joining Honors

There are several ways to gain an invitation to join the University Honors Program:

- Automatic invitations: Students planning to enroll at UW-Eau Claire for their first fall semester in college who meet or exceed the following criteria will be invited into Honors.
  - ACT composite of 28 or greater (SAT total of 1310 or greater) and in the top 5% of high school class or #1 in high school class*
  - ACT composite of 30 or greater (SAT total of 1330 or greater) and in the top 10% of high school class*
  - ACT composite of 32 or greater (SAT total of 1390 or greater) and in the top 15% of high school class*
  - 3.85 GPA if class rank is unavailable

- Holistic reviews and invitations: Students planning to enroll at UW-Eau Claire for their first fall semester in college who meet or exceed at least one of the following criteria will be considered for Honors admission in an award-wining, double-blind holistic review process.
  - ACT composite of 26 or higher (SAT total of 1240 or higher)
  - In the top 10% of high school class
  - 3.75 high school GPA if class rank is unavailable

Honors scholarship guarantee

All incoming first-year students invited to join the University Honors Program during their first fall semester receive a $1,000 scholarship and may be eligible for more. Visit uwec.edu/moneymore for a list of additional opportunities.

$1,000 GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP