

THE HONORS PILLARS

CHALLENGING ACADEMICS

- Honors seminars taught by leading faculty
- Smaller “Honors-only” classes
- Interdisciplinary Core courses
- Required Honors thesis/project
- Priority registration (by academic level)
- Graduate student library privileges

HONORS COMMUNITY

- Honors housing by class year
- Events including lectures, presentations, workshops, and cultural events
- Mentoring and networking at events with faculty and distinguished guests
- Student-run organizations providing leadership opportunities

PERSONALIZED ENVIRONMENT

- Faculty advisors in each discipline
- Thesis supervisors who serve as research mentors in each academic discipline
- Honors advisor for undecided, pre-education, and pre-pharmacy majors
- Honors staff advisors
- Guidance for students planning to attend law, medical, or dental school

ENGAGEMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- Honors Education Abroad/Away (e.g. Cape Town, Singapore, and DC internship)
- Peer mentoring and leadership training
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Mentoring for competition for prestigious national and international scholarships and fellowships

HONORS FIRST-YEAR STUDENT PROFILE

(Fall 2014)

ENROLLMENT: 508 first-year students
AVERAGE SAT SCORE: 1405 (Critical Reading + Math)
AVERAGE ACT SCORE: 32
AVERAGE CLASS RANK: 96%
IN-STATE: 71% **OUT-OF-STATE:** 29%
FEMALE: 48% **MALE:** 52%
VALEDICTORIANS: 45 **SALUTATORIANS:** 23
MERIT-BASED AWARDS: 94%
ADVANCED STANDING: 60% of first years began with second semester standing or beyond; 28% began with sophomore standing or higher

HONORS ENROLLMENT

TOTAL HONORS ENROLLMENT: 1,980

<i>Academic Center for Exploratory Students</i>	133
<i>College of Agriculture</i>	117
<i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	986
<i>School of Business</i>	176
<i>School of Business/School of Engineering</i>	16
<i>Neag School of Education</i>	26
<i>School of Engineering</i>	414
<i>School of Fine Arts</i>	31
<i>School of Nursing</i>	37
<i>School of Pharmacy</i>	44

Almost 12% of Honors students are pursuing double majors or multiple degrees



OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Honors Scholar thesis/project requirement (with individual thesis advisors)
- Frontiers in Undergraduate Research poster exhibitions give students experience presenting research
- Various grants that fund projects, supplies, and travel. One such program, the Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF), awarded a total of \$223,442 across all of the UConn campuses in 2014.
- UConn IDEA Grants to support innovative, student-designed projects

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

UConn students are prime candidates for competitive national and international scholarship and fellowship competitions. In addition to many nominations, UConn students have won many prestigious awards, including:

(Data taken from 2006 to 2013)

Marshall (2), Goldwater (11), Fulbright (19), Udall (4), Truman (1), NSF Grad (33), Phi Kappa Phi (4), NSEP Boren (1), Pearson National Fellow (1), Cambridge International Scholarship (1), Benjamin Gilman (7), Critical Language (3), NOAA Hollings (4), DOE SCG (1), NASA Grad (6), SMART (3), NCHC Portz (3)

GRADUATING FROM HONORS

- Medals Ceremony for seniors with recognition by the University President
- Graduation medallions worn by Honors graduates at Commencement
- Recognition in the Commencement program as an “Honors Scholar”
- “Honors Scholar” included on transcripts and diplomas

RECENT GRADUATION STATISTICS

(August 2013, December 2013, & May 2014)

Honors Scholars: 320

University Scholars: 22

WHERE HONORS SCHOLARS HAVE ACCEPTED OPPORTUNITIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Harvard, NYU, Princeton, Purdue, Tufts, UConn, University of Michigan, University of Southern California, Yale

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Albert Einstein, Boston College, Boston University, Columbia, Harvard, UConn, UNC-Chapel Hill, University of Maryland, Weill Cornell, Yale

EMPLOYMENT AT TOP COMPANIES AND SERVICES

Aetna, Audubon Society, Choate Rosemary Hall, Cigna, Deloitte & Touche, GE, Hamilton Sundstrand, IBM, National Park Service, Peace Corps, Pfizer, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Teach for America, The Hartford, The White House, Travelers, United Technologies, Yale

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

HONORS PROGRAM

Jennifer Lease Butts, *Director*

The Honors Program provides motivated students from all disciplines a framework to excel. Students achieve academic distinction and personal growth through small, discussion-oriented classes, close contact with faculty, independent research, study abroad, internships, leadership opportunities, extensive co-curricular programming, lectures, social activities, and special offerings such as:

■ STEM SCHOLARS

Scholarships, mentors, research, internships, and seminars for select undergraduates in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields

■ HOLSTER FIRST YEAR PROJECT

Research grants for select freshmen the summer after their first year

■ JOHN AND VALERIE ROWE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Scholarships, mentors, travel, and research awards for underrepresented in-state undergraduates interested in health care

■ HIQT (Honors Interdisciplinary Quantitative Trading)

Apply technical skills to market trading

■ SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN LAW, MEDICINE, OR DENTAL MEDICINE

Partnerships for conditional admission to the the UConn School of Law or UConn Health Center for selected first-year Honors students

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Keat Sanford, *Pre-Medicine/Dental Advisor*

Edward F. Kammerer, Jr., *Pre-Law Advisor*

Pre-professional advisors provide direction and advice to UConn students and alumni interested in medical, dental, or law professional programs.

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Caroline McGuire, *Director*

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) assists students interested in research and creative activity. OUR facilitates relationships between students and active researchers in all disciplines and provides funding through programs such as the Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF), the UConn IDEA Grants, and additional grants for travel and supplies.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Jill Deans, *Director*

The Office of National Scholarships & Fellowships (ONS&F) recruits and mentors students as they compete for prestigious scholarships and fellowships. The staff raises student and faculty awareness of opportunities, networks with faculty members to identify promising prospects, and works with scholars through the application and selection process.

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR PROGRAM

Monica van Beusekom, *Director*

Students with interests beyond available majors at UConn may create their own majors, with help from advisors and committee approval.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Monica van Beusekom, *Coordinator*

No more than thirty juniors are chosen annually for this highly selective program. Scholars complete a major piece of research or creative work under the guidance of a faculty advisory committee. Graduating as a University Scholar is the highest academic honor awarded to undergraduates by UConn.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is a first-year student admitted to Honors?

There is no separate Honors application. Every first-year UConn applicant is automatically reviewed for admission to Honors. Each student admitted to the program will receive an invitation to Honors with his/her admission letter to UConn.

Will I receive a financial award from Honors?

Most Honors students are awarded merit funding through Undergraduate Admissions as entering first-year students.

Does Honors offer special privileges?

Yes! Honors students have early course registration, flexible credit loads, Honors advisors, Honors housing, Honors classes, graduate-level library loan times, library research carrels, and more.

How will the Honors Program challenge me?

Honors does not mean more work, but more in-depth experiences. In addition to various opportunities for advanced learning, you will collaborate closely with faculty and other students.

What are the requirements of Honors?

They include Honors coursework, advanced major courses as an upperclassman, workshops, Honors events, a cumulative 3.4 GPA, the Honors thesis, and specific departmental requirements.

Can I use my AP and/or UConn ECE credits?

They may be used toward certain requirements (depending on your major). Discuss these credits with your advisor to explore the pros and cons.

How do I select my classes?

Every Honors student is assigned an academic Honors advisor. Advisors help first-year students develop their schedules during summer orientation and provide direction for the remaining semesters.

Will “Honors” be on my academic record?

Yes! “Honors Program” will be on your transcript, as will “Honors credit,” the “Sophomore Honors” award, and graduating as an “Honors Scholar.” “Honors Scholar” will also be on your diploma.

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HONORS PROGRAM

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