Each fall, the University of Georgia’s Honors Program welcomes an entering class whose size and academic profile compare with the country’s elite liberal arts colleges. These students come to UGA and join the Honors Program for many reasons. Among the most compelling is that Honors at Georgia makes it possible for students not to have to choose between the opportunities provided at a major research university with outstanding resources and the benefits of a small liberal arts college that offers close contact with similarly motivated students, small classes with dedicated professors, and individual attention. Students in the UGA Honors Program are assured the best of both worlds:

- access to world-class faculty, facilities, libraries, research, and learning labs, and to the full range of academic, cultural, social, and athletic opportunities in one of the nation’s most distinguished public universities; and
- a sustained four-year program of personal advising, small classes, advanced seminars, individualized study with committed teachers/scholars, preparation and continuing support for graduate and professional education, undergraduate research opportunities, and a cohort of other students equally committed to getting the most out of their undergraduate experiences.

The Honors Program gave me a chance to find the qualities I was seeking in smaller schools, like class size and professor relationships, without losing the assets of a large research university with numerous on-campus opportunities.”

— Adele Handy (’08) Mayo Medical School

THE HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program provides students with Honors class sections in the first- and second-year core curriculum, as well as Honors sections in a variety of majors and unique learning opportunities leading to an Honors thesis or project. In addition to providing access to individualized advising throughout their college careers, the Program helps students prepare for graduate school and offers support to students applying for national and international fellowships and scholarships.

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The Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) promotes opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in research with premier research faculty. CURO operates on the premise that it is possible for undergraduate students and faculty members to cooperatively engage in the creation of knowledge. Research faculty members who participate in CURO consider students partners in a learning community, and many students find their continuing interest in research. Participation in undergraduate research contributes to the intellectual, professional, and personal growth of the student. Through in-depth research with faculty members, students can explore questions, problems, and issues as these lines of inquiry develop through their knowledge and gifts.

Scholarship Programs

Foundation-Fellowship and Bernard Ramsey Honors Scholarship The Foundation Fellowship, the University of Georgia’s premier undergraduate academic scholarship, places students in a community of similarly dedicated scholars and offers a generous stipend, post-first-year and spring study abroad programs, individual travel-study grants, and research and academic conference grants. The Foundation Fellowship and Ramsey Honors Scholarship forms a community of scholars and leaders by providing intellectual, cultural, and service opportunities in an environment conducive to learning and personal growth through shared knowledge and experience.

Ramsey Honors Scholar are selected through the Foundation Fellowship application process. The Ramsey Honors Scholarship provides a significant stipend and a travel-study grant. These scholarship programs seek students who meet a very high academic threshold. Beyond that, successful candidates include students who are leaders in their schools and communities, who possess special artistic, athletic, or other talents, who demonstrate an intense intellectual curiosity about the world around them, and who possess a commitment to share their knowledge and gifts.

Honors Academic Programs

Honors Courses Honors sections are taught by specially selected faculty with an average class size of 15 students. Honors classes provide a venue for faculty to introduce their disciplines in a more deeply through individualized and innovative approaches.

Honors students are expected to take a minimum of nine Honors sections and maintain at least a 3.4 average GPA during their time at UGA in order to graduate with Honors. Those wishing to graduate with High or Higher Honors must complete a capstone experience consisting of graduate courses, a senior thesis, or a special project prior to graduation. Low division first and second-year Honors sections satisfy core curriculum requirements in all schools and colleges.

Participation in Graduate Courses Honors students with sufficient background are encouraged to participate in graduate courses, with permission of the department, the Honors Program, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree The Honors Program permits qualified undergraduates to pursue a curriculum leading to a bachelor’s (AB/BS) and a master’s (MA/MS) degree in four years.

Advising and Registration The Honors Program provides access to a team of professional advisors who can individually assist students through graduation. Honors students are also given priority registration for all classes taught at the University.

Honors Internships Each summer, the Honors Internship Program sends students to live and work in New York, Savannah, and Washington, DC. Internship placements include congressional offices, government agencies, think tanks, media companies, law firms, and nonprofit organizations.

Travel and Study Abroad The Honors International Scholars Program encourages students to integrate learning and service opportunities abroad. Scholarships are available to fund overseas study, internships, language training, internships, public service, and research.

Scholars Program Myron Hall serves as the Honors magnet residence hall at UGA. This beautifully renovated hall is home to 250 first-year Scholars Program encourages students to engage in learning and service opportunities abroad. Scholars use their stipends to fund overseas study, intensive language training, internships, public service, and research.

Acceptance to the Honors Program

Acceptance from High School The Honors Program seeks outstanding high school seniors who have been admitted to the University of Georgia. Students with a strong balance of high school grades and SAT or ACT scores, and who have completed a rigorous high school curriculum are encouraged to apply. While students can apply to Honors prior to admission to Georgia, applications will not be evaluated until official admittance is granted. Acceptance into the Honors Program continues to be increasingly competitive. Acceptance is granted to approximately 500 first-year students each fall. The mid-range SAT scores typically fall between 1480 to 1490 on a 1600 scale, and the average GPA is above a 4.0, indicating that most of our students have taken some Advanced Placement courses. The application requests information about academics, awards, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. Students must also submit a one-page essay, a teacher recommendation, and a high school transcript with fall term grades.

Acceptance During the First Semester Students not accepted directly from high school who show promise for successful participation in the program may be accepted following their first semester as a student at UGA. Students must achieve a GPA of 3.75 or at least 15 semester hours of academic work. More information on qualifications and requirements for acceptance following the first semester as well as application materials can be found on the Honors website at www.uga.edu/honors.

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