

HONORS COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2003/2004 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Tampa Campus

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Students in the Four Year track take nine Honors courses that examine the nature of human knowledge, ethics, interdisciplinary approaches to the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, multiculturalism, and major works and major issues. A Senior Thesis is the culmination of the Honors experience. (Course descriptions appear later in the catalog.) Students also complete six semester hours of English, six semester hours of Mathematics, and five to ten hours of a foreign language. Honors students may satisfy the English, Foreign Language, and Math requirements through Advanced Placement, IB, or CLEP (See "Academic Programs and Services" section). Honors College Four Year Track students satisfy USF Liberal Arts and Exit Requirements by completing the core Honors courses and the English, Math and foreign language requirements. Enrolling in the Honors College Four Year Track does not generally increase academic workload or the number of credits needed to graduate.

Potential Honors College Four Year Track students are actively recruited, but any interested student who feels that he/she is qualified may request to be considered for admission. Students typically have 3.70 high school GPAs and 1270 SAT I or EACT scores of 29. Many scholarships are available for Honors students.

Honors College Two Year Track students take four Honors courses that include: inquiry into major works and major issues, a Senior Thesis and an elective chosen from Honors offerings. Students also complete five to ten hours of a foreign language (on the college level) which may have been taken prior to enrollment at USF. Completion of the Honors core courses satisfies USF Exit Requirements. Enrolling in the Honors College Two Year Track does not generally increase academic workload or the number of credits needed to graduate.

Potential Honors College Two Year Track students are actively recruited, but any interested student who feels that he/she is qualified may request to be considered for admission. Students typically have 3.50 college GPAs and 1200 SAT I or 27 EACT scores. Many scholarships are available for Honors students.

Departmental Honors opportunities are available in some disciplines. Requirements vary according to department, but all require the completion of a Thesis. Students may enroll in both the Honors College and Departmental Honors. Students in both Honors programs are required to complete only one Thesis.

Admission to the Honors College is determined by the University Honors Committee and the Dean of Honors; admission to Departmental Honors is determined by the individual department. Students who satisfactorily complete Honors and graduate with at least an overall GPA of 3.3 and a USF GPA of 3.3 shall be identified as Honors College Graduates at Commencement as well as on their diplomas and transcripts.

USF St. Petersburg has an Honors Program. For additional information, phone (727) 553-3103.

Honors Research Major

The Honors College Research Major (HCRM) is designed primarily for Honors College (HC) students preparing for graduate or professional school, although it would be available to other HC students as well.

The HCRM is designed to be a second major. That is, in order to have an HCRM, a student would need to complete all requirements of a regularly offered USF major. (Credits = 30-36)

HCRM students would complete IDH 2010, 3100, 3350, 3600, 3400 and 4200, freshman English I and II, 2 semesters of mathematics and two semesters of a foreign language in order to meet USF General Education requirements. AP, IB, CLEP, dual enrollment and other acceptable forms of credit could be used to satisfy the English, math and foreign language requirements. (Credits = 18-42)

The HRM would consist of 30 credit hours and would include courses to satisfy the USF Exit Requirements (IDH 4000 and six credits of IDH 4970).

The 30 hours would consist of 2 cognates, each containing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Each cognate would require a research project of at least 9 credit hours; the remaining hours could be appropriate coursework, independent study or an increased number of research hours.

One cognate would be directly related to the student's primary major; the second cognate must be outside the department of the student's major.

The student shall have a separate research committee for each cognate, consisting of a mentor and two faculty "readers". The HC Dean shall approve the mentor, and the mentor shall approve the "readers". The committee and student shall design the cognate courses of study and submit the written plan for HC approval.

The committee shall ensure that the student has an appropriate background in scientific method/experimental design/research tools. Research project format shall be discipline appropriate and clearly represent the number of credits earned.

Formal prospectus/proposal and final presentations will be required of each student in both cognates.

No grade below "B" will be accepted towards the HRM.

Honors Faculty

Dean: Stuart Silverman; *Associate Dean:* Georg Kleine (Instructors for the Honors courses are recruited from among the University's outstanding teacher-scholars).