

HONORS COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2008/2009 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Tampa Campus

Tampa Campus Location/Phone: SVC 1088; (813) 974-3087
Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
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First-time-in-college (FTIC) students take nine Honors courses that examine the nature of human knowledge, ethics, interdisciplinary approaches to the natural and social sciences, arts and humanities, multiculturalism, and major works and issues. A Senior Thesis is the culmination of the Honors experience. (Course descriptions (IDH prefix) appear later in the catalog.) Students also complete six semester hours of English, six semester hours of Mathematics, and the foreign language exit requirement (please refer to the foreign language requirement for students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree for further information). Honors students may satisfy the English, Math, and Foreign Language requirements through Advanced Placement, IB, dual enrollment, and CLEP (See "Academic Programs and Services" section). First-time-in-college Honors students satisfy USF General Education and Liberal Arts requirements by completing the core Honors courses and the English, Math, and Foreign Language requirements. Enrolling in the Honors College does not generally increase the number of credits needed to graduate.

The Honors College offers a variety of accelerated programs in Medicine (7-year B.S./M.D.), Physical Therapy (B.S./D.P.T.), Public Health, and the Medical Sciences (B.A./Ph.D.). Other programs may be developed and may be found on the Honors College website. Details may be found on the Honors College website or by calling the Honors College.

Potential FTIC students are actively recruited, but any interested student who feels that he/she is qualified may request admission. Invited students present at least a 3.8 recalculated weighted academic high school GPA and a 1300 SAT (based only on Critical Reading and Mathematics sections) or a 29 composite ACT score.

Interested continuing USF students and transfer students may request admission by contacting the Honors College. Eligible continuing USF students present a 3.5 USF GPA, based on at least 45 USF credits. Eligible transfer students present a 3.5 transfer GPA, based on at least 45 college credits.

Continuing USF students and transfer students accepted into the Honors College take four Honors courses that include: inquiry into major works and major issues, a two-semester Honors Thesis, and an elective chosen from the core Honors offerings. Students also complete the foreign language exit requirement. Completion of the Honors Major Works/Major Issues and Senior Thesis satisfies the USF Exit Requirements. Enrolling in the Honors College does not generally increase the number of credits needed to graduate.

Departmental Honors opportunities are available in select departments that wish to offer Honors-level work for superior students majoring in their 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.

Admission to the Honors College is determined by 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 (all course attempts are included in the Honors GPA) shall be identified as Honors College graduates on their diplomas and transcripts, and at the Honors College Graduation Ceremony.

USF St. Petersburg has an Honors Program. For additional information, please call (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 HCRM 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 HCDean 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 HCRM.

Office of Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research (UR USF) is responsible for creating and facilitating research opportunities for all interested undergraduates, in any discipline. In addition to matching students as research apprentices to faculty mentors throughout the university, UR USF offers training in research skills and methods through workshops, coursework and interdisciplinary REU ("Research Experience for Undergraduates") programs. Students engaged in research with a faculty mentor are eligible to apply for UR USF research grants, while travel grants are available to undergraduates whose work is accepted for presentation at a conference. In addition, UR USF's "Mentor-in-Residence" programs bring at least one nationally-recognized researcher each semester for two days of formal and informal meetings with undergrads and faculty mentors. Each year, researchers whose work is accepted travel as a group to present their research at NCUR.

Students engaged in substantive research projects may submit their work for possible inclusion in the university's annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Posters and oral presentations are judged by faculty researchers who are leaders in their respective fields, and scholarship prizes are awarded.

Honors Faculty

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

George Jenkins Scholars Program

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The Jenkins Scholars Program is one of the highest funded academic scholarships at USF. The George Jenkins Scholarships are funded through the Publix Super Markets Charities, which was founded by the late George Jenkins, the initial founder and owner of Publix Supermarkets.

A select group of Jenkins Scholars are elected annually from a statewide competition of high school seniors who are admitted to USF as freshmen. The Jenkins recipients are academically talented students with financial need.

The Jenkins Scholars Program is designed to provide academic and personal support services for all scholars, freshman through senior year. The scholars participate in various scholarly and cultural activities, such as academic monitoring, mentoring activities, academic/personal development seminars, career advising and planned cultural activities with the Jenkins family.

Kosove Scholarship Program

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Web address: <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid2/Website/Kosove.htm> or <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/scholarships/Kosove.asp>

The Kosove Scholarship

The Kosove Scholarship Program makes annual, renewable scholarship awards to undergraduate and graduate students. These awards pay the full cost of Florida-resident tuition,

books, housing and food service, or the equivalent costs for students living off-campus. Awards are made for four academic years (fall and spring) to undergraduate freshman, for two academic years to currently enrolled students and transfers, and for two academic years to graduate students.

Academic criteria are used as starting points in the selection process. Assuming academic criteria are met, Kosove Scholars are selected through a rigorous examination of leadership abilities, commitment to community service and demonstrated concern for the global society.

Goals of the Kosove Society

When A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove founded the Kosove Society in 1983, they envisioned a close network of individuals from all professions and fields of study working together as leaders in building a better community for the Tampa Bay area and beyond. The Kosove Society is comprised of current and past Kosove scholarship recipients. To achieve these ambitious and important goals, members of the Kosove Society must be willing to bear a continuing responsibility to service throughout their lives.

- To assume a role of leadership in the USF community by promoting responsible inquiry and debate over issues of genuine concern to the university population.
- To exemplify responsibility as educated citizens through active community service.
- To strengthen and sustain the friendship network which exists between all members of the Kosove Society through social activities and the induction of motivated members.