HONORS COLLEGE

Tampa Campus Location/Phone: ALN 241; (813) 974-3087
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First-time-in-college (FTIC) students take 4 -7 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. Then, a Senior Honors Thesis or Project 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 Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL) requirements by completing the core Honors courses, the Senior Honors Thesis or Project and the FKL, 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.), Public Health, and the Medical Sciences (B.A./Ph.D.). The Honors College also houses the Provost's Scholars Program, a program for students who wish to graduate in three years while enjoying a rich college experience. Details may be found on the Honors College website or by calling the Honors College.

Potential FTIC students are actively recruited. Invited students present at least a 3.80 USF recalculated weighted academic high school GPA and a 1300 SAT (based only on Critical Reading and Mathematics sections) or a 29 composite ACT score. Any student not invited as freshman may apply for admission to the Honors College once they accumulate 45 college credits with a 3.50 college GPA.

Students interested in the 7-year BS/MD Program must present a 1350 SAT or a 30 composite ACT score, and must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States. Transfer and continuing students are not eligible to enter the 7-year BS/MD Program.

Continuing USF students and transfer students accepted into the Honors College take five Honors courses that include: inquiry into major works and major issues, a two-semester Senior Thesis, and two electives chosen from the core Honors offerings. Students also complete the foreign language exit requirement. Completion of the Honors Senior Thesis may satisfy the USF Capstone and Writing Intensive 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 The Honors College; admission to Departmental Honors is determined by the individual department. Students who satisfactorily complete Honors College requirements and graduate with at least an overall GPA of 3.30 and a USF GPA of 3.30 (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.

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 is 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 complete all requirements of a regularly offered USF major. (Credits = 30-36)

HCRM students complete IDH 2010, 3100, 3350, 3600, 3400 and 4200, ENC1101 and ENC1102, and 2 semesters of FKL mathematics in order to meet USF Foundation of Knowledge and Learning requirements. Students also complete the foreign language exit requirement (please refer to the foreign language requirement for students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree for further information). 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 consists of 30 credit hours and includes courses to satisfy the USF Capstone and Writing Intensive Requirements (six credits of IDH 5975).

The 30 hours consists of 2 cognates, each containing a minimum of 12 credit hours. Each cognate requires 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 is directly related to the student's primary major; the second cognate must be outside the department of the student's major.

The student will have a separate research committee for each cognate, consisting of a mentor and two faculty "readers." The HC Dean approves the mentor, and the mentor approves the "readers". The committee and student 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

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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.

Accelerated Bachelor's/J.D. Program

Beginning Fall 2013, the University of South Florida Honors College has entered into an agreement with Stetson University College of Law (SUCL) to offer an accelerated Bachelor's/J.D. program. This 3 +3 program will allow first-year students to use their first year law curriculum to count as the 4th year elective requirements for the Bachelor's degree, graduate from USF and be a second year law student. Students must be admitted to the Honors College as first year students and meet the following eligibility criteria.

- Provide notice to the USF Honors College of intent to apply for the 3+3 Program on or before September 1 of the year prior to the intended matriculation date at the College of Law (generally at the beginning of the student's junior year);
- Complete at least 89 credits in the undergraduate curriculum before matriculating at the College of Law; of these credits, at least 45 must be completed at USF;
- Complete all general-education requirements and all other requirements for the student's major before matriculating at the College of Law;
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 in courses taken at USF as of the date of application to the College of Law;
- On or before the application date, earn a minimum score on the LSAT at the 75th percentile of the most recent class to matriculate at the College of Law;
- Receive written recommendation of the Dean of the USF Honors College no later than December 1st in the academic year before the student intends to begin J.D. study;
- Apply to the College of Law for admission into the full-time J.D. program between October 1st and January 15th in the academic year before the student intends to begin J.D. study;
- Meet the College of Law's character and fitness requirements and comply with the College of Law's general admissions policies; and
- Participate in the College of Law's Academic Success Workshop during the student's first year of law school.

Benefits for Students Enrolled in 3+3 Program

Students admitted into the College of Law under the 3+3 Program will automatically receive a scholarship of at least one-half tuition, renewable for the second and third years of law school subject to the College of Law's academic scholarship requirements. In addition, students admitted into the College of Law under the 3+3 Program will be assigned a student, alumni, and/or faculty mentor to assist during the period from admission until matriculation at the College of Law. Students will receive a book stipend for their first year books (up to $1,500), redeemable at the College of Law bookstore.

For further information contact Dr. Sandra Fogel or call the Honors College Office 813-974-3087.

George Jenkins Scholars Program

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 activities with the Jenkins family.

Holcombe Scholars Program

The Holcombe Scholars Program is one of the highest funded academic scholarships at USF. These scholarships are funded by Brad and Terry Holcombe, two USF graduates.

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

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The 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 activities with the Holcombe family.

Office of National Scholarships & Resources for Educational Distinction

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The Office of National Scholarships matches high achieving students, both undergraduate and graduate, with prestigious nationally competitive scholarships, fellowships and awards. Some awards support graduate or professional study in the U.S., while others involve education abroad or independent research.

These opportunities are open to all qualified USF students who wish to apply. The Office identifies recruits and mentors students who apply for merit scholarships such as Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Fulbright, Goldwater and Truman.

University of South Florida students have won nationally prestigious awards including Truman, Goldwater, and Udall.

The Undergraduate Scholar Award is a University of South Florida designation. To earn the Undergraduate Scholar Award, a student must do three things: complete a mentored research project, a leadership/service project and have a significant global experience. An integrative essay describing the experiences is the final part of the process.   This program adds depth to students' academic experience by fostering applied learning to real-life issues and problems through faculty-supervised research. This innovative program creates opportunities for students to engage in meaningful service and promotes 'connecting' with the global community. USF's Undergraduate Scholar Award recognizes students who fulfill the University's goals of community engagement, undergraduate research, and global citizenship on a student's transcript.

Honors Faculty

Dean: S. Silverman; *Associate Dean:* G. Kleine; *Director, Office of National Scholarships*: L. Lucas. (Instructors for Honors courses are recruited from among the University's outstanding teacher-scholars.)