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HONORS COLLEGE

Tampa Campus Location/Phone: John and Grace Allen Building (ALN) 241; (813) 974-3087
Web Address: http://honors.usf.edu

First-time-in-college (FTIC) students take four to seven 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 provides the culmination of the Honors experience. Enrolling in the Honors College does not generally increase the number of credits needed to graduate.

Potential FTIC students are actively recruited. See the Honors College admissions guidelines in the Admissions section of this catalog.

Accelerated and Pathway Programs

The Honors College offers a variety of accelerated and pathway programs:

- **7-Year BS/MD Program**
  - Potential First-time in College (FTIC) students must present a 1420 SAT or a 32 composite ACT score, 4.0 weighted high school GPA, and must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States. Students in this program follow a set curriculum for the B.S. in Biomedical Sciences and must meet identified GPA and MCAT benchmarks, including a successful medical school interview, to be admitted to the Morsani College of Medicine in the 4th year of study. Admission is determined by the Morsani College of Medicine.

- **Guaranteed Admissions Pathway for Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**
  - Potential First-time in College (FTIC) students must present a 1300 SAT or a 28 composite ACT score, 3.8 weighted high school GPA, and must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States. FTIC students who have been admitted to the Honors College and are interested in a career in physical therapy are offered a guaranteed admission pathway to USF Health’s School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences (SPTRS) and complete a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), provided that the student continues to meet all the benchmarks of the program, including a successful interview with SPTRS. There is no GRE requirement for this program. Admission is determined by the SPTRS/Morsani College of Medicine.

- **Guaranteed Admissions Pathway for Master of Science in Medical Sciences Program (MSP3)**
  - Potential FTIC and transfer students in good standing with the Honors College follow a set curriculum for the Biomedical Sciences degree and must meet identified GPA and GRE, MCAT or DAT benchmarks to apply to the School of Biomedical Sciences (SBS)/Morsani College of Medicine in order to be considered. The Honors MSP3 GAP is a direct entry program designed to assist USF’s Honors College students seeking admission into a health professional school (e.g., MD, DO, DMD, DVM, PharmD). This program will allow qualified Honors College students guaranteed acceptance into the Master of Science in Medical Sciences Pre-professional Program. Admission is determined by the School of Biomedical Sciences/Morsani College of Medicine.

- **Provost’s Scholars Program**
  - Students complete a bachelor degree in three years, while enjoying a rich college experience that includes leadership, research, and education abroad.

- **Bachelor/JD 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. Students must be admitted to the Honors College as first year students and meet program criteria.

Details regarding each of these programs can be found on the Honors College website at honors.usf.edu.

Continuing USF students and transfer students accepted into the Honors College take four Honors courses that include:

1) a two-semester Senior Thesis or Capstone plus 1 Honors elective course, and
2) two electives chosen from the core Honors offerings. Completion of the Honors Senior Thesis satisfies the USF Capstone and Writing Intensive requirements.

Students who satisfactorily complete Honors College requirements and graduate with at least an overall GPA of 3.25 and a USF GPA of 3.25 (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.

Undergraduate Scholar Award

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.

**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.

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**

**Location/Phone:** John and Grace Allen (ALN) 271; (813) 974-3087

**Web Address:** [http://ons.usf.edu](http://ons.usf.edu)

The Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students, both undergraduate and graduate, to apply for prestigious nationally competitive scholarships, fellowships and awards such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Fulbright, Goldwater and Truman. 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.

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

**Honors Faculty**

*Dean:* C. Adams; *Assistant Dean:* S. Bingham; *Instructors:* A. Bush, M. Cross, J. Gordon, A. Sakai, C. Wilkins.