

HONORS COLLEGE

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<http://www.usf.edu/honors/index.aspx>

Physical Location: John & Grace Allen Building (ALN) is located in the center of the USF campus. From the main entrance on Fowler Ave., follow Leroy Collins Blvd.



About the College

The USF Honors College on the Tampa campus is primarily designed for high achieving first-time-in-college students (FTICs); however, Honors also accepts continuing USF and transfer students. Honors College experiences are grounded in the liberal arts tradition and are intended for students regardless of major. The primary goals of the Honors College are to develop superior critical thinking skills through intensive research and interdisciplinary learning, foster a nuanced global perspective on contemporary issues through an internationalized curriculum and meaningful study abroad experiences, and encourage a rich understanding of social concerns through structured community engagement projects. Many scholarships are available exclusively to Honors College students.

Admission to the Honors College is determined by the Dean of the College.

- FTIC students are invited to join the College if they present at least a 4.0 USF recalculated weighted academic high school GPA, and a 1400 two-part SAT or a 30 composite ACT score.
- FTIC students presenting a 3.8 and either a 29 ACT or 1360 two-part SAT will be invited to apply for admission to the College.
- Students not admitted as FTIC, as well as transfer students, may apply for admission after completing 30 college credits with a 3.5 GPA.
- Students may also be admitted by petition to the Dean.

Departmental Honors opportunities are available in select departments; requirements vary according to department. Students may enroll in both the Honors College and Departmental Honors programs.

Students who satisfactorily complete the Honors College requirements and graduate with a USF GPA of 3.25 or above (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.

Learn more by reading the *Honors College Journey* at USF publication (see <http://www.usf.edu/honors/documents/honors-college-journey-at-usf.pdf>) and by reading the Prospective Students section of our website.

College-Level Requirements

Admission Requirements

Upon admission to the University of South Florida, students may either be automatically admitted to, or apply to enter, the Honors College. The path will be determined based on a student's high school GPA and test scores.

For Florida Residents:

- Students with a 4.0 weighted grade point average, and either a 1400 or higher on the SAT or 30 or higher on the ACT, will be automatically admitted into the Honors College once they are admitted to USF. Notification of acceptance is sent via mail at least one week after the USF Admissions letter, or after receipt of scores meeting these criteria.
- Students with a 3.8 weighted grade point average, and either a 1360-1390 on the SAT or 29 on the ACT, are invited to apply. Eligible students will receive an email with a link to the application, along with instructions and deadlines. Applications are reviewed by members of the Honors College staff or faculty, as well as by current Honors College students. All opinions are weighted equally.

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For Non-Florida Residents:

- Students who are awarded the USF Green & Gold Presidential Award (<http://www.usf.edu/admissions/freshmen/admissions-scholarships/nonflorida.aspx>) will be automatically admitted into the Honors College once they are admitted to USF. Notification of acceptance is sent via mail at least one week after the USF Admissions letter.
- Students who are awarded the USF Green & Gold Directors Award (<http://www.usf.edu/admissions/freshmen/admissions-scholarships/nonflorida.aspx>) are invited to apply. Eligible students will receive an email with a link to the application, along with instructions and deadlines. Applications are reviewed by members of the Honors College staff or faculty, as well as by current Honors College students. All opinions are weighted equally.

For International Students:

- International students are recruited based on a combination of factors based on the academic rigor of their international high schools and their likelihood for continued success at USF.

Students entering the Honors College as transfer/continuing students must present:

- 3.5 overall and USF GPA, if applicable.
- Two full semesters of coursework at a college or university
- 30 earned college or university-level credits (does not include AP/IB credits)
- Minimum of three full semesters (Fall/Spring) prior to intended graduate date

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in joining the Honors College, please complete the Continuing Student form at <https://usfweb.usf.edu/Honors/student-continuing> to begin the application process.

Please review the Honors College Transfer/Continuing Student Journey document for additional information found at <https://usfweb.usf.edu/Honors/student-continuing>.

Program requirements for students admitted as continuing USF or Transfer Students include:

- 2 Honors Seminars, plus a Thesis or a Capstone project
- 25 hours of community service
- 2 Global Experiences (for information see <http://www.usf.edu/honors/current-students/global-cultural-requirement.aspx>)

For the service and global experiences, we will accept any experiences that occurred while the student was enrolled in college; they do not have to occur after admission to the Honors College.

Early Admission

Early Admission applicants must meet minimum Honors College eligibility criteria (see Honors College admission requirements above). Participation in the Early Admission program is limited to students who have completed a minimum of six semesters of full-time secondary enrollment, including studies undertaken in the ninth grade. In addition, Early Admission applicants should be enrolled in a strong college preparatory curriculum. For more information, see <http://www.usf.edu/honors/prospective-students/early-admission.aspx>.

Program-Specific Requirements

IDH 2010 is a prerequisite for the following courses:

- IDH 2930 Selected Topics
- IDH 4000 Honors Program Seminar
- IDH 4200 Geographical Perspectives Honors
- IDH 4930 Selected Topics

A grade of B- or higher is required in IDH 4950 Honors Project and IDH 4970 Honors Thesis.

Graduation Requirements

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During their senior year, Honors College students should:

- Meet with the departmental advisor of your major to do a final graduation check to ensure you are meeting all of your major requirements.
- Meet with an Honors College Advisor to ensure that you are meeting your honors curriculum requirements.
- Submit a Bachelor Degree Application through Oasis.
 - Note: Some college deadlines, including Engineering, are earlier. College of Business requires an additional application worksheet. Please consult your department advising office for specific information.

After the deadline to apply for university graduation has passed, potential honors graduates will receive an email to complete a graduation survey. All Honors College students **MUST** complete this survey and submit their Bachelor's degree application. The deadline for completion is listed in the email.

The Honors College Graduation Survey includes information about registering for the Honors College commencement ceremony.

HONORS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Each semester the Honors College acknowledges the accomplishments of our graduates during the Honors College Commencement Ceremony. Family and friends are invited to share in this special event and offer congratulations and appreciation to these amazing students.

- The date and time for the upcoming commencement ceremony can be found on the Honors College Calendar https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=usf.hc.events@gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1.
- Registration for the ceremony is included as part of your Honors College Graduation Survey, so if you are interested in attending please indicate this on the form. Once you submit the form, a confirmation email with specific information about details of the ceremony will be emailed to you.
- The dress code for the ceremony is professional attire, however, caps and gowns should **NOT** be worn at the Honors College Commencement Ceremony. When you check-in at the commencement ceremony, we will provide the items & regalia necessary to identify you as an Honors College graduate, free of charge.
- During the ceremony, each graduate will be recognized separately and we will request a photo of you in advance to include in the presentation.

Honors Commencement Ceremony is typically located in the Alumni Center in Traditions Hall.

Honors Scholarships & Housing

Honors Scholarships

The Honors College awards competitive scholarships to its new and continuing students. All Honors College students receive \$2,000 in academic scholarships. This award is paid in three installments during the students' academic career:

- \$600 during the first year after completing the college's community engagement requirement
- \$600 during the second year after completing the college's global experience requirement
- \$800 during the third or fourth year after completing the college's academic requirements

Most Honors College students also qualify for very generous travel scholarships to fund study abroad opportunities.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of many donors, there are more than 30 competitive scholarships available exclusively to Honors College students.

Students may apply for these Honors-specific awards, as well as, general USF scholarships (see <http://www.usf.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/index.aspx>). These applications typically open in November and are due in January for new students and April for continuing students.

You may also want to visit the Office of National Scholarships for more information about competitive academic awards.

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 cohort of Jenkins Scholars are selected 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

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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 mentoring activities, academic/personal development seminars, career advising and planned activities with the Holcombe family.

Office of National Scholarships

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Web Address: <http://www.usf.edu/ons/>

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.

Honors Living Learning Community (LLC) - Honors Housing

The Honors LLC is a residential experience open to all Honors College students. We strive to create a respectful and close-knit community while celebrating the diversity of our students. To encourage student development in a variety of interests, the Honors LLC has created two themed common spaces: "Educate and Create" and "Build and Innovate". Regardless of major, students can explore everything from film and music education to architecture and software development. The focus of our community is to simultaneously develop our students' academic and extracurricular interests. To do so, we host programs and activities related to career exploration, networking, and connecting with Honors faculty. The Honors LLC will be housed in Summit, one of the newest residence halls opening in Fall 2017.

If you are interested in joining our community, please visit us at <http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/housing/residential-learning/lc-major/honors.aspx>.

For more information on our new residence hall, Summit, please visit <http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/housing/housing-options/suite-style/summit-hall.aspx>.

Baccalaureate-Level Degree Programs

Honors Programs

The USF Honors College offers a number of programs that are subdivided into the following categories:

Accelerated Programs

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/accelerated.aspx>

Students can earn their undergraduate, medical, or pharmacy degrees at an accelerated pace in one of our Honors College accelerated programs.

Guaranteed Admission Programs

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/gaps.aspx>

The Honors College offers two pathways that will guarantee admission to either the Master's in Medical Sciences or Doctor of Physical Therapy programs.

Early Acceptance Programs

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/early-acceptance-programs.aspx>

The Honors College, in affiliation with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM), offers eligible Honors College students Early Acceptance Admission Programs to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) and the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD).

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Hosted Scholarship Programs

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/hosted-scholarships.aspx>

The Honors College hosts three scholarship programs for both Honors and non-Honors students.

Community Partnership Programs

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/partnerships.aspx>

We partner with many groups and organizations throughout Tampa Bay. These partnership programs allow students to learn and research outside of the classroom.

Dual Enrollment Program

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/dual-enrollment.aspx>

Dual enrollment in USF classes is open to academically qualified students who are currently enrolled in public/private high schools and who are recommended by their guidance counselor or principal.

Early Admission Program

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/prospective-students/early-admission.aspx>

Under the Early Admission program you may enter the University of South Florida (Tampa) as a regularly enrolled (matriculated), degree-seeking student prior to graduation from high school. Applicants must meet minimum Honors College eligibility criteria (see <http://www.usf.edu/honors/prospective-students/early-admission.aspx>).

Honors Program Requirements

Research Tracks

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/current-students/thesis.aspx>

All Honors College students must complete a research track consisting of either a thesis or a capstone course. Thesis is an individual research project on a topic of the students' choice, under the direction of a faculty member selected by the student. Thesis may also be completed through departmental honors programs. The Honors Capstone course brings Honors students together to take an interdisciplinary approach at solving real-world problems through undergraduate research and practical application.

Community Engagement

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/current-students/community-engagement.aspx>

Honors College students will accumulate 50 hours of community service. Service can take place through one site or organization, or through multiple opportunities, based on your interests. These hours may overlap with those required for the Global Citizen Award, or other pre-professional goals.

- Transfer and continuing students who enter the College in the Fall of 2016 or later are required to complete 25 hours of community service.

Global/Cultural Requirement

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/current-students/global-cultural-requirement.aspx>

The Honors College is committed to making global awareness a critical element in the education of twenty-first century leaders. To meet this goal, the Global Experience requirement offers students the opportunity to choose from a variety of meaningful ways to build global knowledge and to develop competency in cultural interactions.

Peer Mentoring

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/current-students/peer-mentors.aspx>

During their orientation, each new Honors College freshman is paired with a peer mentor, an upper-classman enrolled in the Honors College. These mentors are students selected and trained in leadership, advising, and group dynamics so they can share their college experience and expertise!

New students will register for IDH 2930 - Peer Mentoring and will meet with a small group led by their mentor throughout the fall semester. This class is zero credits and has no tuition charge, but it will be reflected on transcripts and is a required part of the Honors College Experience.

Accelerated Programs

USF provides several options by which students may accelerate their progress toward completing the Baccalaureate degree. These options recognize knowledge which has been acquired prior to or during attendance at USF and provide

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the opportunity to earn University credit. Options which may be utilized to accelerate progress include the following:

1. Recognition of satisfactory performance on standardized tests offered through recognized examination programs. See <https://www.systemacademics.usf.edu/credit-by-exam/> for a complete listing of exams and course equivalencies.
2. Recognition of satisfactory performance on tests offered through Advanced Placement Programs of the College Entrance Examination Board (see Advanced Placement Credit Programs).
3. Recognition of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Students who earn the IB Diploma will be awarded 30 semester hours of college credit and sophomore standing. Credit for standard level exams with a score of 4 or higher may be awarded to those students who do not earn the IB diploma.
4. Dual enrollment as a non-degree-seeking student at USF or a community college prior to graduation from high school (see Dual Enrollment [Public/Private High/Home School]). Florida College System students should follow eligibility criteria for non-degree seeking students (below).
5. Early admission for high school students (see Early Admission Freshmen).
6. Courses completed through USF Distance Learning. See: <http://www.usf.edu/innovative-education/programs/online-programs/courses.aspx>.

Accelerated and Pathway Programs

The Honors College offers a variety of accelerated and pathway programs. Details regarding each of these programs can be found on the Honors College website at <http://www.usf.edu/honors/>.

Provost's Scholars Program

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/psp.aspx>

Students complete a Bachelor degree in three years, while enjoying a rich college experience that includes leadership, research, and education abroad.

7-Year B.S./MD Program

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/psp.aspx>

Potential First-time in College (FTIC) students must present a 1470 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) 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.

7-Year B.S./PharmD Program

<http://www.usf.edu/honors/accelerated-programs/bs-pharmd.aspx>

Potential First-time in College (FTIC) students must present at least a 1360 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or a 29 composite ACT score, 3.8 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 College of Pharmacy interview, to be admitted to the USF Health College of Pharmacy in the 4th year of study. Admission is determined by the USF Health College of Pharmacy.

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.

Guaranteed Admissions Pathway for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing Program

Potential First-time in College (FTIC) students must present at least a 1360 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or a 29 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 as a Nurse-Scientist are offered a guaranteed admission pathway to USF Health's College of Nursing and complete a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Nursing) provided that the student meets all of the benchmarks of the program, including a successful interview with the College of Nursing.

Guaranteed Admissions Pathway for Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Potential First-time in College (FTIC) students must present at least a 1360 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or a 29 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 &

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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 must meet identified GPA and GRE, MCAT or DAT benchmarks to apply to the School of Biomedical Sciences (SB.S.)/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.

Undergraduate Advising Information

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<http://www.usf.edu/honors/prospective-students/advising.aspx>

The mission of the Honors College advising team is to empower students to acquire, create and contribute knowledge by promoting diverse learning experiences, active goal setting and reflection, and involvement in the university and global community. Academic advising is a vital component of the Honors College experience. We collaborate with departmental advisors to ensure the highest level of degree completion.

A walk-in Honors College advisor is also on duty every weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and again from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for quick questions or help. Walk-In advisors will NOT remove AA holds, create 4-year academic plans, or graduation checks. Please make an appointment for those needs.

To make a face-to-face appointment with an Academic Advisor:

- If you are an accepted or currently registered student at USF, use EScheduler at <https://usfweb.usf.edu/eScheduler/student.aspx> (requires login).
- If you ARE NOT a USF student, use the advisor appointment system at <https://usfweb.usf.edu/eScheduler/NonStudentlogin.aspx>

For Honors College Curriculum Programs, please see Undergraduate Studies Curriculum Programs.