

The University Honors Program, open to students in all undergraduate divisions of the university, is administered by the Honors Council and the director of university honors. Minimum requirement for acceptance into the program is a composite score of 26 on the ACT (or ACT residual) or an 1180 on the SAT. The student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher to be inducted into the program in the spring of the freshman or sophomore year and must maintain a 3.25 to graduate as a University Honors Scholar.

The University Honors Program is open to all students, including those attending Troy University on international student visas. For more information and guidance, please contact the Director of the University Honors Program in 212-F Wright Hall, or via email at klabrant@troy.edu.

The purpose of the University Honors Program is to offer the academically superior student a specially designed program, within a supportive community, that fosters critical thinking, intellectual development and social responsibility. This enhanced program is designed to provide a balance of common experience and flexibility addressed to individual achievement as well as a comprehensive framework on which to build disciplinary studies.

The Honors Program also has an honors house on campus which houses both male and female students. Students should consult with the director of the University Honors Program and the director of University Housing for availabilities and stipulations. The house serves as a residence and a focal point for meetings and activities with the Honors Alliance, faculty and staff in the Honors Program.

The official student voice within the program is the University Honors Alliance. Membership to the University Honors Alliance is offered to any student with a 3.25 grade point average or higher. There is an annual membership fee as well.

## University Honors Program Requirements

### I. Honors Versions of General Studies

Within the regular general studies requirements, the University Honors Scholar takes a minimum of 7 honors versions of general studies courses distributed over at least four disciplines. These courses are not taken in addition to the general studies courses; rather, they are taken in place of regular general studies courses. When the minimum number of honors versions of general studies courses is difficult to attain, the student, with the permission of the honors director, may take upper level courses in the general studies sequence to replace and count toward the credit of the honors version of general studies course(s). Students who score a 4 or higher on the AP exam in a subject area or a 5 on the IB exam will be awarded the appropriate honors credit to suffice the 7 courses over 4 discipline requirement. Students who earn an "A" in dual enrollment courses while in high school will be awarded the appropriate honors credit to fulfill the 7 courses over 4 discipline requirement.

### II. Foreign Language Courses

The University Honors Scholar must take six hours of one foreign language (classical or modern) depending upon demonstration of proficiency. The student may take an additional language course, in addition to the six-hour requirement, to suffice as one of the seven courses and one of the general studies requirement mentioned above in Section I.

### III. Leadership Minor and Courses (LDR)

The University Honors Scholar may take courses in the Leadership program to count towards the honors versions of general studies courses. These courses would count as one of the four discipline and would count toward the seven course requirement. Scholars may also pursue a leadership minor, with approval of director. This minor may count toward the requirement mentioned above. Please see the Leadership Studies section of this catalog for

a complete list of courses.

### IV. University Honors Courses

The program of interdisciplinary studies with the PEAK Program (Promoting Excellence and Knowledge) begins in the fall semester of the freshman or sophomore year, continues throughout the sophomore and junior years, and culminates in the fourth year with the University Honors Capstone Seminar. The student takes four interdisciplinary seminars. HON 1101 is taken in the freshman year, HON 2200 and 3300 may be taken in the sophomore and/or junior year, and HON 4400 may be taken in the junior or senior year. Transfer students may enter the program with permission of the honors director.

## First Year, PEAK Program (one semester)

University Honors candidates will be notified of acceptance into the University Honors Program in the spring semester. Candidates must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and complete HON 1101 in order to qualify for the spring induction of Honors Scholars. Students are encouraged to take an honors version of general studies or other courses previous to q M

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