Academically gifted students who wish to pursue excellence and skill, to be respected for their intellectual achievement, to grow in wisdom, to enjoy the fellowship of like-minded friends and scholars, to venture boldly on the path toward life beyond the university—it is for you that the University Honors Program of the University of West Florida exists.

Here, in a sustaining and collegial environment, you may acquire an education which mirrors ideals that have endured through the millennia from Plato's Academy to the present day.

Welcome.
“The Honors Program here is the best in the state of Florida. We have the best newsletter in the nation, the best director and assistant director, and awesome, awesome opportunities. I enjoy being a part of that.”

Andrea Hussey
Biology/Pre-dental
St. Louis, MO

“Signing up for the Honors Program is one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life. Having the small atmosphere, teachers really caring about you, and seeing all these people around you studying, it keeps you focused.”

Marc Vallin
Largo, FL
Advantage

The University Honors Program offers the advantage of...

Honors classes that are exceptionally small (most limited to 15 students) and varied or experimental in content and structure (research projects, theses, directed studies, seminars)

The Honors Seminar—Recent topics include J. R. R. Tolkien, India, Science and Technology, Bio-Medical Ethics, the First Amendment, and Leadership.

Individualized instruction

Personal attention from a special Honors Advisor

Early registration—Same day as graduate students and athletes

Dedicated Honors housing

Honors computer lab and lounge, complete with new Dell computers, TV, and DVD

Honors Council parties and social events

And the Honors Formal.

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"I really love the Honors Program here. It's great to have all these kids basically on the same intellectual level."

Desilyn McKeeage
Advertising
St. Petersburg, FL

"Last semester I was one of fifteen students that got to take Dr. Lanier's Tolkien seminar, and that was where I think I grew as a person. We'd meet at Dr. Lanier's house once a week, and there would be food—sometimes he'd cook for us—and we'd discuss Tolkien for four hours. It was just really great to have relationships like that with not only professors, but with people in class. It's really, really great—unique."

Brett Janos
Accounting
Truth or Consequences, NM

Terese Jordan—musician, writer
“The Honors Program really well-rounds you. For my Honors Seminar I got to go to Honduras for thirteen days. I’d never been out of the states, so it was my first time out, and to see a third-world country really pulls you away from your comfort zone. It gets you out there to learn new things.”

Desilyn McKeage
Aaron Wade

“arhonors Program is like a family. I’ve gotten to know my Honors instructors and advisors very well, and everybody pretty much knows everybody. We live in the same dorm, we do a lot of activities together, and you really are able to form close friendships.”

Carolina Burwell
Orlando, FL

Opportunity

The University Honors Program offers the opportunity of...

Leadership positions on the Honors Council—
Participate in the student organization responsible for thousands of hours of community service and the planning of social events, and have a say in the future of the Honors program.

Conferences—Present your academic research or Honors-related ideas at national, regional, and state Honors conferences.

International summer experiences—
Participate in such projects as:

- Cultural exchange and historical research in Havana, Cuba
- Volunteer service and cultural exchange in Nangi, Nepal
- Marine research in Indonesia, Honduras, and the Great Barrier Reef, Australia
- Euro impact analysis in Italy and England
- Archaeology in Mexico City
- Technology impact in Japan
- Language immersion in Germany, Costa Rica, and France
- A world summit in Austria
- Cultural study in Dublin and rural Ireland
- Sea turtle research in Panama
- Education research in Yukon Territory, Canada

Washington Center internships—
Semester-long internships in Washington, DC, in the student’s area of academic interest

Distinguished Visitor Lectures—
By such luminaries as Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi; Nobel Peace Laureate Betty Williams; Camelia Sadat, daughter of Anwar Sadat

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"Honors helped me develop a relationship that led me to Indonesia for a month. Going out of the country gives you a different outlook on a lot of things in life; it puts different priorities on things. If there's a place you want to go, the Honors Program will help get you there."

Stacy Galleher
Marine Biology
San Jose, CA

Success

The University Honors Program is a portal to individual success...

UWF Honors students have made formal academic presentations at—

National Collegiate Honors Conferences
in Washington, DC, Chicago, Salt Lake City

Southern Regional Honors Conferences
in Orlando, Atlanta, Nashville

Florida Collegiate Honors Conferences
in Sarasota and Orlando.

Infinite Wisdom, the Honors newsletter, won first place in the national Honors newsletter competition.

UWF Honors physics majors were among ten Florida student scientists selected for the Physics Summer Research Program at Florida State University.

UWF Honors students contribute more than 3,000 community service hours every year in such projects as—

Habitat for Humanity
Make a Difference Day
Beach Clean-up
Adopt-a-Highway
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
America's Promise.

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The Invitation

New students who have the following high school credentials are invited to apply for the Honors Program—

3.5 GPA or top 10% of your class, and
26 ACT or 1170 SAT

College students may transfer from another Honors program by presenting these credentials: A college GPA of 3.0 and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or the Honors director of your former college or university.

The Program

Academic requirements
Minimum of eight Honors courses, including—
- Great Books I (must be taken first semester, freshman year)
- A 4000 level Honors seminar
- Five Honors electives
- Honors thesis
Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA to remain in good standing

Honors credit
May be earned from—
- designated Honors courses
- directed independent study in a topic or area not offered in regularly scheduled courses
- "Honors by Contract," whereby a student may earn Honors credit for a course not designated as Honors by doing additional work. This is often an opportunity to work closely with distinguished faculty.
- volunteer service. Sixty certified volunteer hours may be substituted for one Honors course.

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