GREATNESS STARTS HERE
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU TO MAKE YOUR MARK

TOP 1% OF ALL HIGHER ED INSTITUTIONS
CENTER FOR WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

TOP 20 PUBLIC RESEARCH INSTITUTION
TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION AND NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

BEST VALUE COLLEGE
THE PRINCETON REVIEW
If you’re looking to break the rules of what you thought an education could be and accelerate your success, the University of Arizona Honors College is the place for you.

You’ll be at the table with some of the best and brightest minds from across the world. Backed by a Tier-1 research powerhouse, you’ll create your own path with exclusive opportunities that only honors offers. Enjoy early access to class registration, make your voice heard in intimate class settings and learn one-on-one with world-renowned faculty. Fuel your curiosity by conducting research alongside leading scientists, performing an internship or deep-diving into a topic that ignites your passions. And a state-of-the-art Honors Village designed exclusively for students like you will elevate every aspect of your honors experience.

Join the Arizona Honors College and discover a hub of fellow thinkers, makers and doers who are also motivated to be the change.

YOUR FUTURE WITH HONORS

With your well-being top of mind, we’re reimagining what an Arizona education can look like. COVID-19 has brought about unprecedented times. And while many things are continuously changing, your possibilities remain endless as an Arizona Wildcat.

COVID-19 has created a new reality for us all. We need bright minds like yours to ask the tough questions and innovate new ways of thinking. When you join our 2021 honors cohort, you will discover an honors experience that prioritizes your safety and success while challenging you to improve the world in your own, unique way.

For the latest updates related to COVID-19 and to learn about how the University of Arizona has tailored its admissions process, visit admissions.arizona.edu.
WELCOME TO THE HONORS VILLAGE
The Honors Village is designed with you in mind. More than a dorm, this living and learning community will elevate every aspect of your life as an Honors Wildcat.

**LIVE**

First-year honors students reside in contemporary suite-style rooms while apartments are available for returning honors students. On-site amenities include recreation rooms, in-dorm dining at Arizona's newest food hall, '85 North, student lounges and a community kitchen.

**WORK**

Connect with honors students, staff and faculty under one roof. Experiential learning and faculty-led workshops will come to you in state-of-the-art classrooms. You’ll have your choice of collaboration spaces, whether you’re leading a group meeting or taking a coffee break.

**PLAY**

Ready for a study break? Savor a quiet moment in the outdoor courtyard or grab a bite to eat with friends at '85 North. Then head next door to our recreation and wellness center to workout or recharge.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FEATURES**

824 Beds in Suite-Style Dorm Rooms for First-Year Students  
228 Beds in Apartments with Kitchen and Living Spaces for Returning Students  

SILVER LEED-CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

“The best perk about living in the Honors Village is being able to form friendships with other similarly minded students.”

— PORTER, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.
FORGET YOUR COMFORT ZONE

When you’re plugged into the opportunities and resources of our premier research university, there are no limits to what you’ll achieve.

FIND YOUR FIT
Your path to success should match your personal interests, individual learning style and big picture goals. At the Arizona Honors College, you will create a unique experience tailored for your future, no matter what it may be. Want to combine your interests in several areas? No problem. Many honors students pursue multiple majors or degrees.

EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM ...
You’ll be side-by-side with classmates and faculty in smaller, thought-provoking classes that focus on active learning. Outfitted with the latest technology in our Honors Village facility, you will be fully immersed in a space designed for your success.

... AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM
Honors students have access to countless internships, research, volunteer projects or other activities designed to develop critical skills and increase future job prospects. When you participate in an applied honors experience, doors will open for you all over the world.

“Being an honors student allowed me to get hands-on experience with research. It was my first research project and I was able to learn a lot.”

— DANIELLE, BIOLOGY
VIP ADVANTAGES

As a member of the Arizona Honors College, you’ll have exclusive benefits to enhance your world-class Arizona experience, including:

- Priority class registration
- Mentorship from faculty and advanced honors students
- First-year seminars led by top professors
- Innovative classes
- Access to graduate courses and graduate library privileges
- Unique pre-med minor
- Medical School assured admission program (MEDCAT)
- Alternative Spring Break and other service-learning opportunities
- Assistance from the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships
- Grant money to fund your projects, even during your first year
- Internships and professional development
- Honors clubs and year-round events
- Signature civic engagement teams to make a difference in the community

[link]
go.arizona.edu/honors-advantages

---

“The Arizona Honors College provides a whole new set of opportunities. I love that I can build relationships with professors who are readily and willingly available.”

— JASMINE, LAW
As an Honors Wildcat, you will have the opportunity to work with some of Arizona’s best faculty. More than 60 of our best professors teach Honors First Year Seminars and serve as advisors to honors students. You’ll also learn alongside Honors Interdisciplinary Faculty who design courses exclusively for honors students. And residents of the Honors Village benefit from accessible support from honors faculty, whose offices are right in the same building.

HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS DESERVE HIGH-ACHIEVING MENTORS

HONORS FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

“I’m most drawn by the way honors students engage with ideas. Teachers delight in that spark in the students’ eyes when ‘the light goes on.’ With honors students, the light is on already and joy comes from having it glow brighter”

— PATRICK BALIANI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, HONORS INTERDISCIPLINARY FACULTY; AWARD-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT
YOUR FUTURE HAS NEVER LOOKED BRIGHTER

Will you be a Fortune 500 CEO? An educator who teaches the next generation? A physician who saves lives or the researcher who finds a cure to Alzheimer’s disease?

As an Honors Wildcat, you will align your knowledge, skills and passions through hands-on learning activities. Whether it’s an internship, volunteer project or research opportunity, your honors engagement experience will take your Arizona career to the next level, even before you graduate.

Here’s what some recent Honors College alumni say were the biggest benefits that helped them get to where they are today.

FACULTY MENTORSHIP

“Honors faculty members pushed deeper through discussion-based coursework. They also supported me in making connections in the industry and preparing for rigorous interviews.”

— NATALIE, BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND ACCOUNTING GRADUATE CURRENTLY WORKING AS A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIPS

“I was involved in a ton of research and internships throughout my time at Arizona. The most invaluable impact that the Honors College had on me was that it taught me how to enjoy learning.”

— YEZAN, NEUROSCIENCE & COGNITIVE SCIENCE, PHYSIOLOGY, MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY, AND ARABIC GRADUATE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

COMMUNITY

“Being in the Honors College allowed me to surround myself with people who were as academically driven as me. Making connections with people of other majors has helped me appreciate interdisciplinary perspectives to solve a problem.”

— CHRISTINA, PUBLIC HEALTH GRADUATE CURRENTLY PURSuing A MASTER’S OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MASTER’S OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
SOME OF THE BEST SCHOOLS IN THE WORLD THAT HAVE ADMITTED HONORS GRADUATES SINCE 2016

YALE SYRACUSE
UC BERKELEY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
OXFORD UCLA
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
CORNELL DUKÉ
COLUMBIA NYU
CALTECH NORTHWESTERN
MIT UNC CHAPEL HILL
STANFORD NOTRE DAME
JOHNS HOPKINS USC
VANDERBILT GEORGETOWN
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS BRANDEIS
CARNEGIE MELLON PENN

A FEW TOP COMPANIES THAT HAVE HIRED HONORS GRADUATES SINCE 2016

APPLE SIEMENS
DEUTSCHE BANK UBS
BOSTON CONSULTING BOSTON SCIENTIFIC
IBM TARGET
ERNST & YOUNG BANK OF AMERICA
VANGUARD MERRILL LYNCH
W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES BANNER HEALTH
TEACH FOR AMERICA RAYTHEON
AMERICORPS SALT RIVER PROJECT
AMAZON AMERICAN EXPRESS
PEACE CORPS GARMIN
MICROSOFT GENERAL MILLS
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PWC
DELOITTE AND TOUCHE LLP NESTLE
GOLDMAN SACHS MAYO CLINIC
ALL ABOUT HONORS

4,226 honors students
35,801 undergraduate students at Arizona

2020 ENTERING CLASS

51.6% of enrolling students come from diverse backgrounds
57% Female
43% Male
70% Arizona Residents
30% Non-Residents

1,880 First-Year
120 Transfer

2020 COURSES IN THE FALL

250+ honors courses major-specific
42 Catalyst sections
12 additional honors courses

INCOMING MAJORS BY COLLEGE

93 Eiler College of Management
25 Nursing
102 Medicine
5 Humanities
301 Science
11 Architecture + Planning + Landscape Architecture
23 Pharmacy
More than 100 distinguished faculty & staff dedicated to honors students

The University of Arizona has produced

125 Fullbright Scholars since 2010
4 Churchill Scholars since 2014

Events & Activities 2019–2020

38 National Scholarship Sessions
Fulbright info session, Rhodes Scholarship info session, UK Scholarships Workshop

32 Career & Professional Development Workshops

12 First-Year Program Events

15 Student Engagement Events
Honors Book Club, Professional Development Workshops, First-Year Project Symposium

8 Cultural & Common Reading Events

42 The A Center
47 Agriculture & Life Sciences
4 Education
82 Social & Behavioral Sciences
28 Fine Arts
10 Public Health
218 Engineering
YOUR FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

What can you expect in your first year as an Honors Wildcat?

The Honors First Year Experience helps you develop a solid foundation for your success. You’ll integrate supportive academic and social communities to enhance your experience from the outset, encouraging engagement in and outside of the classroom.

**YEAR ONE**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

**CATALYST**
This hybrid course, taught in the Honors Village, will launch you into the kind of innovative and critical thinking you will do throughout your honors career.

**PATH MENTORS**
Pair with an experienced honors student who will provide peer-to-peer mentoring during your first year on campus (program is optional).

**SECOND SEMESTER**

**FIRST YEAR SEMINARS**
Choose a seminar, taught by outstanding honors professors, and engage in thought-provoking academic discourse.

**FIRST YEAR PROJECT**
This optional program lets you dive into the world of research on a topic or issue that you’re genuinely passionate about.

**THROUGHOUT YOUR FIRST YEAR**

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**
There are many events exclusively for first-year students, beginning with a new student gathering during Welcome Week.

**COMMON READING**
Immerse yourself in a book that forms the basis for your Catalyst Seminar and first-year events here on campus.

**HONORS GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**
Fulfill general education requirements in courses that average 25 students and gain experience beyond the classroom.
“My advice to new honors students is to get involved as much as you can because there are many great opportunities that you have within reach.”

— VALERIA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES
WHAT SETS YOU APART IN THE YEARS AHEAD?
YOUR HONORS ADVANTAGE

After your first year, you will continue to customize your honors experience by building a portfolio of exclusive honors opportunities. With support from the Arizona Honors College, you’ll map out personalized experiences that will make you stand out during your time at Arizona and prepare you for whatever your future holds.

SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR YEARS
Work one-on-one with honors staff to refine your personal academic plan. Together, you’ll identify your key areas of interest, including finding a way for you to participate in at least one honors student engagement activity, such as an internship, research project or civic engagement opportunity.

SENIOR YEAR & BEYOND
The Honors Senior Thesis or Capstone allows you to produce a long-term, in-depth project in an area that you’re passionate about. It may be a research project, business plan, performance or exhibition, or a design project. It could even be a team-based project looking for an innovative solution to a problem. Many alumni say it was a favorite part of their honors experience.

“My advice to new honors students is to get out of your comfort zone in any way you can.”
— RYAN, COMMUNICATION
“The Honors College has offered me a community of caring individuals who are passionate about what they do, and who constantly dream bigger and achieve more than I thought possible. This community inspires me to push myself more in all areas of my life.”

— JENNA, PRE-PHYSIOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE
IT’S YOUR TURN

Head to go.arizona.edu/honors-apply

APPLICATION PROCESS
First, complete the University of Arizona’s application for admission. Once that’s done, you’ll be able to access the Arizona Honors College application, which will require:

- A personal statement
- An activity résumé
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor

Fall 2021 honors applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by our priority application date of November 16, 2020. The final deadline for honors application is February 15, 2021.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
The Arizona Honors College admits students based on a comprehensive review of all submitted materials. We consider your unweighted core high school GPA, the rigor of your high school schedule (including honors, IB, AP or dual enrollment classes), leadership experience, writing ability and a variety of other factors.

Please note: Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the University of Arizona is not requiring the submission of SAT and/or ACT scores for the 2021-22 academic year. The Honors College will not be considering SAT and/or ACT scores for students applying for the fall 2021 incoming class. If test scores are submitted to Arizona, they will not be seen by the review committee.

A COMPLETE HONORS COLLEGE APPLICATION INCLUDES YOUR:
- Online or paper application to Arizona
- Online honors application
- Arizona application processing fee

INTERESTED IN LIVING IN THE HONORS VILLAGE?
Once you are admitted, apply for housing through your Next Steps Center.

nextsteps.arizona.edu

ONE GOAL, SECOND CHANCE
If you are not admitted to the Arizona Honors College upon your initial application, you can always reapply as a current Arizona student after your first year.

To be eligible for honors as a current Arizona student, you must:

- Be a currently enrolled University of Arizona student.
- Have completed 12 or more units at Arizona.
- Have a minimum 3.4 cumulative Arizona GPA.
- Have at least three semesters remaining before graduation.
BUILDING YOUR FUTURE

TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
You will be admitted as an honors transfer student if you meet one of the following criteria:

• Overall transfer GPA of 3.75 (3.5 if transferring from Arizona State University or Northern Arizona University)
• Member of Phi Theta Kappa (must appear on your official transcript)
• Member of All-Arizona Academic Team

For more information about transfer admission, visit admissions.arizona.edu/transfer/admissions-requirements

TRANSFER HONORS SUPPORT
If you’re transferring to the Arizona Honors College, you’ll have dedicated support to help you create a plan that is aligned with your passions and interests. During your first advising appointment, an honors staff member will get to know you and the unique strengths you bring to our community.

During that first appointment, you will also:

• Review your transfer credits and plan for a smooth transition to the Arizona Honors College.
• Identify the best honors courses for your major.
• Discuss ways to get to know Arizona faculty members. It’s important to build relationships with professors early as you build towards your Honors Capstone or Thesis.
At the Arizona Honors College, we commit and aspire to create and foster a diverse and inclusive climate, where scholars of all backgrounds are welcome, safe and valued. As a community of scholars, we aspire to represent an environment in which diversity of thought, experiences and identities are respected, and encourage healthy collaboration where we learn, work and exist. We recognize this as critical to achieving academic excellence, advancing innovation, promoting critical thinking and fostering an inclusive learning community in which full participation and a sense of belonging are essential to success.