The students in the Honors College at The University of Akron come from a variety of backgrounds and show a broad area of academic interests and achievements. UA’s Honors College fosters a sense of community and supports an enriched education for these self-challenged, high-achieving learners through:

- Honors merit scholarships ranging from $1,500 to $4,500 for most students
- Special honors sections of many introductory classes
- Honors seminars (Colloquia) for second- through fourth-year students
- Faculty advisers in the student’s major
- An honors residence with private bathrooms
- Personal academic/career advisers
An Honors College student will complete a major in one of the bachelor’s degree-granting colleges, just like any other UA student. But they also receive the added benefit of selecting a set of Honors Distribution courses in place of UA’s General Education Program, participating in Colloquia seminars and completing an Honors Research Project.

**BENEFITS**

- Honors merit scholarships ranging from $1,500 to $4,500 for most students
- Live with other highly-motivated students in the residential wing of the Honors Complex
- Full use of the facilities in the academic wing of the Honors Complex
- First priority at class registration so that you can have the classes you need, with the instructors you select, during the semesters and at the hours you prefer
- A more flexible set of courses outside of your major
- Career counseling and graduate scholarship adviser
- Work with faculty in small honors colloquia and honors sections of introductory courses
- One-on-one research with a faculty member in your chosen area of study
- Special recognition at graduation and on your transcript
- Education abroad opportunities help make you more competitive in the global economy and improve your understanding of people from different backgrounds
- Of the spring 2012 graduating Honors College students, who responded to a survey, about 80 percent already had jobs lined up or graduate/professional school appointments in place
ADMISSION CRITERIA

First consideration is given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- High school cumulative GPA of at least 3.50
- ACT composite score of at least 27 or SAT combined score of at least 1800
- Excellent class rank

Additional factors considered for Honors College admission and scholarships include leadership potential, motivation and intellectual curiosity.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The process of joining the Honors College includes:

- First: Apply to UA at uakron.edu/apply.
- Next: Apply to Honors at uakron.edu/honors.
  - Submit a list of your awards, achievements and activities.
  - Submit an essay. Essay questions are provided.
  - Letters of recommendation are strongly encouraged.
  - If selected, interview with a college representative.

DEADLINES

- Nov. 1 – Early Honors College application and scholarship consideration deadline.
- Feb. 1 – Regular Honors College application and scholarship consideration deadline.

LEADERSHIP

In developing their natural gifts and talents, UA honors students also are encouraged to cultivate their leadership skills. This may be as subtle as active participation in classroom and group projects, or more visible roles, such as participation in Emerging Leaders or Phi Delta Epsilon.

LEADERSHIP CLUB SNAPSHOTS

Emerging Leaders

Participants of in the Emerging Leaders Community experience a valuable perk right from the start. They get to move in to the Honors Complex one week prior to the other students, before going through several days of leadership training. This is a good opportunity to make new friends in a unique learning community at the beginning of their college journey.

Note: Regularly, applications far exceed the spaces available in this program. Applicants are encouraged to include as much detail as possible on their application.

Phi Delta Epsilon

Phi Delta Epsilon is The University of Akron’s only co-ed, premed fraternity. It is a values-based organization and strives to help each member reach their end goal of being a physician through many programs offered throughout the school year.
Research opportunities are abundant for undergraduate students at UA. Pursuing research allows honors students to further develop interest in their field, as well as relationships with mentors.

HONORS RESEARCH PROJECT

The Honors Research Project is an important part of the UA Honors experience, and every Honors College student will complete a project. Interdisciplinary, creative projects are encouraged, and projects could be any one of the following types:

- **Research Thesis.** An original scholarship investigating a significant question.
- **Research Report.** A formal written presentation of technical, laboratory or investigative research.
- **Artistic or Creative Performance or Production.** In the fine arts, applied arts, or performing arts – a written report, introduction or commentary is required.

The student also must meet any additional department of college requirements for this project, such as prerequisite coursework or experience, qualifying examination or oral presentation. Study abroad or field experience may be accepted, with the approval of the student’s honors faculty adviser, as part of the project.

“**This research experience has not only taught me a lot about the medical field but I have also had the opportunity to shadow physicians, learn the requirements to write a successful journal article and establish great mentorships with my advisers.”**

**JON MONTEMAYOR: Hastings School, Spain**
The Honors Complex, located in the heart of campus, is the center of activity for honors students. Not only is it a residence hall for honors students, but it serves as a center for academics, too. The rooms in the residence wing include doubles and singles. Residents in the wing each share a bathroom with just one other person.

The academic wing features a large classroom, seminar rooms, a computer lab, study lounges and a two-story common room for socializing. Honors students, particularly those who are not residents, are invited to utilize the common room when on campus and not in class.

HONORS COLLOQUIA

The Honors Colloquia, open only to students in the Honors College, are interdisciplinary seminars designed to increase understanding of the primary concerns, the intellectual traditions, and the epistemologies of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

All Honors students are required to take three Honors Colloquia as part of the Honors Distribution. The colloquia are offered each fall and spring semester and frequently during summer sessions. The content of the colloquia changes every semester.

Visit uakron.edu/honors to find out which colloquia will be available before each registration period.
**ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

You’ll find honors students volunteering, tutoring and socializing, as well as participating in Honors Delegates, Associated Student Government, the Honors Club and more. UA honors students are artistic, scientific, athletic and so much more. There’s something for everyone.

**ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SNAPSHOTs**

**Honors Delegates**

As official representatives of the Honors College, Honors Delegates interact with prospective students and their parents, as well as visiting dignitaries, who have included government officials, authors and journalists.

**Rhythm & Roos**

Founded in 2005, Rhythm & Roos is a mixed honors a cappella singing group. They sing at many types of special UA events, including Honors College events, sports events and other student and alumni gatherings.

**Honors Club**

The Honors Club provides opportunities to form friendships, encourage a forum for group discussion of ideas and opinions, and discuss opportunities to serve both campus and community. The Honors Club has regular activities every semester such as Akron Aeros game days, cookouts at local parks, participation in campus activities and more.

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**BRITTANY HOVANECE; Brunswick High School**

“Being an honors student gives me priority registration, so I’m placed in the classes I need. It takes away some of the stress that comes with scheduling. In fact, I was able to schedule two of my Honors Colloquium classes with my friends and it was really fun. The classes were interesting... ones I wouldn’t normally enroll in.”
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VISIT CAMPUS
The best way to get a sense of the campus culture at The University of Akron is to visit. Check out uakron.edu/visitUA to learn more about visit opportunities.