



THE UNIVERSITY Honors Program

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

ABOUT THE HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program at Nicholls State University is designed to support and enrich high-achieving and highly motivated university students. The program provides enhanced educational experiences for a community of intellectually curious and academically talented students by providing challenging and creative opportunities that foster a lifelong love for learning.

Through innovative teaching, honors students receive a distinctly personal education that significantly involves them in the learning process. Because enrollment is limited, honors classes allow students to learn and thrive in small groups.

Students enrolled in the University Honors Program are entitled to special classes, privileges, and experiences not available to the general student body. These exclusive opportunities include:

- First-Day Early Registration for Classes
- Reserved Dormitory Sections
- Honors Study Center
- Special Scholarships
- Individualized Advising
- Honors Leadership Program
- Small-sized, Honors-Only Classes
- Extramural Activities
- Special Social and Cultural Events
- Spring Honors Forums
- Service on the Honors Student Council
- Honors-Certified Grades Transcript
- Graduation with Honors Award
- *Honors Abroad*

Honors Abroad is an exciting component of the University Honors Program. *Honors Abroad: England* for junior honors students involves study at the University of Plymouth for four weeks during the summer (July) and includes excursions to London, Oxford, Wales, and the West Country of England. *Honors Abroad: Costa Rica* for senior honors students involves two weeks of study in Costa Rica during the winter intercession, including excursions to rain forests, volcanoes, historical sites, and coasts of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Incoming freshmen may join the University Honors Program if they fulfill the following criterion: a composite ACT score of 25 or higher, with no subscore below 20. On the SAT, a minimum CR+M score of 1150 is required.

Current Nicholls students may join the University Honors Program at any time after earning a GPA of 3.2 or greater in at least 12 credit hours of Nicholls courses.

Students who have transferred from other universities may join the University Honors Program after earning a GPA of 3.2 or greater in at least 12 credit hours of Nicholls courses and (if applicable) completion of all developmental courses.

To remain a member of the University Honors Program, a student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or greater, must complete at least one honors course per academic year, and must work toward earning the University Honors Award at graduation. Upon completion of 18 hours of honors courses, two hours of Honors Forum, and four hours of Honors Independent Study, the student will earn the Honors Award at graduation and receive the Honors Diploma, the Honors Award medallion to wear at graduation, and Honors Certification on the official university transcript.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in joining the University Honors Program, please call or write for an application form. In addition, you will find a printable application form at our website. A one-time, nonrefundable honors student activity fee of \$35 is required with the application, 100% of which is applied to honors student activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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