# Honors College Knowledge



## **Introductions**

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# **Honor College Testimonials**

"Being in the liberal arts honors college as a freshman has been, to say the least, extremely invigorating. The **academic strides I have taken** since starting in this program have taken me to new avenues.

Being in the honors college class, **sizes are limited to 20 - 30 students**, allowing much needed **cohesion** that keeps the class on a much more **personal level**.

This makes **relationships with teachers** extremely personal and keeps students in the loop much more when compared to normal classes. This gives students, and me!, a **less complicated** place to learn, but most importantly an **environment where they can succeed** to the most **full potential** of begin **academic learners**."

- Chris, Pennsylvania State University



# Honor College Testimonials

"I really love being a part of the honors college. It has cool **general education classes that are different** than normal offerings and a better counseling unit than the normal college. If you're on the fence, do it! If it's too much, you can always switch out." - Benjamin, UCLA

"It's helped me **feel confident in my academics** and provided good opportunities in specific fields."

- Tess. UCSB

"I would say join honors because you will be in classes that are much smaller and you will be able to develop a relationship with the professor!"

- Daniel, University of Oregon



# Large Universities: Benefits to Consider

- Often large research institutions
- Larger athletic events, school spirit, and camaraderie
- Large alumni networks and connections
- Numerous majors and minors available
- Greek life (and many other clubs and organizations available)
- Customize your experience



# Large Universities: Potential Drawbacks

- Many classes are large lectures or taught by graduate assistants
- Inaccessible professors
- Being just a number
- Limited campus housing
- Graduate students get all the research opportunities
- Inadequate advising
- Lack of financial aid opportunities for students



# What is an Honors College?

The purpose of an Honors College/Program is to provide undergraduate students
the community and benefits of a small liberal arts school experience within the
larger university for high achieving students who desire a more enriched academic
environment

 Keep in mind that Honors is just ONE option/living learning community/experience/program; great option but know there are many great programs to learn about.



## **Common Features**

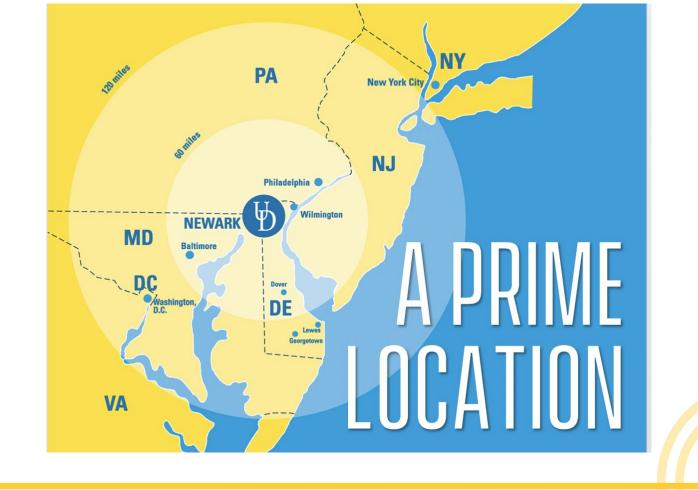
- Living/learning community with other honors students
- Priority course registration
- Smaller class sizes create a more active learning environment
- Top faculty often teach honors classes
- Exclusive internship, research and travel abroad opportunities
- Outside speakers and field trips
- Great for resumes and graduate school preparation





# UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE HONORS COLLEGE





# Honors College at the University of Delaware:

## **Distinguishable Characteristics:**

- Munson and Writing Fellow Program
- Honors Weekly Study Breaks
- Summer Scholars Research Program
- Optional Senior Thesis
- Honors Program is made up of 600 first-year students, made up from all of our eight colleges and the University Studies program

# Honors College at the University of Delaware:

## **Notable Graduate Outcomes:**

- 97% are employed or pursuing further education within 6 months of graduation
- 35-40% pursue advanced degrees, many in the top programs in their fields, studying at schools such as Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Michigan, MIT, Stanford, UPenn and UC Berkeley.
- Recent Goldwater, Gates Cambridge, Truman & Fulbright recipients



# Admission Requirements: Honors College at the University of Delaware

- Apply to the University of Delaware on one of the following platforms: Common Application or Coalition For College Access
- Select your interest to apply to Honors Program
- Log into your My Blue Hen Portal and complete the required essay
- Admits to the UD Honors College are considered for the Distinguished Scholarship Program

<sup>\*\*</sup>Applicants that are not offered admission to our Honors Program are still considered for admission to the University of Delaware\*\*



## ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY



## Arizona State University: Barrett, the Honors College

## **Distinguishable Characteristics:**

- Established in 1988, considered the "gold standard" of honors colleges
- 7,428 students enrolled across 4 campuses
- 15:1 student to faculty ratio
- Honors courses taught by top faculty
- Honors living learning community & curriculum
- Required thesis/creative project
- Student summer development program



## Arizona State University: Barrett, the Honors College

## **Notable Graduate Outcomes:**

- 98% of students are employed or in graduate school within 6 months of graduating
  - 50% Employment; 48% Graduate School (from UC Berkeley to Harvard)
- Among the country's leaders in winning Fulbright, Marshall, Truman, and Goldwater scholarships



# Arizona State University: Barrett, the Honors College

- Apply to Arizona State University on one of the following platforms: ASU's Sun Devil Application, Common Application, or Coalition For College Access
- Apply to Barrett, the Honors College via the free application on the Barrett website
- The Barrett application involves a holistic review process: academics, resume and involvement, recommendation letters, and essays
- Multiple deadlines to consider: Early Action, Regular Decision, and Late Consideration

# Final Thoughts

- Don't discount any colleges or universities on size (think fit)
- Many honors colleges and programs will have similarities, but do your research on any school you're interested in
  - i.e. admission requirements and timelines
- Honors is a great option but is not the end all be all. Lots of amazing opportunities/programs out there.
- Some opportunities exist for non-honors students to gain entry to Honor programs as a current University student

# **Counselor Tips**

- Added experiences and resume builders
  - Boosting resume for pre-professional students/graduate/career
- Turn likely school into a more selective/attractive option
- Program benefits
- Smaller experience in a larger university
- Merit aid



# Questions??



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