

Honors College Knowledge

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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*

*“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

*“It's helped me **feel confident in my academics** and provided good opportunities in specific fields.”*
- Tess, UCSB



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

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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