



As an Honors College student at the University of Arkansas, you can **major in any program** offered through the six academic colleges, and receive an **enriched learning experience** in a community of **thoughtful, innovative and dedicated** peers.

The benefits of being an honors student include

- **Innovative courses**, such as the Honors Humanities Project, a four semester class combining the disciplines of history, literature and fine arts to take in-depth looks at cultures from around the world and across time.
- Eligibility for scholarships and fellowships not available to other students. Each year, more than 90 new freshmen receive honors fellowships that provide **up to \$50,000 over four years**, plus non-resident tuition for out of state students.
- Access to **undergraduate research grants**. The University of Arkansas has more money in endowment to pay for undergraduate research than any other university in the nation. Honors students have led their own research projects, published academic papers and presented at conferences.
- **Study abroad** grants of up to \$4,000. Honors students can get funding to write poetry in Ireland, help villagers in Belize, study the culture of India and much, much more.
- A room in the lively **Pomfret Honors Quarters**. According to English major Cara Turbyfill, "the magic of Pomfret isn't the location or the room size. It's the community. Companionship is only a few feet away."
- **Special assistance** in applying for prestigious scholarships, post-graduate fellowships and graduate schools. Honors students have become Rhodes, Marshall, Barry Goldwater, Fulbright, Truman and National Science Foundation Scholars. In past years, Honors College graduates have enjoyed a 100% acceptance rate to medical schools.

Study Abroad

Jill Ivey, a chemical engineering major, traveled to South Africa, where she studied the social and political history of the country, as well as its animal and human habitats. To directly experience the things they learned in the classroom,



the students visited fossil sites and a game reserve. Describing this trip, Jill said:

Never have I seen a sky as beautiful as the African sky that spread out above our tents in the Nash Game Reserve. We spent our days driving around on safari rides, seeing the animals we had been learning about in their natural habitats. At

night we sat around the campfire, reflecting on the day, and learning more about each other and ourselves at the same time.

Innovative Classes

Honors versions of core classes feature top faculty members, smaller class sizes and an intensive study of the material. In addition to these courses, honors students have access to special classes, such as honors colloquia, which offer compelling topics in the professor's area of interest and expertise. Another example is the Honors Humanities Project, a four-semester course which takes an in-depth look at cultures from across time and around the world. Cara Turbyfill, an English major, describes the appeal of H2P:

The topics studied and the professors teaching are so varied that there's something in Honor Humanities Program for everyone. I know pre-Med students who loved H2P, and even a future Marine who said that everyone going into the service should have to take a class like this. This class really teaches you how to think cross-culturally.

Research Opportunities

At the University of Arkansas, honors students like Adam Barito, a mechanical engineering major, conduct ground-breaking research. Working with Dr. Matt Gordon, Adam is helping to develop a new way to create aluminum oxide coatings for industrial tools and biomedical implants, and he had the opportunity to present at international conferences in Germany and California. Adam has been accepted to several selective graduate schools, and he will be attending the University of Michigan with a full fellowship.



If you put the work in, you really do have opportunities that other people don't have, such as the chance to do research and present at conferences. It was invaluable for me to be able to talk about the skills I've gained from my research when I applied to graduate schools.

Service and Sustainability

Every college at the University of Arkansas provides opportunities to explore sustainability and participate in service learning. In the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, the GroGreen student organization promotes organic and community gardens. Students in the Fay Jones



School of Architecture have designed and built homes and other structures for their local communities, incorporating environmentally friendly materials and designs. In the College of Education and Health Professions, students have worked with an area hospital to improve patient care, designed exercise

programs for local high schools, and volunteered in a clinic that provides therapy for people with communication disorders.

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ac Stephen, an honors pre-med student, has accomplished a lot at the University of Arkansas: study abroad trips to Central America, service learning projects on and off campus, and an honors thesis on immunology. Through these experiences, he has discovered that the world needs better medical care and technology, and he has discovered that he has the skills to help provide those things.

With funding from a Bodenhamer Fellowship, Mac traveled to the Dominican Republic, where he took classes on medicine and development, provided blood pressure screening and information, and observed physicians in local hospitals. While studying in Belize, he created a foundation to aid hungry school children. Mac also discovered service learning opportunities closer to home. For the past three years, he has worked in the pathology lab at Washington Regional Medical Center, assisting the pathologists who analyze organs that have been removed during surgery. Mac has also gained research experience while working on his honors thesis. He is studying T-cells, important components of the human immune system, to see why they weaken as they age and to look for ways to keep them working effectively.

Mac will be attending Harvard Medical School. He credits the "wide variety of opportunities that were available on campus, especially through the Honors College," with helping his med school application stand out. Eventually, Mac would like to work as a primary care physician or an emergency room doctor, and he explained that "the encouragement and mentorship of faculty" helped him discover his passions and achieve his goals.

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discover yourself



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hen Allison Rasche finishes her honors thesis, she will have a CD of her own music, a strategy to market it, and plenty of hands-on experience with the business side of the music world. Allison, who has been playing music since she was five years old, was excited to find out she could study music business, a major that combined her passion for music with her interest in business. "I love having classes about my favorite subject," she said.

Allison is recording a CD that will include original compositions as well as work by other composers. She has composed pieces for flute, piano and full orchestra. To record the orchestral piece, she contacted musical friends, organized a practice and recording session, conducted the group of around 20 musicians, and even found scholarship funding so she could reimburse the participants.

When Allison is done editing and producing her album, she will turn to the business side of things. On her CD, she plans to include at least one piece that is copyrighted by another composer, so that she can gain experience dealing with copyright permissions. She also plans to develop a potential marketing strategy, finding the demographic who will most likely purchase her music and figuring out how to reach potential customers. When she graduates, Allison plans to look for a job in the music industry so that she can continue to use the creative music and business skills she has honed at the University of Arkansas.

find your passion and
create a masterpiece



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s the first person from her family to attend college, Jennifer Herrera, a chemical engineering honors student, had something to prove. "Being female and Hispanic, I wanted to fight against the stereotype that I would never be anything, especially being from South Central Los Angeles," she explained. Not only has Jennifer proven herself to be a talented and dedicated student, she has become an important part of the University community, and she's found many ways to help others, both on and off campus.

Jennifer is active in the international community on campus. She serves as a cross-cultural mentor, helping international students adapt to life at the University. As the Coordinator and vice president of the International Students Organization, she helped organize events and activities. She has also participated in Leadershape, a campus program that promotes leadership skills. Her experiences at the University of Arkansas have given Jennifer the skills and confidence to help people off campus, as well. Visiting Guatemala one summer, Jennifer noticed a local elementary school with only one teacher, so she volunteered to help out, teaching reading and math to first through sixth graders.

One of the things Jennifer values about her experience at the University of Arkansas is the opportunity she's had to meet students from many different backgrounds. "I've learned to bond with people with different goals and experiences," she explained. When she graduates, Jennifer plans to use the academic and social skills she has gained to continue improving the lives of people all over the world.

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