Students in the University Honors Program at the University of Houston-Downtown have the advantage of belonging to an intellectually and socially vibrant community within the larger university. The Honors Program collaborates with UHD's five colleges to provide its students an exceptional undergraduate experience as they pursue their degrees and prepare for the future.

The Honors Experience: Scholarship, Leadership & Citizenship

The University Honors Program is a unique academic option available to intellectually gifted and academically talented students. Honors students benefit from close faculty interaction, engaging Honors courses, personalized advising, and special opportunities for cultural enrichment, preprofessional networking, and study abroad. Weekly study sessions, proactive academic coaching, and access to a wide range of content related resources help promote the continuing success of Honors students. For example, at the conclusion of their first semester more than 50% of the Honors Class of 2019 had earned a GPA of 3.4 or higher with nine 4.0s!

College is a journey. Honors is an adventure.

The University Honors Program is an interdisciplinary program open to all majors. Faculty and staff mentors work together to ensure Honors students remain connected to the college of their major. Many Honors students possess a broad range of interests, such as photography and computer science, animal rights advocacy and bilingual education, ballet and premed or powerlifting and business. Honors provides gifted students with opportunities to make the most of their diverse passions and talents as they pursue their major field of study.

Student Centered & Future Focused

Learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom. Honors students gain real world experience as problem solvers, critical thinkers, and effective communicators. Honors faculty and staff are dedicated to helping students identify and reach their “big picture” goals whether it's graduate or professional school, public service or a career.

The University Honors Program invites applications for Fall 2016. Space is limited and scholarships are available to highly qualified applicants.

Visit us on the web or in person to learn more.

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Friends like Family
Wallace Wilson
Majors Political Science & Communications
To me the Honors Program is a home away from home and the new friends I have made have become a second family to me. We support each other through thick and thin. When I came to UHD the only person I knew was my best friend from high school. Being around the students in the Honors Program helped me find the confidence to be more outgoing and I’ve become very involved at UHD. We’re all very different, but because we share common goals and a commitment to the future we’re a very accepting group.

Puzzle Pieces
Chisomnazu Ibe
Major Biology
My peer mentor Taylor is like my other half. She’s really helped me find my way around the university and shared with me a lot of what she wished she knew as a freshman. We’re both really serious about our grades, but also like to make each other laugh. Even though we don’t have the same major and come from different backgrounds, we fit together like pieces in a puzzle.

Courses that Open Doors
Helen Martinez
Majors History & English
I think I would have been bored in regular classes. Honors has allowed me to take more challenging courses than those available to the average freshman, such as Dr. Thomas’s Honors seminar. The concept of rewriting a fairy tale was something new to me, but it turned out to be more than just a challenging assignment—it opened the door for me to present at UHD’s Gender Studies Conference. I knew that I would be successful in college, but I didn’t anticipate I would find myself surrounded by people who share my passion for learning and accept my individuality.