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New Student
Orientation!

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YOUR STORY. **YOUR HONORS.**



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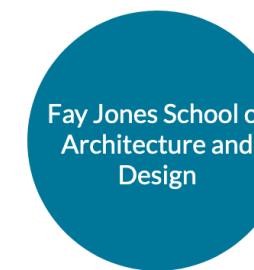
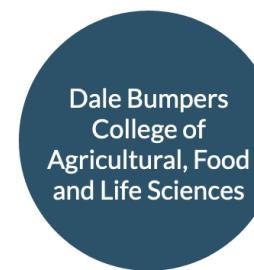
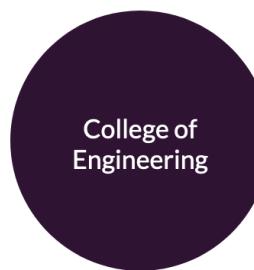
The Honors College

- Created in 2002 with the help of a donation from the Walton Family Foundation
- Our goals:
 - To make for a **more fulfilling college experience**, both inside and outside the classroom
 - To prepare our students for the **next steps in life**



The Honors Programs

1 HONORS COLLEGE, 6 HONORS PROGRAMS



- **Honors degree requirements** vary across academic colleges, so make sure to pay attention to the honors information your college provides
- You can also find this information on the **Academics tab** of the Honors College website (scroll down and click on your academic college's circle)





Honors Courses

- Regardless of the field, honors courses are distinguished by:
 - **Smaller class sizes** that focus on classroom discussion and collaboration
 - **Increased interaction** between honors faculty members and students
 - Designed to be **rigorous, yet rewarding**
- You will have the opportunity to start taking intro-level honors courses your first year at the university



Examples of Honors Courses

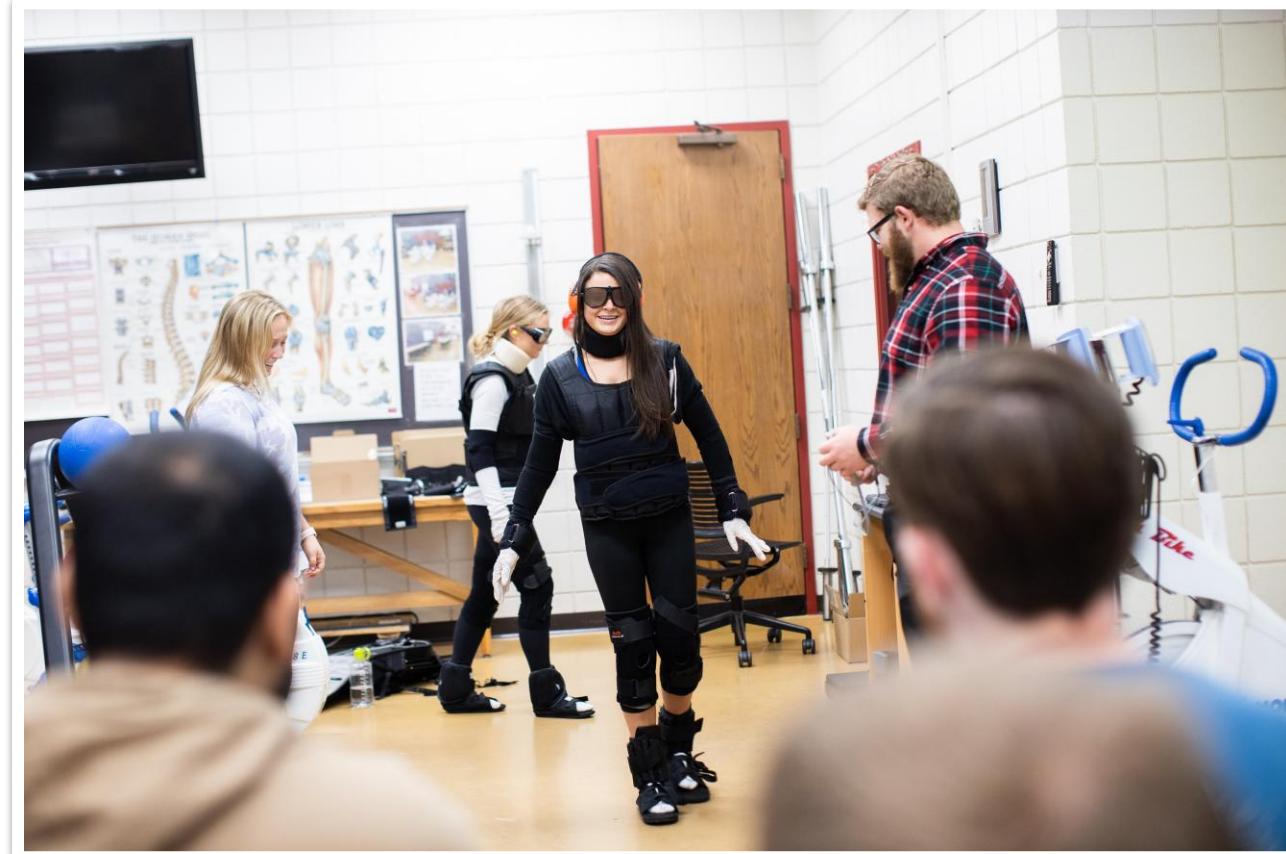
- **Traditional “intro” honors courses**
 - General education requirements taken during freshman and sophomore years
- **Team-taught, interdisciplinary courses**
 - Example: Honors Humanities Project (H2P)
- **Colloquia & Signature Seminars**
 - Very focused upper-level courses in a discipline
 - Signature seminars typically require an application
- **Honors College Forums & Retro Readings**
 - One-hour topics courses offered to all honors students



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Tips for Honors Courses

- **You don't have to be in an honors class every semester!**
 - Discuss requirements with your academic advisor.
- **If possible, we recommend taking at least one, 3-or 4-credit hour honors class in your first semester.**
- **Still waiting on AP scores?**
 - Let your academic advisor know what scores you are waiting on.
 - They may recommend you still sign up for that class.



Tips for Pre-Health/Pre-Law Students

- **Scan here** to visit our Honors College pre-professional resources landing page
- Access our Sharepoint for more detailed information, including recommended classes and tips for building your résumé
- Look for pre-professional programming during A-Week





Study Abroad

- UA offers over **40 programs** led by UA faculty
- **Hundreds of program options** outside UA
- Take classes in English or a second language
- Programs range from **highly structured and guided to independent and adventurous**
- Opportunities available for **all majors**



Study Abroad Grants

- **Competitive grants** are available to participate in study abroad programs that take place for
 - a few weeks
 - a semester or summer
 - an academic year
- **Want to apply as a freshman?** Be sure to sign up for three credits of honors your first semester!



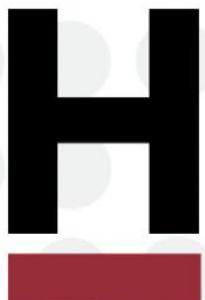
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Planning for Study Abroad

- **Plan early!**
 - Visit the Study Abroad website: studyabroad.uark.edu
 - Meet with the Office of Study Abroad
- **Know the honors course requirements for each grant**
- **Use Honors College resources**
 - Honors College website
 - Grants Manager: Chelsea Hodge, cew003@uark.edu

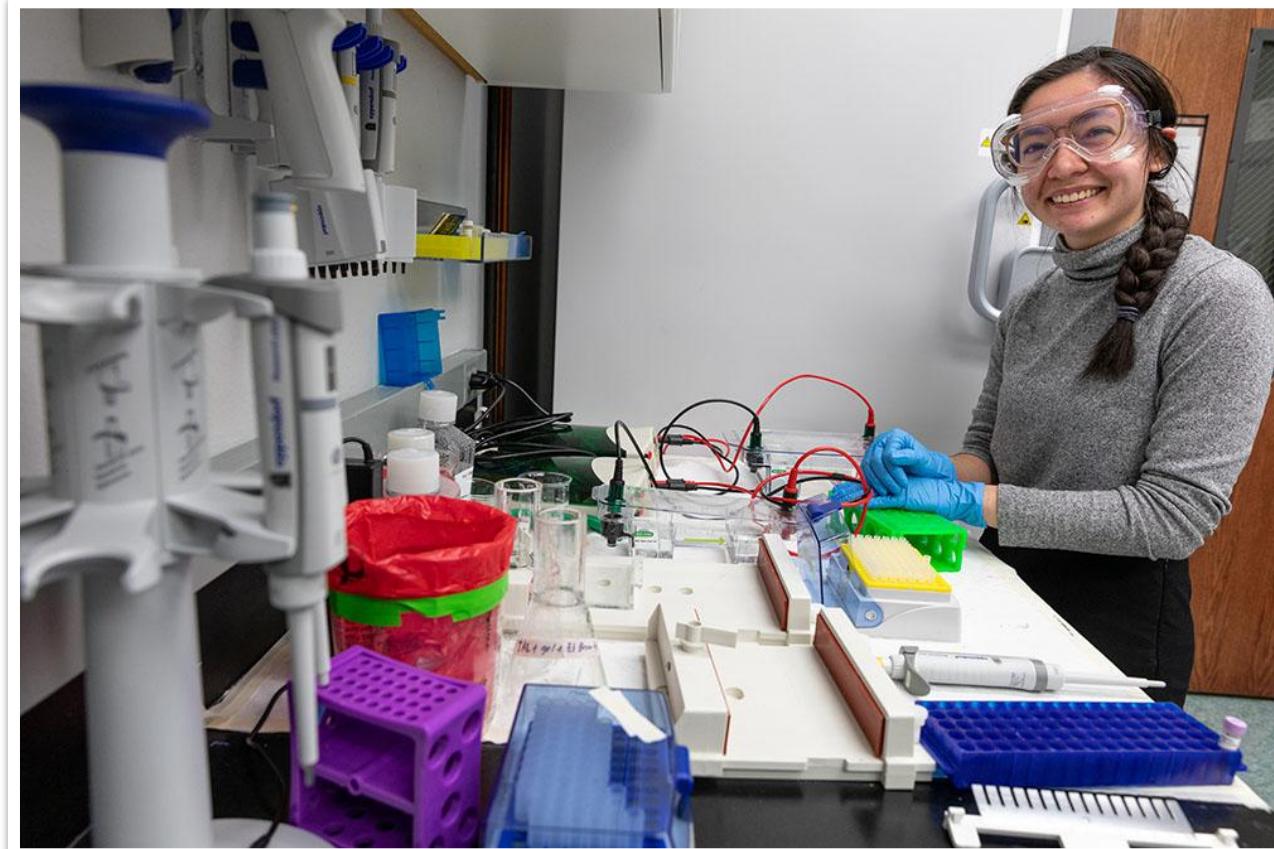


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Undergraduate Research

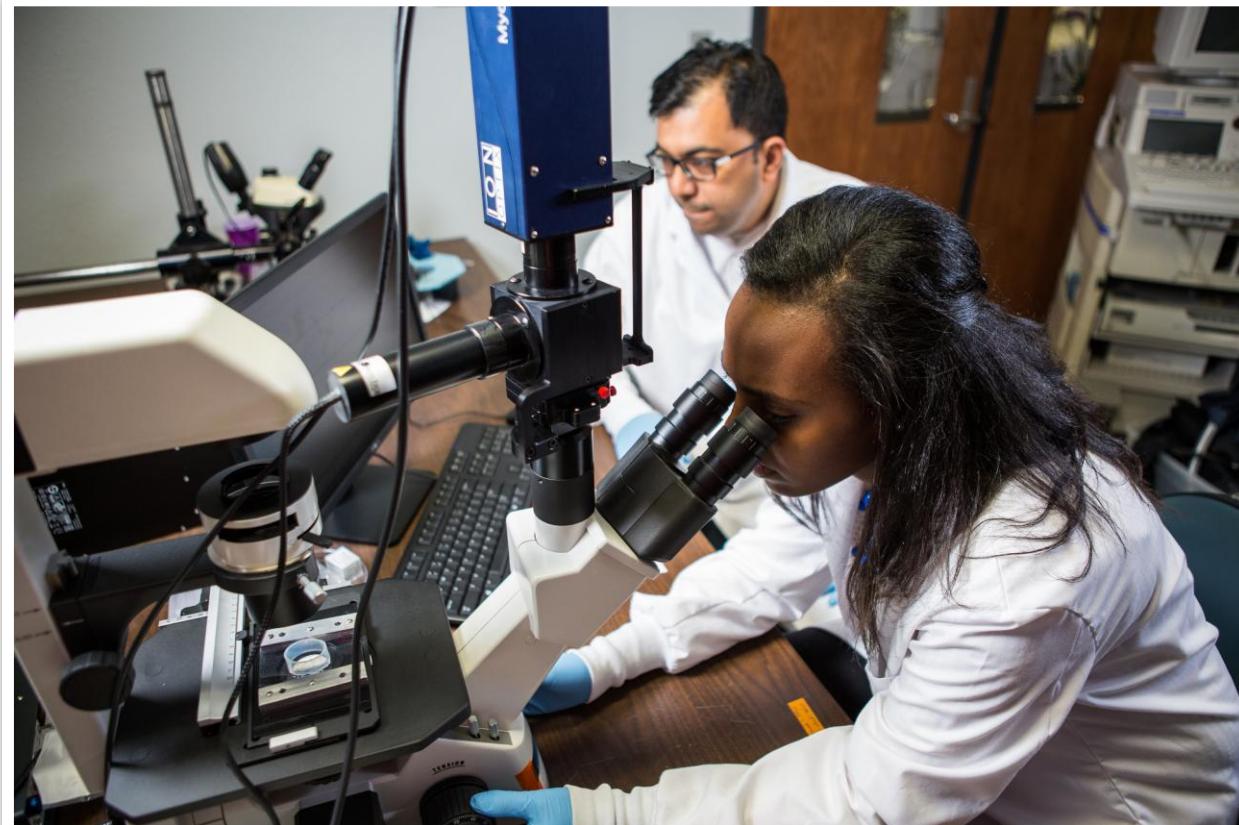
- All honors students are required to complete a **faculty-led, undergraduate research project or creative activity** in their academic field
 - **Grant funding** is available to support your project
- This project serves as **fantastic preparation** for either graduate school or the workplace

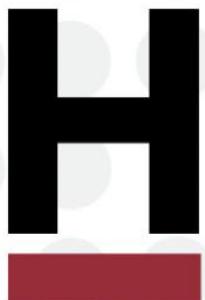


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Tips for Undergraduate Research

- **During your first year,** learn about research in your discipline
- Attend workshops in the Honors College to learn more about research
- Students typically start research at the end of sophomore year





The Futures Hub

- Staff members in our **Futures Hub** help honors students explore opportunities on campus and in the community to prepare them for life after college
- The Hub uses the **GREAT Framework**:
 - Global Experiences
 - Research
 - Engagement
 - Academics
 - Trajectory
- Visit honorshub.uark.edu to learn about our resources or to schedule an appointment





Gearhart Hall

- **Home** of the Honors College
- Located between **Old Main and Bell Engineering**
- Includes two wonderful **student lounges** along with Honors College staff offices
- **Stop by when you get a chance!**



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Hotz Honors Hall

- **Hotz** houses 416 of our new honors freshmen each year
- Whether or not you live in the building, you're invited to all **Honors College events** that take place in Hotz or Gearhart Hall!





Graduating with Honors

- All students who complete the honors requirements (including research) get a **Latin distinction** on their diploma that is also noted on their transcript
- All graduates become members of our **Senior Common Room**, which comes with our **Audax at Sapiens** pin
- **Most important?** A life-long plus on your resume





Thank you!

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