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New Student  
Orientation!

**HONORS COLLEGE**  
YOUR STORY. **YOUR HONORS.**



# The Honors College

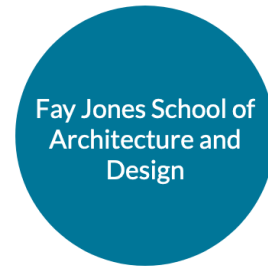
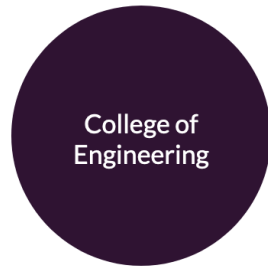
- Created in 2002 with the help of a donation from the Walton Family Foundation
- Our goals:
  - To make for a **more fulfilling college experience**, both inside and outside the classroom
  - To prepare our students for the **next steps in life**





# The Honors Programs

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- **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

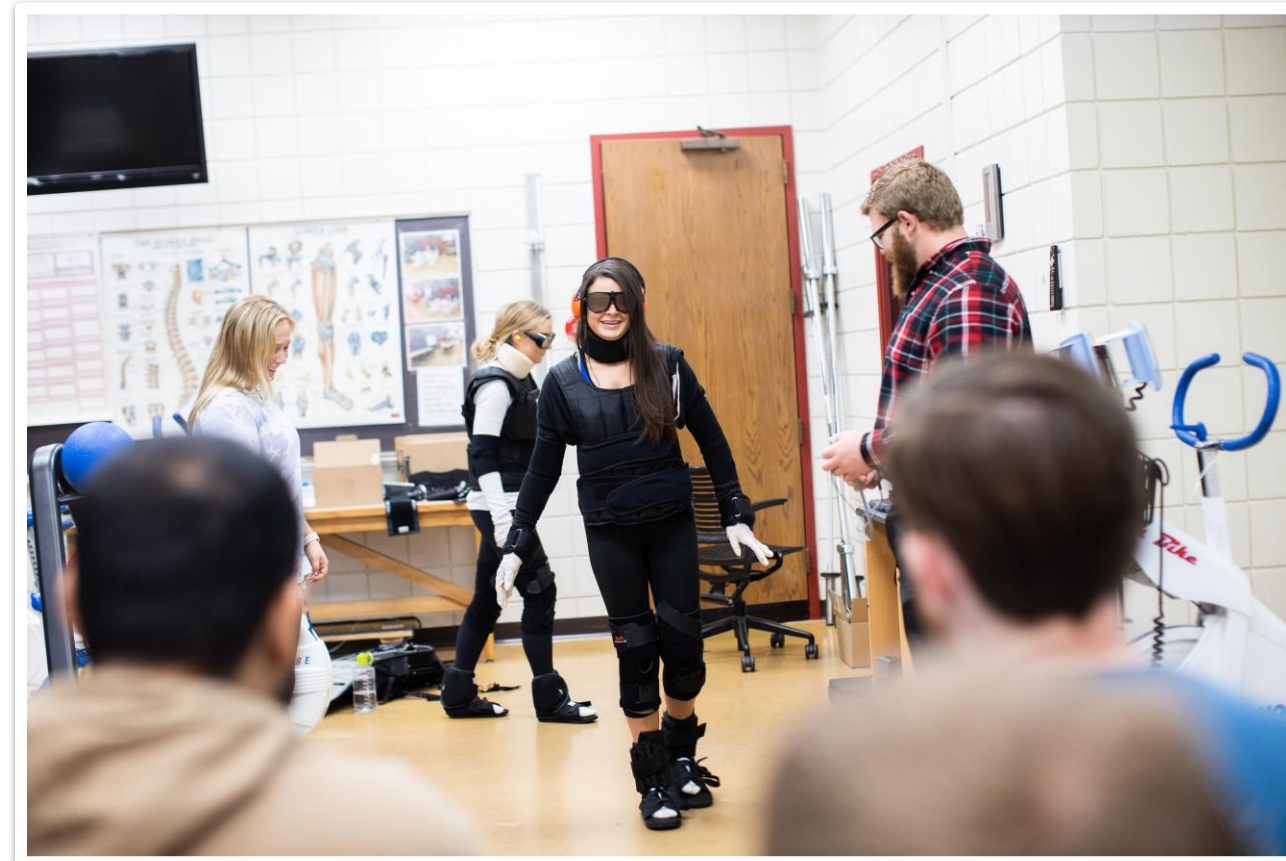
- **Traditional “intro” honors courses**
  - General education requirements taken during freshman and sophomore years
- **Team-taught, interdisciplinary courses**
  - Example: Honors Humanities Project (H2P)
- **Colloquia & Signature Seminars**
  - Very focused upper-level courses in a discipline
  -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





# 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!



# Planning for Study Abroad

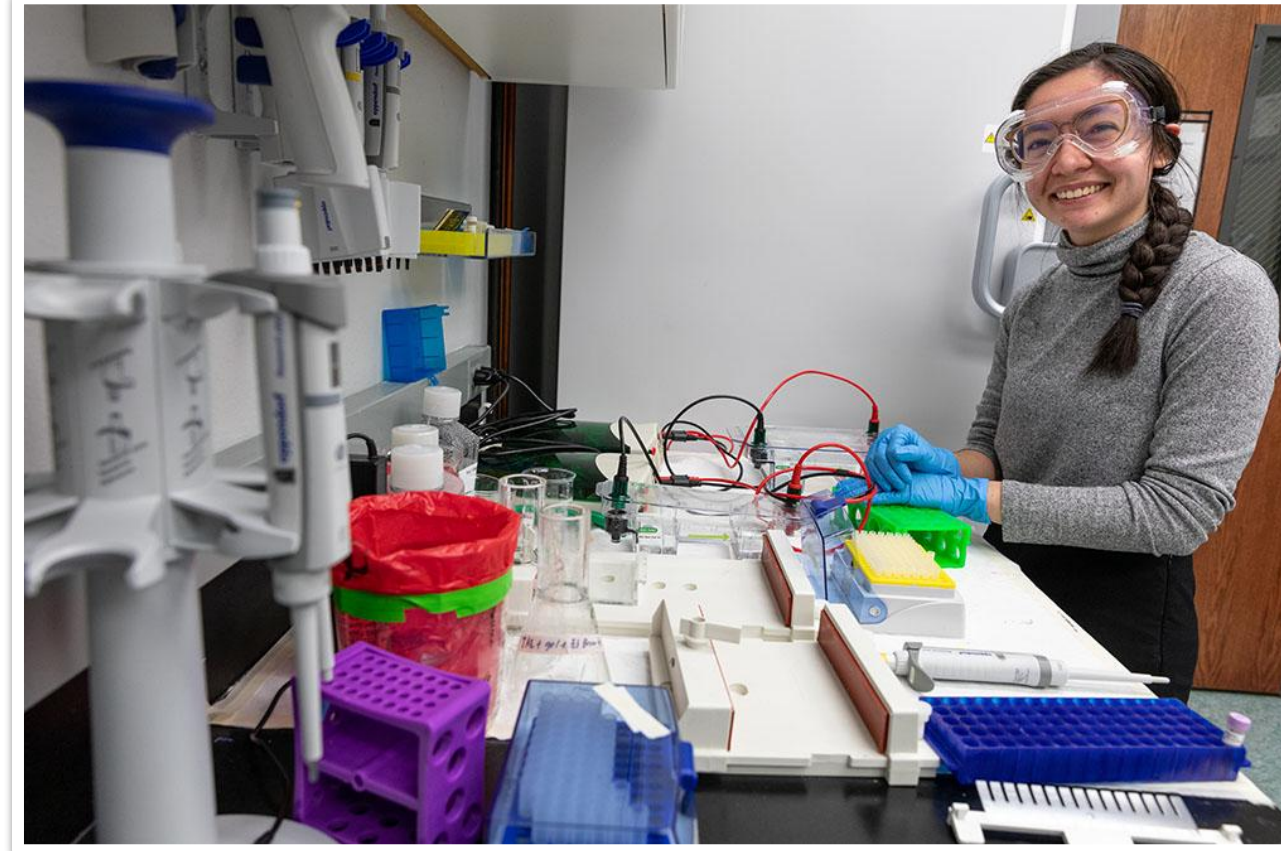
- **Plan early!**
  - Visit the Study Abroad website: [studyabroad.uark.edu](http://studyabroad.uark.edu)
  - Meet with the Office of Study Abroad
- **Know the honors course requirements for each grant**
- **Use Honors College resources**
  - Honors College website
  - Grants Manager: Chelsea Hodge,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





# Undergraduate Research

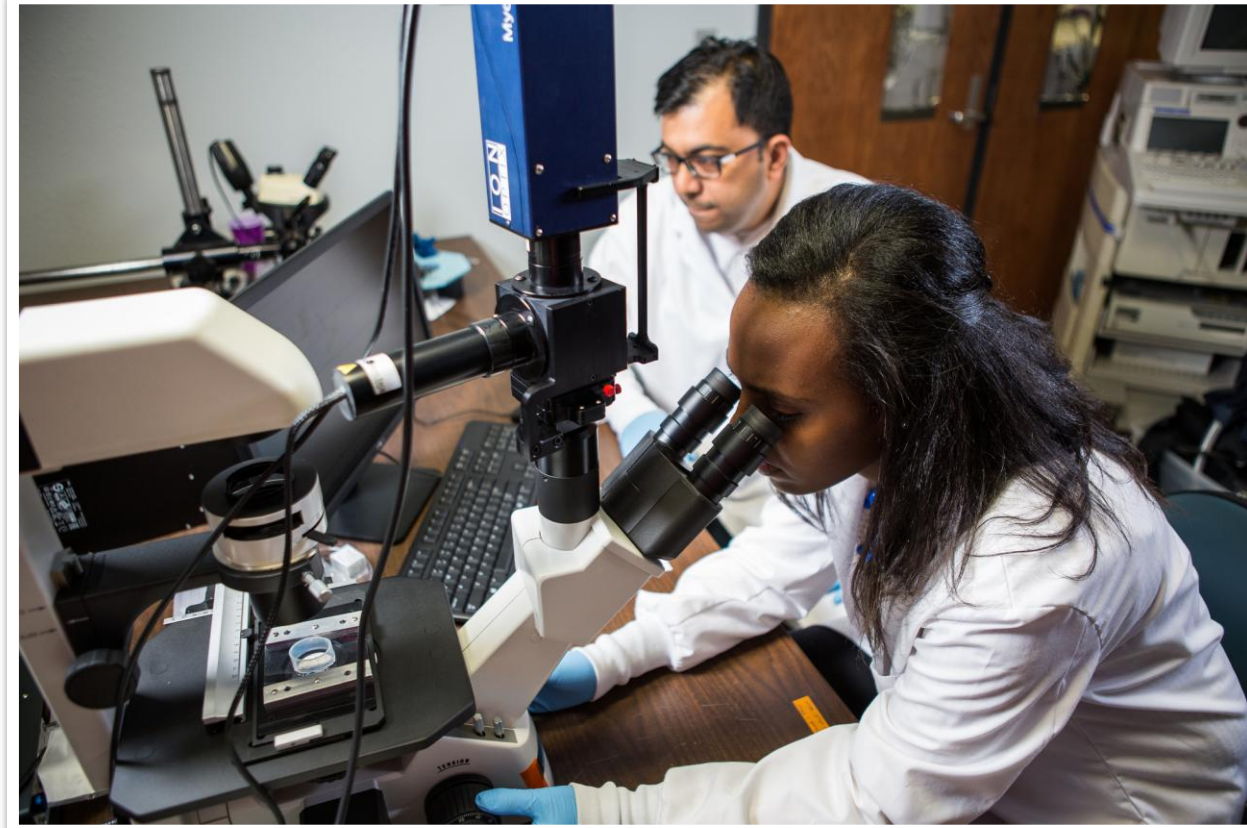
- All honors students are required to complete a **faculty-led, undergraduate research project or creative activity** in their academic field
  - **Grant funding** is available to support your project
- This project serves as **fantastic preparation** for either graduate school or the workplace





# 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](https://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!**





# 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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