

# NIAGARA UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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## ELIGIBILITY

Entering first year students who have been offered either a President's or Trustees' Scholarship by the middle of March will be invited to apply. Applications will automatically be sent to those who qualify.

Transfer & rising sophomores with fewer than 48 credits must meet the following to be invited to apply

- 3.5 Cumulative GPA in all prior college coursework.

\*An invitation to apply is not a guarantee of acceptance into the program. Admission to the University Honors Program is a selective process and is reserved for those students who enjoy learning and taking intellectual risks.

## CURRICULUM

Students entering the program as freshmen must complete five (5) honors courses and a two (2) semester honors thesis project (7 courses, 21 credit hours total). In most cases, these courses are not additional courses one must take. Instead, they are honors sections of courses one would take anyway. There are, however, a few exceptions with regard to the honors thesis courses.

The courses are distributed as follows:

- 1 Honors REL 101 or REL 103**
- 1 Honors PHI105**
- 2 Honors courses among the general education categories in addition to REL101/103 & PHI105**
- 1 Honors-enhanced course (300 or 400 level) in student's major**
- 2 Semester Honors Thesis (to be presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Conference)**

Students must maintain a 3.25 overall GPA to remain in program. If for some reason a student falls below this, he or she is put on probation and given a semester to raise the GPA back to 3.25.

Honors students are also expected to take part in some of the extra-curricular events sponsored by the honors program. This includes attendance and/or participation at the annual Undergraduate Research Conference.

## BENEFITS

- Priority registration
- Smaller general education classes in Honors
- Building community with other Honors students
- Opportunities to work one-on-one with faculty (via honors-enhanced course and honors thesis)
- Graduation with Honors is a way to distinguish yourself and stand out from among your peers
- Special extra-curricular activities available only to honors students

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