

University Honors Program

The Catholic University of America

Revised June 9th, 2014

The University Honors Program at The Catholic University of America offers a challenging and inspiring liberal arts program to motivated students with outstanding academic promise. The faculty are drawn from among the most knowledgeable scholars and finest undergraduate teachers at the university. In addition to an outstanding academic program, the UHP offers a variety of excellent social and cultural opportunities: ranging from the annual Christmas dinner, to trips to the theater, to scenic hikes in Maryland and Virginia, to spring break trips to Jerusalem, Madrid, and other major European cities.

In recognition of the added dedication and commitment demanded of honors students, The Catholic University of America offers a number of incentives and services, including:

- Priority registration for courses;
- Honors housing opportunities;
- Research opportunities with honors faculty;
- Highly personalized advising and mentoring services;
- Invitations to special events, lectures, museum and gallery exhibits, convocations, and receptions on campus and throughout the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area;
- Guidance in preparing and applying for graduate and professional schools;
- Designation as a University Scholar upon successful completion of three Honors Tracks and the Senior Capstone Seminar; and
- Assistance in applying for national and international awards, including the Fulbright, Marshall, Wilson, Rhodes, Mellon, and Oxford scholarships and fellowships.

Selection Process

Students wishing to join the University Honors Program after they begin study at the Catholic University of America must first meet the required 3.5 minimum GPA. Exceptional students may be accepted based on first-semester midterm grades, but most students should expect to apply after a full semester of study. Prospective Honors students must complete the following application and an interview with the director or assistant director. Eligible students must be of second semester freshman standing or sophomore standing. **Please note that a 3.5 GPA does NOT guarantee admission to the Honors Program, nor does the completion of this application.**

Please read through and answer the questions below and email the completed application to the University Honors Program (cua-honorsprogram@cua.edu). We will contact you in order to arrange a time for your interview.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester

November 1

Spring Semester

April 1

University Honors Program Application

Thank you for your interest in the University Honors Program!

Please submit your complete application and responses to the questions below to cua-honorsprogram@cua.edu

Name:		Email:	@cardinalmail.cua.edu
School:		CUA ID#:	
Major:		Major Advisor:	
Minor(s):		Undergraduate Advisor:	
Current Class Standing:	Freshman Sophomore	Estimated Graduation Semester:	
Cumulative GPA:		First Time Applicant?	Yes____ No____
Plans following graduation?			

Short Answer Essays

Please respond to each in 250-500 words. Attach additional pages to this application.

1. What courses and activities do you hope to take advantage of within the Honors Program, and how do you envision them enhancing your academic and extracurricular experience?
2. What intellectual strengths do you possess that make you ideally suited to the Honors Program?
3. Discuss a book that had a transformative effect on you. Be specific about why the book changed your perspective. Please choose a book that you have read on your own, rather than for school. It can be fiction or nonfiction.