I joined the Honors College largely because I wanted to receive the individual attention that is often hard to find in a large university. The research opportunities and excellent faculty provided by the Honors College have surpassed my expectations. Its office is always friendly, comfortable and very helpful. Your advisers can always be counted on to give you the guidance tailored to your needs.

Nick Crain, ’11
biology
The UTSA Honors College provides an enhanced educational experience for academically talented students with a commitment to excellence. The Honors College is open to students from all academic disciplines.

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY IN THE HONORS COLLEGE

Honors classes include special sections of regular courses with smaller enrollments and interdisciplinary seminars that bring together advanced students from diverse disciplines. Honors courses do not require more work; rather, the work is enriched to encourage intellectual exchange and individual thought. Most Honors courses meet core curriculum or major requirements, and students can graduate from the Honors College without any extra time requirements.

The Honors College emphasizes a breadth of academic experience. In the junior and senior year, Honors students also become more focused in a particular academic discipline. Upper-division Honors work typically culminates in a senior Honors thesis or senior Honors project.

ELIGIBILITY

Incoming freshmen are expected to have a composite SAT (CR+M) of 1200 or above or a composite ACT score of 27 or rank in the top 10 percent of their class. Students who meet either the test score or rank requirement may apply and are considered for admission under a holistic review process. Current UTSA and transfer students may apply if they have a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

B.A. IN HONORS STUDIES

Honors students may also choose to major in Honors studies. This unique degree program entails an interdisciplinary course of study along with Honors seminars and a concentration in an area of study chosen by the student. It works particularly well for students with an interest in law, medicine or a broad range of liberal arts disciplines.

SPECIAL BENEFITS

ADVISING AND PRIORITY REGISTRATION

The Honors College staff provides academic counseling for all Honors students, and all members of the Honors College register with the university’s seniors on the first day of the enrollment period.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Honors College awards approximately $300,000 in Honors scholarships annually.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The Honors College staff assists students in finding research assistantships and encourages students to complete an Honors thesis. The Honors College provides grants for financial assistance for research and for travel to professional conferences.

STUDY ABROAD

The Honors College encourages Honors students to acquire an understanding of the people, events, ideas and objects of cultures other than their own. Scholarships are available through the International Education Fund. Students may graduate with International Distinction through participation in a study abroad experience or mastery of a foreign language at the 2023 level.

HONORS INTERNSHIPS

Honors students are encouraged to work in their fields prior to graduation. Students may earn credit for Honors internship experiences.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

The Honors College assists students in applying for prestigious national awards, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Gates-Cambridge, Fulbright and Goldwater scholarships and Mellon and NSF fellowships.

HONORS HOUSING

All Honors College students are invited to reside in the Honors section of campus housing. Honors Housing slots fill quickly, so apply early.

“I joined the Honors College to challenge my mind, connect with a smaller group of students, and to open new doors of opportunity. Over the years I have met some of my best friends through the Honors College, and by my senior year I had the opportunity to do summer programs with three different medical schools. The Honors College has challenged my mind and helped me grow into a more confident and professional person.”

Christine LeBlanc, ’06 biology