

## Honors Activities

### Academic Speaker Series

The Academic Speaker Series, on which the Honors Seminar program is based, is designed and operated by Honors Programs and is open to the public. University Scholars students may also attend seminars with the visiting speakers.

### Scholarfest

Honors Programs also sponsors Scholarfest, a spring event at which students present their research, writing, and other creative achievements to the campus community.

### Conference Trips

Honors students make frequent trips to, and presentations at, National Collegiate and Southern Regional Honors Conferences in cities like Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta and New Orleans.

### Study Abroad

Honors students are encouraged to participate in study-abroad programs such as those sponsored by the UT Martin Travel Study Office and Center for Global Studies. University Scholars students may apply one semester's scholarship to approved study-abroad experiences and National Honors Semesters.

### Honors Center Facilities

The honors study in the Holland McCombs Center is set aside for study and relaxation by honors students. It contains the honors computer laboratory which is reserved for the exclusive use of honors students. The honors library is also housed in the study. A kitchen is available for student use. Other Honors Center spaces include seminar rooms, a lounge, and a formal reception area in the Tennessee Room.

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## Honors Seminar Program

The Honors Seminar Program is based on presentations by distinguished scholars, leaders and artists who visit the campus throughout the year. Honors Seminar students attend public addresses and seminars with the guest speakers and write papers based on the speakers' topics. Students may also choose to participate in a student organization that sponsors academic events, trips, and social activities.

### Academic Opportunities

Honors Seminar students experience face-to-face interaction with persons of high accomplishment and influence throughout the nation and the world. For example, students have had the chance to meet in seminars with Dr. Peter Doherty, the 1996 Nobel Prize winner in Medicine, Ms. Jody Williams, the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, former FBI Director Louis Freeh, and NAACP Chairman Julian Bond. Students may earn up to four hours of academic credit in the program. Honors Seminar students also complete the Honors Core Curriculum.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants to UT Martin who have the required scores of ACT (composite score 28+) or SAT (composite 1260+), and high school GPA (3.5+) are eligible for a position in the Honors Seminar Program with a Chancellor's Award Scholarship.

Applicants who have an ACT composite of 25-27 and high school GPA of 3.5+ are eligible for the Deans Scholarship Award. Although this is not an honors scholarship, these students have the option to participate in the Honors Seminar Program.




For more information, contact Honors Programs.

### Chancellor's Award Scholarship

Chancellor's Award in-state recipients receive a scholarship of \$3,000/year for four years, provided they remain in good standing in the program. This scholarship is subject to change. Certain other scholarships may be added to this award.

All Chancellor's Award recipients complete the Honors Core Curriculum and participate in the Honors Seminar Program.

## A little bit of ivy at a great public university.

That's what you experience in Honors Programs at the University of Tennessee at Martin.  Our honors programs were created to provide top students with the personal attention and academic challenge of a small private college together with the advantages of a great university.  UT Martin offers two different honors programs.  Each is accompanied by a generous financial aid package.

## University Scholars Program

The University Scholars Program is designed specifically to meet the needs of highly motivated and academically talented students. It is a four-year honors program consisting of special academic opportunities and extracurricular activities. Founded in 1981, **the program is limited to 60 undergraduate students** at all levels in the university. Students enroll every semester in University Scholars courses that emphasize active learning, discussion, interdisciplinary inquiry and independent study. Students also hear visiting academic speakers, attend cultural events, perform service activities and participate in an active student organization. Making presentations at national and regional honors conferences is a regular feature of the program. A four-year scholarship guarantee accompanies the program for students who meet the established standards of performance. At graduation, students who have successfully completed the requirements of the program are recognized as University Scholars and receive a medallion in a special ceremony.

### Academic Opportunities

In the University Scholars Program, you'll be learning in an interactive, student-focused environment with faculty members who are among the highest-skilled teachers, researchers and creative artists in the university. The University Scholars curriculum consists of a special ten-hour sequence of seminars, reading-discussion groups, and independent study. All courses carry academic credit and are open only to Scholars students.

Scholars classes are small and interactive, giving you the chance to know your instructors and work closely with them. In addition, Honors Programs sponsors a series of visiting academic lecturers throughout the academic year. Scholars students have the opportunity to meet with these speakers in small-group sessions. University Scholars students also complete the Honors Core Curriculum.

An exceptional feature of the Scholars curriculum is that students are placed with faculty mentors for two full academic years of individualized study. Beginning in the junior year, students meet weekly with their mentors to discuss readings and to learn techniques related to their particular field. The outcome is the Senior Project—a major research paper, artistic product, or other creative contribution to the student's field of study. Each student makes an oral presentation to a faculty committee and the project is bound and housed in the Honors and university libraries. Scholars graduates often report that the senior project made a difference in their acceptance into graduate and professional school or in job placement after graduation.

### Eligibility Criteria

**Fifteen entering first-year students are selected each year** on the basis of ACT (composite score 28+) or SAT (composite score 1240+), high school GPA (3.5+), letters of reference, an essay and interviews. An additional two to four rising sophomores are selected on the basis of college first-year GPA, letters of recommendation, an essay, and interviews. Selection is made by an Honors Council composed of faculty members from each college in the university.

### Application Procedure

Admission to the University Scholars Program is by competitive application. **Application forms are available from the Honors office and on our website.** In addition to the written application, students are asked to attend the University Scholars Prospect Weekend, usually held in February. At this event, students are interviewed by the Honors Council and have the opportunity to attend classes and meet informally with honors students and faculty. **Application deadline is February 1.** Students are notified of the results by March 15.



"The Honors Program here at UT Martin provides countless opportunities for personal and academic growth. It challenges you to excel in ways you never thought possible while leaving you with a real sense of accomplishment. There are also numerous social, cultural, and travel opportunities in order to experience a truly well-rounded education."

— Rhett Chrysler

## University Scholars Scholarship

The University Scholars Scholarship is a guaranteed four-year scholarship package contingent on good standing in the program. Students may add certain other scholarships to the University Scholars award. The University Scholars Scholarship guarantee is \$5,000/year for a total of \$20,000 over four years. This scholarship is subject to change.

## For More Information

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"Through the Honors Program, I have developed lasting relationships with students and professors both in and out of the classroom. The Honors curriculum has presented challenging yet rewarding courses that will undoubtedly prepare me for my career."

— Liz Hudson  
Society of Honors Seminar Students President