## What is the International Honors Program?

The **International Honors Program** is an academic enhancement program geared toward motivated, talented incoming first-year students pursuing all majors. Students start with a one-credit Honors Colloquium, which introduces them to the Honors experience and to UNCG, and a three-credit 100-level Honors First-Year Seminar.

The Program consists of these initial courses, three more exclusive Honors seminars, language study to the intermediate level, and the **International Experience**, all of which can be completed on the timeline that works for your course of study.

## What's “international” about International Honors?

Courses in International Honors emphasize understanding our complex, globalized world from multiple perspectives rooted in the traditional liberal arts disciplines of the arts and humanities, social and physical sciences, as well as the professions.

We believe in the transformative power of overseas study. A cornerstone of the program is the **International Experience** – for which you study abroad for a semester or even an academic year through UNCG exchange. Honors students in good standing receive a generous Honors Travel Grant.

## Do you provide Honors housing?

Yes! Honors students may opt to live in one of three residence halls on campus. First-year students are encouraged to live in the **Honors Residence at North Spencer Hall**, combining modern convenience with historic design, or in the **Honors Collaborative in South Spencer Hall**, which adjoins North Spencer. South Spencer will provide everyone from first-year students to seniors with access to Honors programming.

For sophomore, junior, and senior Honors students, The **Honors Residence at Gray Hall** provides a rich environment, including specialized programming and advising, for Honors students who are doing research in their majors, are involved in the local community, and are connecting Greensboro to the world.

**Honors Advisors** provide onsite academic advising in all three halls.

## Does the Honors College provide any scholarships?

The Honors College awards the prestigious **Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship**, which is made possible by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem, for North Carolina residents. Reynolds Scholars receive four years of generous funding and are eligible to receive stipends for community service involvement, participation in an internship, and study abroad. Reynolds Scholars benefit from special mentoring and programming throughout their college experience. See important deadline information on the reverse.

For incoming students, the Honors College also awards the **Anne Gordon Scholarship**. Current Honors students are eligible for the Honors Travel Scholarship, the Lichtin Family Scholarship, and others.

## Do I have to live on campus to do Honors?

The International Honors College offers academic enhancement to students pursuing all majors, over four years, who live on and off campus. While highly recommended, living in Honors housing is optional. However, first-year students who choose to live on campus must live in Honors housing for their first academic year as of Fall 2017.
## How can I get involved on campus?

Being a student at a large liberal arts research university provides you with access to myriad concerts, performances, and lectures, as well as opportunities to pursue research and get involved in Greensboro through service and internships. As an Honors student you will have opportunities like the **Honors Symposium** and the **Honors Artist-in-Residence Program**. You can participate in leadership opportunities such as the **Honors Ambassadors** program, **Honors OWLs peer mentoring** program, and the **Gray Hall Honors Fellows** program. Honors students often seek out leadership opportunities on campus, such as **student government**, the **Carolinian**, and more.

## What are the criteria to apply?

To be eligible to apply, you need: a weighted 3.8 h.s. GPA, OR a 1280 composite SAT score (if taken after March 2016) or 1200 composite math and critical reading SAT score (if taken before March 2016), OR a 27 composite ACT score. The Honors College Supplementary Application consists of an **essay** and a **resume**. Students meeting the criteria to apply will be provided with an application link in their **SpartanLink** portal. Meeting the minimum criteria to apply does not guarantee admission.

The **essay prompt**: A cornerstone of the International Honors Program in Lloyd International Honors College is the required International Experience, in which you live and study outside the United States in a culture different from your own. In order to help the admissions committee get to know you better, you will be asked to write a 500-word essay: how will a semester of study abroad contribute to your educational and intellectual growth at UNCG and to your long-term personal and professional goals?

We encourage you to think creatively as you answer the essay. You might write a letter to your future self about what to expect from diving into another culture, analyze a potential study abroad country in terms of a pressing global problem that interests you, write a diary entry from 50 years in the future about what mattered to you most when experiencing another culture during your college years. These are just suggestions. What successful essays have in common is that they provide us a sense of who you are, your academic plans, and how you might contribute to the Honors environment at UNCG. Your essay should be carefully proofread and uploaded as a document that is formatted like a printed essay: double-spaced, with your name and a title.

Similarly, applicants are encouraged to provide a detailed, well-supported résumé including evidence of leadership, service, co-curricular activities, and creative endeavors. Thoughtful and thorough preparation will have a considerable impact on application consideration.

## What else do I need to know?

Honors students have a special major option: the **Student Designed Interdisciplinary Program**, in which a student designs a unique major and receives a degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The most important element of the Honors College is our talented and diverse student body. Learn more on our website, honorscollege.uncg.edu, visit us on Honors Fridays, or request an Honors Ambassador phone call!

Apply early, as part of your application to UNCG. Last year we had 750 applications for 200 spots.

### Important Deadlines:

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<td>Dec. 1, 2016</td>
<td>Priority deadline for applications to the Honors College and the application deadline for the Reynolds Scholarship as well as UNCG’s Blue &amp; Gold Scholarships</td>
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<td>Jan. 3, 2017</td>
<td>Regular deadline for Honors applications. Students who apply by this date will receive a decision by March 1, 2017.</td>
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**IMPORTANT:** You must first be admitted to UNCG in order for the Honors College to make a decision on your application.