

The HONORS COLLEGE



THE HONORS COLLEGE

"I am happiest when I'm around others who enjoy learning and have a sense of intellectual curiosity. I respect people who challenge themselves and take their academic pursuits seriously. The Honors College is where I belong."

Thomas Cossentino III
Sophomore, jazz and commercial music major

GREAT STUDENTS. GREAT MINDS.

The Honors College at Towson University is a unique community where our most talented students expand their academic success. You'll be encouraged to develop your interests, cultivate your talents, and achieve excellence in academics, research, service and individual development. You'll also have opportunities to live and learn with your peers as you explore the possibilities of who you want to become.

Honors College students stand out. They are passionate about learning and exchanging ideas. They seek academic challenges inside and outside of class. They are highly motivated students just like you.

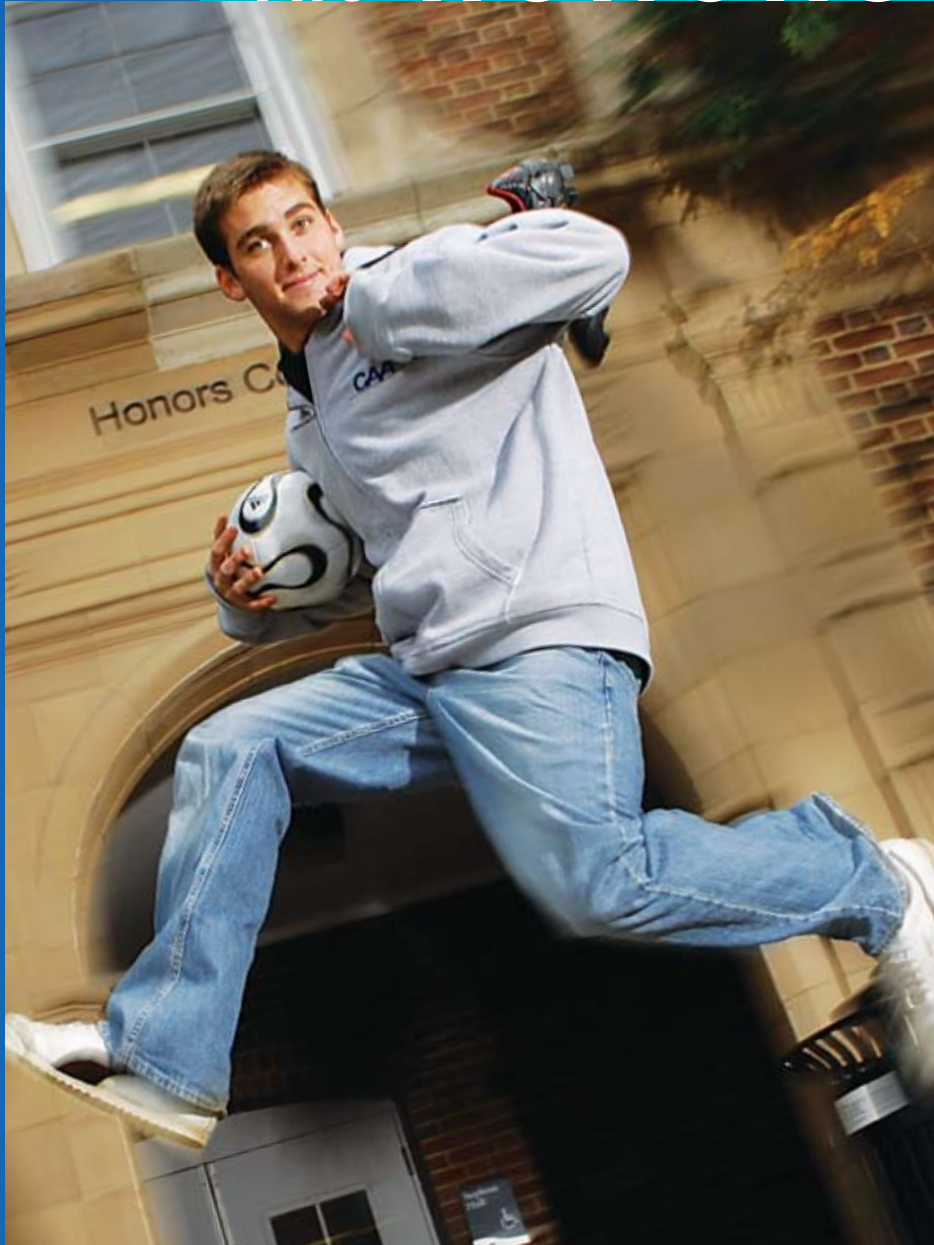


The HONORS COLLEGE

AT A GLANCE

The Honors College offers

- small classes of 10 to 20 students
- courses covering content in depth, using innovative techniques
- learning experiences outside of class such as internships and study abroad
- early registration for classes
- flexibility to pursue any of Towson University's 63 majors
- the option to live in honors residence halls
- special social, cultural and leadership opportunities
- individualized academic and professional advising
- opportunities to present your research and projects at local, regional and national conferences
- a renewable merit scholarship of \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year





Honors College classes are small and intimate—you will engage in meaningful debate and conversation, both with your peers and your professors. Honors courses encompass a wide range of academic subjects, and include unique interdisciplinary seminars. Many courses take you to explore cultural institutions, innovative businesses and vibrant communities in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Honors College students typically enroll in one or two honors classes each term. Honors classes satisfy most General Education (GenEd) requirements, and many satisfy requirements for academic majors. Honors courses will be 20 to 25 percent of your total course work at Towson University.

Honors College students are required to complete a minimum of 24 honors units, including 3 units of honors English, at least 9 units of honors seminars and 6 units of honors electives. Honors students must maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA each term, a 3.0 GPA in their honors courses, and complete an average of 6 honors units each year to remain in the Honors College.

Example Seminars

- American Poetry: New Directions
- The Idea of the University
- Understanding the Future
- The Problem of Evil
- The Supreme Court as a Political Institution
- Persuasion and Social Influence
- Children's Literature Psychological and Literary Perspectives
- Introduction to Lego Robotics

ENGAGING CLASSES

CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP

As an Honors College student, you can take advantage of many experiences outside the classroom such as study abroad, research and internships. Honors College students are also leaders in many campus organizations, including the Student Government Association.

The Honors College facilitates students' research through independent study, directed readings and internship opportunities. Honors College students have presented their work at local, regional and national conferences. Two Honors College students recently published their presentation, "Creating Faculty-Student Interaction," in a national honors journal.

Many Honors College students earn honors credit while studying abroad in all corners of the world. Special scholarships are available to honors students who wish to study abroad.



"I learned that I can do almost anything I want to, and that confidence and assertiveness will stay with me the rest of my life."

Rebekah Alford
Junior, forensic chemistry major



EXPANDING

OPPORTUNITIES



Recent Honors College graduates are...

- Producing an Emmy Award-winning film and pursuing a graduate degree in film production at NYU
- Working as a registered nurse for the Johns Hopkins Intensive Care Unit
- Attending law school at the University of Virginia
- Interning at the National Council for Science and the Environment
- Pursuing a doctorate in criminal justice at Washington State University
- Working as an analyst for Morgan Stanley
- Teaching history in under-served Baltimore city schools through Teach for America
- Commissioned in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence officer
- Studying clinical community counseling at Johns Hopkins University
- Working as an assistant video editor of the Senate Democratic Communication Center

WORKING HARD



The Honors College Student Council

The Honors College Student Council (HCSC) was established by committed Honors College students with three purposes in mind: to advise Honors College leadership on student issues; to plan events, mentoring programs, and community involvement projects; and to promote and foster community and peer support among Honors College students.

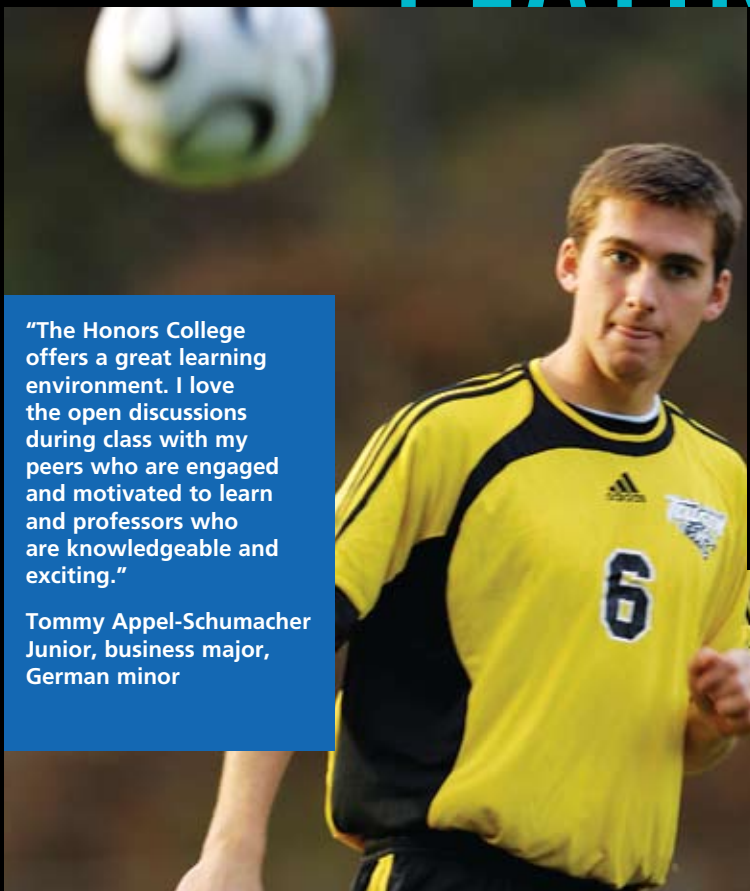
Recent HCSC activities include:

- Trips to the Maryland Renaissance Festival, Six Flags Halloween Fright Fest and Baltimore Aquarium
- Participation in Relay For Life of Towson University
- Visits to the Mount Washington Children's Hospital
- Student forums for discussion such as "Conversations with the Honors College"
- "Generation Jeopardy," a student-faculty *Jeopardy*-style trivia match

PLAYING HARD

As an Honors College student, you can choose to be part of a community where residential living is integrated with classroom activity. About half of Honors College students choose to live in honors housing in Richmond and Newell Halls, two historic residence halls near the center of campus. Students live together and share ideas in an atmosphere conducive to academic achievement. You'll form close relationships with your roommates and classmates as you share the same commitment to academics and goals for the future.

Within a 10-minute walk from the residence halls you'll find your classes, the fitness center and Cook Library, as well as downtown Towson's mall, movie theater, restaurants, coffee shops and bookstores.



"The Honors College offers a great learning environment. I love the open discussions during class with my peers who are engaged and motivated to learn and professors who are knowledgeable and exciting."

Tommy Appel-Schumacher
Junior, business major,
German minor



JOINING the

HONORS COLLEGE

Admission to the Honors College is highly selective. The Honors College welcomes about 200 new students each fall, and there are about 700 active honors students at Towson University. First-year students enrolling in the Honors College for fall 2008 had an average SAT of 1855 and an average weighted high school GPA of 3.86.

Admission Criteria

For fall 2009, first-year student applicants are automatically admitted if they meet or exceed both of the following criteria:

- Unweighted high school GPA of 3.7
- SAT score of 1800

Students who meet only one of these criteria are strongly encouraged to apply and may be admitted after a more comprehensive review focusing on course selection and the rigor of the high school curriculum, as well as leadership activities and a well-written, thoughtful essay. New transfer applicants who have completed two or more semesters in college must have a minimum 3.5 GPA for consideration and will be evaluated on the basis of their collegiate records. Transfer applicants currently enrolled in their first or second semester of college may apply with less than a 3.5 GPA and will be reviewed on the basis of their high school records and SAT scores.

Scholarships

All admitted Honors College students receive at least a \$1,000 annual scholarship that is renewable for up to four years as long as the student remains in good academic standing as a member of the Honors College. There are also admissions-based, need-based and private scholarships that can help to finance the cost of higher education.



How to APPLY to the HONORS COLLEGE

To be considered for the Honors College at Towson University, you must complete the Honors College Application. This form is included as a supplement to the paper TU application or can be downloaded from the Honors College Web site at www.towson.edu/honors. Mail the application, your essay and an unofficial copy of your high school or college transcript directly to the Honors College.

The Honors College Application deadline is February 1 for first-year students and March 1 for transfers. You must complete the regular Towson University application before submitting the Honors College application. We encourage you to submit your regular TU application for admission by December 1 to receive best consideration for admissions-based merit scholarships that are awarded based on your GPA and SAT/ACT scores.

For more information, contact:

The Honors College
Towson University
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252-0001
www.towson.edu/honors
honors@towson.edu
410-704-4677



ABOUT

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1866, Towson University is the second-largest school in the University System of Maryland, enrolling more than 20,000 students in more than 100 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, and applied professional fields. Towson is known for its excellent academic programs in business, computer science, health professions, education, fine arts, communications, and the arts and sciences. As a metropolitan university, Towson combines research-based learning with practical application. Our many interdisciplinary partnerships with public and private organizations throughout Maryland provide opportunities for research, internships and jobs. The university is located in suburban Towson, eight miles north of Baltimore. Our beautifully landscaped, 328-acre setting offers a pleasant environment for study and a diverse campus life, as well as easy access to a wealth of university and community resources.

Visiting Towson University

The best way to experience Towson University is to visit campus. Towson hosts several Open Houses for high school juniors and seniors that allow you to meet students and faculty, tour the campus, and learn more about campus life and academic programs. For the dates and times of Open Houses, as well as to schedule a campus tour, visit www.towson.edu/discover.

Applying to Towson University

Applying to TU is easy. Visit www.towson.edu/discover and click on "Apply Now." The online admissions application takes less than 30 minutes to complete. You will need to have your standardized test scores sent directly to the Office of Admissions by the testing service and have your high school send official transcripts. For more information about the application process, visit www.towson.edu/discover.



Office of Admissions

Towson University

8000 York Road

Towson, MD 21202-0001



The Honors College