

HONORS COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2005/2006 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Tampa Campus

Tampa Campus Location/Phone: SVC 1088; (813) 974-3087
Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Web Address: <http://honors.usf.edu>

Students in the Four Year track take nine Honors courses that examine the nature of human knowledge, ethics, interdisciplinary approaches to the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, multiculturalism, and major works and major issues. A Senior Thesis is the culmination of the Honors experience. (Course descriptions appear later in the catalog.) Students also complete six semester hours of English, six semester hours of Mathematics, and five to ten hours of a foreign language. Honors students may satisfy the English, Foreign Language, and Math requirements through Advanced Placement, IB, dual enrollment, or CLEP (See "Academic Programs and Services" section). Honors College Four Year Track students satisfy USF Liberal Arts and Exit Requirements by completing the core Honors courses and the English, Math and foreign language requirements. Enrolling in the Honors College Four Year Track does not generally increase academic workload or the number of credits needed to graduate.

The Honors College offers a variety of accelerated programs in Medicine (7-year B.A./M.D.), Business (B.A./M.B.A.), Public Health, and Medical Sciences (B.A./Ph.D.) Details may be found on the Honors College website or by calling the Honors College.

Potential Honors College Four Year Track students are actively recruited, but any interested student who feels that he/she is qualified may request to be considered for admission. Students typically have 3.70 high school GPAs and 1270 SAT I or EACT scores of 29. Many scholarships are available for Honors students.

Honors College Two Year Track students take four Honors courses that include: inquiry into major works and major issues, a Senior Thesis and an elective chosen from Honors offerings. Students also complete five to ten hours of a foreign language (on the college level) that may have been taken prior to enrollment at USF. Completion of the Honors core courses satisfies USF Exit Requirements. Enrolling in the Honors College Two Year Track does not generally increase academic workload or the number of credits needed to graduate.

Potential Honors College Two Year Track students are actively recruited, but any interested student who feels that he/she is qualified may request to be considered for admission. Students typically have 3.50 college GPAs and 1200 SAT I or 27 EACT scores. Many scholarships are available for Honors students.

Departmental Honors opportunities are available in some disciplines. Requirements vary according to department, but all require the completion of a Thesis. Students may enroll in both the Honors College and Departmental Honors. Students in both Honors programs are required to complete only one Thesis.

Admission to the Honors College is determined by the University Honors Committee and the Dean of Honors; admission to Departmental Honors is determined by the individual department. Students who satisfactorily complete Honors and graduate with at least an overall GPA of 3.3 and a USF GPA of 3.3 shall be identified as Honors College Graduates at Commencement as well as on their diplomas and transcripts.

USF St. Petersburg has an Honors Program. For additional information, phone (727) 553-3103.

Honors Research Major

The Honors College Research Major (HCRM) is designed primarily for Honors College (HC) students preparing for graduate or professional school, although it would be available to other HC students as well.

The HCRM is designed to be a second major. That is, in order to have an HCRM, a student would need to complete all requirements of a regularly offered USF major. (Credits = 30-36)

HCRM students would complete IDH 2010, 3100, 3350, 3600, 3400 and 4200, freshman English I and II, 2 semesters of mathematics and two semesters of a foreign language in order to meet USF General Education requirements. AP, IB, CLEP, dual enrollment and other acceptable forms of credit could be used to satisfy the English, math and foreign language requirements. (Credits = 18-42)

The HCRM would consist of 30 credit hours and would include courses to satisfy the USF Exit Requirements (IDH 4000 and six credits of IDH 4970).

The 30 hours would consist of 2 cognates, each containing a minimum of 12 credit hours. Each cognate would require a research project of at least 9 credit hours; the remaining hours could be appropriate coursework, independent study or an increased number of research hours.

One cognate would be directly related to the student's primary major; the second cognate must be outside the department of the student's major.

The student shall have a separate research committee for each cognate, consisting of a mentor and two faculty "readers". The HCDean shall approve the mentor, and the mentor shall approve the "readers". The committee and student shall design the cognate courses of study and submit the written plan for HC approval.

The committee shall ensure that the student has an appropriate background in scientific method/experimental design/research tools. Research project format shall be discipline appropriate and clearly represent the number of credits earned.

Formal prospectus/proposal and final presentations will be required of each student in both cognates.

No grade below "B" will be accepted towards the HCRM.

Honors Faculty

Dean: Stuart Silverman; *Associate Dean:* Georg Kleine (Instructors for the Honors courses are recruited from among the University's outstanding teacher-scholars).

McNair Scholars Program

Location/phone: SVC 1088, (813) 974-1605

Web address: http://web.usf.edu/~honors/mcnairscholars/mcnair_index.htm

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Scholars Program is designed to prepare economically disadvantaged and traditionally underrepresented juniors and seniors for doctoral programs. Special emphasis is placed on the recruitment of students with majors in math, engineering, science, public health, communications, humanities, medical sciences and English. However, other disciplines such as education, social sciences and fine arts are considered. This program encourages graduate studies by providing opportunities for academically talented junior and senior-level undergraduate students to define their career goals, engage in research, develop their personal and professional skills and participate in student/faculty mentor relationships, critical to their success at the doctoral level. Graduate school application assistance is also provided, as well as GRE, GMAT, and MCAT preparation.

McNair Scholars are awarded scholarship stipends when they participate in the Summer Research Institute and during their research internship in their senior year. The Program also provides students with opportunities to attend and present academic papers at national and regional conferences. The criteria for this very competitive scholars program are as follows: 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, declared major, a minimum of 45 earned credit hours, current enrollment at USF at the junior or senior level, United States citizenship/resident alien status and a completed Ronald McNair application with faculty recommendations.

George Jenkins Scholars Program

Location/phone: SVC 1088, (813) 974-1605

Web address: <http://www.sa.usf.edu/jenkins/>

The Jenkins Scholars Program is one of the highest funded academic scholarships at USF. The George Jenkins Scholarships are funded through the George Jenkins Foundation, which was founded by the late George Jenkins, the initial founder and owner of Publix Supermarkets.

A select group of Jenkins Scholars are elected annually from a statewide competition of high school seniors who are admitted to USF as freshmen. All of these scholars are economically disadvantaged, but are usually in the top five percent of their high school senior class.

The Jenkins Scholars Program is designed to provide academic and personal support services for all scholars, freshmen through senior year. The scholars participate in various scholarly and cultural activities, such as academic monitoring, mentoring activities, academic/personal development seminars, career advising, graduate school assistance and planned cultural activities with the Jenkins family.

Kosove Scholarship Program

Location/phone: SVC 1088, (813) 974-3087

Web address: <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid2/Website/Kosove.htm> or <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/scholarships/Kosove.asp>

The Kosove Scholarship

The Kosove Scholarship Program makes annual, renewable scholarship awards to undergraduate and graduate stu-

dents. These awards pay the full cost of Florida-resident tuition, books, housing and food service, or the equivalent costs for students living off-campus. Awards are made for four academic years (fall and spring) to undergraduate freshman, for two academic years to currently enrolled students and transfers, and for two academic years to graduate students.

Academic criteria are used as starting points in the selection process. Assuming academic criteria are met, Kosove Scholars are selected through a rigorous examination of leadership abilities, commitment to community service and demonstrated concern for the global society.

Goals of the Kosove Society

When A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove founded the Kosove Society in 1983, they envisioned a close network of individuals from all professions and fields of study working together as leaders in building a better community for the Tampa Bay area and beyond. The Kosove Society is comprised of current and past Kosove scholarship recipients. To achieve these ambitious and important goals, members of the Kosove Society must be willing to bear a continuing responsibility to service throughout their lives.

- To assume a role of leadership in the USF community by promoting responsible inquiry and debate over issues of genuine concern to the university population.
- To exemplify responsibility as educated citizens through active community service.
- To strengthen and sustain the friendship network which exists between all members of the Kosove Society through social activities and the induction of motivated members.