

What is the Honors College at UIC?

The Honors College is a scholarly community of UIC students, staff, and faculty, working together to provide an enriching and challenging learning environment for UIC's most highly motivated undergraduate students.

What are the benefits offered by the Honors College?

Membership in the UIC Honors College combines all of the personal advantages available in a small intellectual community with the opportunities only possible at a major research university. As members of the UIC Honors College, students have access to research experiences, personalized advising, faculty mentoring in your field of interest, and courses available only to Honors College students. Honors students also benefit from a college computer lab, student lounge, a 24-hour study space, and a designated Honors learning community within campus housing.

These privileges come with the responsibility of participation. As members in a community of scholars, UIC Honors College students are expected to engage in academic challenges beyond the normal classroom experience and to assume leadership roles on and off campus.

There is no additional credit, or time to graduation, required of students in the UIC Honors College and the UIC Honors College graduation rate exceeds 90%.

What is required of Honors College students?

All UIC Honors College students maintain a minimum UIC grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 (4.0 scale) and engage in a scholarly "honors activity" (e.g. honors coursework; research; civic engagement) approved by their faculty mentor each semester.

Incoming first year students are required to participate in one of the Honors Cores as their honors activity. These are year-long, interdisciplinary, general education courses taught by top members of our faculty. The core courses are limited in size and are for Honors Students only. All incoming freshmen participate in a freshman seminar either in the Honors College or in their home college.

Beyond the first year, Honors College students may choose to take additional honors coursework or pursue other honors activity options, including undergraduate research, experiential learning, supplemental coursework, or independent study. The Honors College offers upper-level seminars covering a variety of special topics. The faculty who teach these seminars do so for the simple pleasure of teaching Honors College students. Other honors courses are available in economics, chemistry, mathematics, and other areas. Honors College students are also required to complete a capstone experience, such as a senior design project or senior thesis, before graduation.

How do I apply for admission to the Honors College?

Any incoming freshman may apply for admission to the Honors College. Students with exceptional high school records are encouraged to apply. Admission is based upon standardized test scores, high school class rank, grades earned in high school, extracurricular interests and activities, strength of the application essays, interview, and willingness to participate in the Honors College program.

Please send the following materials directly to the Honors College:

- The Honors College Admission Application. (Provided with this packet.)
- Three recommendations. At least one recommendation must be completed by your high school principal, counselor, or teacher. (Forms are provided with this packet.)
- An official copy of your high school transcript.
- A copy of your FAFSA application, if you wish to be considered for need-based scholarships.

For fullest consideration, please submit your application by January 15, 2010. Applications can be submitted until the deadline of April 1, 2010. After April 1, applications will be reviewed as space permits.

Applications and supporting documents should be mailed to:

**Honors College (M/C 204)
The University of Illinois at Chicago
828 S. Halsted Street
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In addition, you must **apply for admission to UIC** using the UIC Undergraduate Application and provide all other required application materials such as your ACT score, official high school transcript, and application fee. Send your UIC application and all supporting materials directly to the UIC Office of Admissions and Records. Applications are available from the UIC Office of Admissions, your guidance counselor, the UIC Honors College, or may be accessed online from the UIC Office of Admissions home page at

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/undergrad/freshman.html>

A joint Honors College/GPPA application is also available online, through January 15, 2010, on the Office of Admissions and Records website at http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/undergrad_gppa/index.html.

Remember, Honors College application materials should be sent directly to the UIC Honors College, not to the UIC Office of Admissions and Records.

I applied to GPPA. Do I need to apply to the Honors College separately?

No; however, the Honors College does not grant automatic admission to applicants of GPPA. The Honors College will accept any GPPA application materials for our application process. You will then be contacted by the Honors College with further instructions regarding interview options. In many cases, **your Honors College interview may be used in the GPPA admissions process.**

After I apply, what's the next step?

The Honors College will invite selected applicants to campus for the second phase of the application process, including a faculty interview and an impromptu essay.

Interviews will be held from late January until early April. Students will be contacted via email with further information about selecting an interview date. Students will be notified of their admissions decision within four weeks of the interview.

Please keep in mind that students who are planning to attend UIC for Fall 2010 must file an Intent to Enroll form with the Office of Admissions and Records on or before May 1, 2010.

What scholarships are available from the Honors College?

The UIC Honors College offers Kerr Scholarships, covering full tuition and fees for up to four years. In addition, the Honors College awards up to 30 Freshman Scholarships covering partial tuition and fees. Scholarship recipients will be selected from the applicant pool.

Is financial need considered when selecting Kerr Scholarship and Honors College Freshman Scholarship recipients?

Both merit-based and need-based scholarships are available. Please include a photocopy of your completed FAFSA application to be considered for need-based scholarships. If you receive other financial aid from UIC, this scholarship will be considered part of the total financial aid package.

What if I have more questions about the UIC Honors College or Honors College Scholarships?

Simply contact the Honors College at **(312) 413-2260**. We would be glad to tell you more about these exciting opportunities.

For Office use only: ID _____ AppComplete _____ Date _____

Instructions

1. Complete all sides of this application form. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE**.
2. If you have not already applied for admission to UIC, fill out the UIC Undergraduate Admission Application and submit it, with all supporting materials, to the Office of Admissions. Applications may be obtained from your high school counselor, by calling (312) 413-2260, or via the Internet at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/undergrad/freshman.html>
3. Ask three people who are well acquainted with your academic ability (teacher, counselor, principal) to fill out recommendation forms for you and mail them directly to the address below.
4. Request your high school to send one official transcript to the Honors College. (This is independent of any transcripts that you have sent to the Office of Admissions.)

Your application and all of the above credentials, except your UIC undergraduate application and one transcript, should be sent to:

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Name _____
Last First Middle

UIN¹ _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex M F
Month Day Year

Current Address _____
Street City State Zip

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip

Current Telephone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Intended Major _____

High School _____ Public Private

School Address _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Graduation _____ Class Rank _____

Please indicate your ACT or SAT test scores:

ACT: Comp _____ Eng _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science Reasoning _____

SAT: Verbal _____ Math _____

Have you been admitted to UIC by the Office of Admissions? Yes No

If not, have you applied for admission to UIC? Yes No Date of application _____

Do you wish to be considered for a need-based scholarship? Yes No If yes, please submit a copy of your completed FAFSA form.

¹ This is your University of Illinois 9-digit Identification Number, which may be found on your official letter of acceptance from UIC. If you have not yet been admitted, leave this space blank.

Do not write on this page.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

High School: _____

Please use the space provided to answer the following questions. If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those that you consider most significant. Inserts and additional pages will not be accepted.

Please list the extracurricular and community activities, work experiences, volunteer services and hobbies in which you have been involved. Please include any leadership roles or other accomplishments, and the amount of time you have devoted to this activity each week and each year.

What scholastic prizes, awards, honors have you received? Please include participation in special academic programs, such as summer enrichment or study abroad experiences.

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

High School: _____

If you have taken or will take Advanced Placement Examinations or other college-level courses, please give details:

Please list any special skills or knowledge you have acquired, such as languages, or certifications.

The Honors College is interested in learning of other opportunities that are available to you. Please give the names of other colleges or universities to which you have applied:

Please list any other scholarships for which you have applied:

Please provide the names of the three people from whom you have requested recommendations. At least one of these recommendations must be submitted by your high school principal, counselor, or teacher.

Name of Recommender _____ Title _____

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

High School: _____

Please provide a written response of no more than 750 words to the following questions.

Describe your educational and career goals. Include information about any experiences that have contributed to your goals.

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In its mission statement, the UIC Honors College is described as a community of scholars whose goal is to enrich the educational experience of undergraduates and allow faculty and students of all disciplines to interact in teaching, learning, and research. What scholarly attributes do you bring to this community? What do you expect in return?

I confirm that all information contained in this application is complete and accurate, and that the written statements are my own original work.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

FRESHMAN RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

High School: _____

The applicant must complete and sign the following statement before submitting this form to the recommender. The request is in compliance with Federal Law P.L. 93-380 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).

- I waive my right of access to the letter of recommendation submitted on my behalf.
- I do not waive my right of access to the letter of recommendation submitted on my behalf.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Recommender _____ Title _____
Please print or type.

How long have you known this student? _____ In what capacity? _____

The recommendation you provide is an important factor in the admission of students to the UIC Honors College and will be given careful consideration. Please check the degree to which the nominee most closely displays each of the following characteristics:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Academic ability | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Above average | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Below average |
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Signature _____ Date _____

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I am applying for admission to the Honors College at the University of Illinois at Chicago and request one copy of my high school transcript be sent to:

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Signature _____ Date _____

School Registrar: Please attached this form to one copy of the student's transcript before sending.

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