

The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

Special New Student Edition

Important Upcoming Dates

New Student Day	Aug. 21
New Student Reception	Aug. 23
1st Day of Fall 98 Classes	Aug. 24
Last Day to Drop/Add a Class	Sept. 4

Don't Forget!!

Just in case you might have forgotten, here is a friendly reminder about HON 222...

HON 222 is your Honors Activity. In addition to the honors course you register for, you must also register for HON 222. This is not a course; it does not meet. But it's important that you register for it, as this is the honors designator on your transcript.

The call numbers for fall semester 1998 are:

54308 (for students whose last name starts with A through L), and

54297 (for students who last name starts with M through Z).



Greetings from the Dean

Welcome to UIC and to the Honors College. Your decision to obtain a college degree was a pertinent one, and your selection of UIC a most intelligent one. This multi-faceted university will offer you an excellent education in the atmosphere of a fine private school. You will have access to outstanding professors, will work in first-class laboratories, and will hopefully develop long-term relationships with friends of different backgrounds.

UIC is a challenging, premier institution. The Honors College will be your home. Its staff will advise and assist you in the most professional and cordial way, and its upper-class students will introduce you to what makes the campus an exciting learning place. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. I look forward to seeing you in August.

Dean Lansiné Kaba

Summer's Last Blast: New Student Day!

All new UIC students are invited to attend New Student Day, on Friday, August 21st. Sponsored by the Honors College Advisory Board, this event is a chance for you to meet your Student Consultant in person, as well as your fall honors course professor.

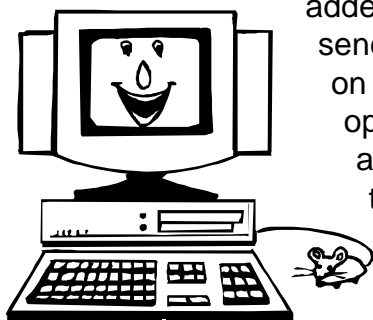
You will enjoy tours of the campus, games, and free food. So watch your mailbox for your invitation to this fun-filled event!



Welcome to the Honors College!

Your UIC Computer Account Opens Up New Horizons

If you're not computer literate now, you will be soon! Once you activate your free UIC computer account when you're here for orientation, you'll be able to send and receive e-mail, surf the web, and take advantage of the multitude of software packages available for student use. You can check your e-mail from any computer on campus, including the Honors College computer lab (Room 109 Burnham Hall) or from home if you have a modem-equipped computer.



As an Honors College member, you will be automatically added to our Honors listserv. We will be sending you important information via e-mail on a regular basis. Course information, job opportunities, and event reminders are just a few examples of some of the messages that will come your way.

As you will soon learn, UIC is a very computer-oriented campus, and the Honors College is no exception. We depend on e-mail to communicate important information to you, and as such, it is your responsibility to regularly check your e-mail.

Important: if you have another e-mail account (i.e. AOL, HotMail, etc.) that you prefer to use, please let us know ASAP so we can add that address to our listserv. Simply fill out one of our Change of Information forms (available on the literature rack in the reception area) and we will make the necessary change.

Watch for announcements of our computer workshops in the early fall. Honors College computer lab assistants will conduct brief sessions on how to use your UIC computer account. The dates/times for these sessions will be posted in the Honors College office at the beginning of fall semester.

Check Out the Honors College Web Site!
<http://www.hc.uic.edu>



The Ampersand

The Ampersand is the Honors College monthly newsletter. Published jointly by the Honors College Advisory Board, and the staff, this publication is an important communication vehicle for all Honors College students. Honors course offering information, event coverage and candid photos are regularly featured in its pages. In addition to a limited number of printed copies available in the Honors College office, **The Ampersand** appears on the web. In fact, expanded issues are often viewed exclusively on the web site. Point your browser to:

<http://www.hc.uic.edu> and follow the link to **The Ampersand**.

We encourage all Honors College students to submit their work for consideration. For article ideas and submission guidelines, contact **Jennifer Kosco**, 105 BH (413-2260) or at: jkosco@uic.edu

Do You Have Your Own Web Site?

If you have your own website (non-commercial, please!), please let me know and I will be happy to include it as a link to the Honors College student web pages link.

Send your URL to: Jennifer Kosco at jkosco@uic.edu

Need a Job?

If you are seeking employment on campus, a good resource is the Student Employment office, located in 2200 SSB. The Job Center posts positions on campus for student workers. Many offices on campus hire students to do basic office work, run errands, answer phones, and do light typing. And, they often prefer to hire dependable, resourceful Honors students. You can contact the Job Center by calling 996-3130.

Additionally, check the bulletin boards in the Honors College office, located just outside of the Student Lounge (121 BH). We regularly post job opportunities here, as well as in the Ampersand, and on the Honors listserv. So don't forget to check your e-mail often!

YOUR Computer Lab

The Computer Lab (109 BH) is reserved exclusively for Honors College students. You may be asked to show identification by a lab assistant; the sticker on your student ID identifies you as an Honors College student (stickers are available at the H.C. front desk).

Summer lab hours are 9:00 - 4:45 p.m. (Monday - Friday). The fall semester lab hours are 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Monday - Thursday) and 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Friday).

Our lab is equipped with 23 Pentium computers and a high-speed laserjet printer, all using the Windows 95 operating system. With more than 30 different software applications running, including Microsoft Word and Excel, there is bound to be an application for your needs.

No food or drink is ever allowed in the lab. Academic work takes precedence over non-academic tasks (i.e. e-mail and web-surfing).

Visit the Computer Lab link on the Honors College web page to find out more about the Lab, and the warped minds of our Lab personnel!

What Does it Mean to be an Honors College Student?

Being an honors student means much more than earning good grades or a notation on your transcript. It means conducting oneself honorably and with respect for others. It means personal integrity maintained without other obligation.

You have been identified as an honors student as a result of both your past accomplishments and your potential. As such, you are expected to hold to the highest standards, not only academically, but in all areas of your life.

Give back to society and your community through volunteer work or community service, and not just because it looks good on your resume. Honors students genuinely care for others and show this in many ways.

Challenge yourself to do your best at all times and dedicate yourself fully to whatever you are doing, not just in the classroom, but at home, on the job, and in your personal relationships. A strong work ethic coupled with drive and ambition will take you far in the future.

Act at all times with class, and yes, maturity.

Honor your parents and others who have had a strong influence on your character. The attributes that qualify you to be in the Honors College did not appear overnight; more than likely, these significant individuals instilled them in you. Respect your family, friends, teachers, advisors, and those less fortunate.

Pride, personal integrity, honesty and maturity are all hallmarks of a true honors student. UIC's Honors College students live up to these words and more.

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A Note From Your HCAB President

Coming to a large University like UIC can be a very frightening and overwhelming experience, especially for a freshman or transfer student. Trust me, I was in your shoes just about two years ago. Being a freshman at the time, I was not familiar with the University and exactly how it operated. This left me confused - uncertain about where I stood on issues like placement exams, registration, housing, etc.

In my case, however, the Honors College staff facilitated in solving my "problems". They are a group of people who were very receptive to my genuine concerns; this was my first of many positive experiences at UIC. They were swift to handle my registration and housing issues, and through it all made me feel at home in this large institution.

I hope that you have make a smooth transition to university life, but if you do have any problems, please take advantage of the resourceful staff at the Honors College. Unfortunately, many Honors College students often fail to capitalize on the multiple academic and social resources the College has to offer – academic advising, state-of-the-art computer facilities, undergraduate research opportunities, quiet study areas, a social lounge, free tutoring resources, the Honors College Advisory Board (HCAB), and numerous other social and academic activities.

I am confident that you will take advantage of all the Honors College has to offer, if you have not already begun to do so. Please feel free to inquire about any of these programs or anything else at your Orientation session. That is what we are all here for! I hope you have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to meeting you on August 21st at the Honors College New Student Day.



Puneet Shroff
President, Honors College Advisory Board

Agreement/Completion Forms

The Agreement and Completion forms are important, as they are the indicator to us that you have registered for (Agreement form) and successfully completed (Completion form) your honors coursework for the semester.

Think of these forms as your two-part contract with the Honors College. The Agreement form must have your honors course instructor's signature, along with the call number and the title of the course. This must be turned in to the Honors College office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11th.

At the end of the semester, you must obtain your honors course instructor's signature again on the Completion form, which indicates that you successfully completed your honors course. Turn the completion form in to the Honors College no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday of Finals week (December 11th).

Get Familiar With YOUR Honors College!

We want YOU to get to know the Honors College - both the people and the place. You are welcome to stop by any staff member's office any time - if you have a question or problem, or if you just want to say hello. Our doors are always open to you.



Additionally, get to know the Honors College facilities. They are here for you. The student lounge (121 BH) is equipped with couches, tables and plenty of chairs so you can relax, eat your lunch, or socialize. Student organization mailboxes are also located here (HCAB and Society for Future Physicians).

Just outside the lounge are bulletin boards where information on jobs, volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and other pertinent information is posted and regularly updated. Check here often for the latest news.

The literature racks on the wall just across from the main reception desk are chock-full of information. Here is a partial listing of what's available here: change of address forms, petition forms, copies of *The Ampersand*, scholarship brochures, letters of recommendation request forms, course offerings, tutoring schedules, and various others.

The Seminar/Tutoring room (114 BH) down the hall is where tutoring is held every day. You can check the schedule at the main desk to see when a particular subject is offered. All subjects are tutored by other Honors College students; you don't need an appointment, and tutoring is free to all UIC students.

We encourage you to take advantage of all of the opportunities here for you. **Remember: this is YOUR Honors College!**

Show Off Your Honors College Membership!

Are you wondering what the Honors College t-shirt says? Do you want to know what's behind the twisted minds of the designers? In honor of the largest enrollment the Honors College has ever achieved, the Honors College Advisory Board has premiered a new t-shirt for you!

We designed a t-shirt that shows how special the Honors College is within UIC, and also how the College fits within the entire University. We wanted to show these principles on various levels, literal and symbolic. The t-shirt has a two-sided design with a small logo on the front and detailed design on the back. The shapes on the logos filled in with black correspond to the shapes on the back that are filled with words. All the shapes interconnect to form a circle. To see a larger version of this logo, follow the HCAB link on the Honors College web page: <http://www.hc.uic.edu>

The design is based on the concept of the circle. First, because UIC is still referred to as "Circle Campus" by many people. Secondly, the circle is a symbol of unity, because the Honors College encompasses a diverse group of people in a variety of majors from all different colleges. The Honors College is the only college that includes every type of major within UIC. It is one of the most unique advantages of the Honors College.

On the back of the shirt, the shapes are filled with words. These words represent major components of all the different subject matter studied by Honors College students. We were not able to include as many as we wanted, and thus chose subject matter fundamental to almost all majors within the undergraduate colleges.

The concepts or formulas and corresponding subjects (starting from the top of the swirl and moving into the center) are: $F=mv^2/r$ -PHYSICS, Mnemonic Technique-PSYCHOLOGY, $Kw=10^{-14}$ -CHEMISTRY, Contraposto-ART HISTORY, B.C.E./A.C.E.(is equivalent to B.C. and A.D.)-HISTORY, Kinesiotherapy-KINESIOLOGY, Social Contract-PHILOSOPHY, $A+G=C+T$ -BIOLOGY, $n=-\frac{(\Delta)Q}{(\Delta)P}$ -ECONOMICS, $A=(\pi)r^2$ -MATH. The formula for the area of a circle composes the center of the "circle" and then encompasses all of the information inside the borders of that circle. The Honors College encompasses all different majors in the same way.

To purchase one of these stunning, one-of-a-kind fashion statements, see any HCAB member or Johnette Foster in the Honors College office (103 Burnham Hall). The price is only \$10 for large & x-large sizes and \$12 for an xx-large. Get yours while they last! (They also make great gifts!)



Honors College Code of Conduct

This document details the rights and responsibilities of Honors College students as they pertain to the use of Honors College facilities. Please read it carefully. Honors College students who violate the Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the College. Violations of the Code include any intentional misuse or abuse of Honors College privileges or resources.

The Honors College facility was relocated to Burnham Hall and significantly renovated in the summer of 1997. The College now occupies elegant, comfortable quarters which we must keep in excellent condition. Everyone is therefore asked to respect not only Honors College students, faculty, and staff, but also the furnishings and equipment.

The Honors College is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination in any form. While the Honors College defends free speech and freedom of expression, Honors College students must respect the diversity of their honors colleagues and be aware that what might not be offensive to some students may offend or be perceived as discrimination or sexual harassment by others. This can occur because of differences in gender, sexual orientation, culture, race, religion, age, class, and communication style, among others. Because the Honors College is a microcosm of UIC, and thus a diverse multi-national and multi-ethnic community, everyone is expected to be sensitive to the impact of words and actions on others.

The Honors College fully supports the University of Illinois Nondiscrimination Statement, which can be found in its entirety in the UIC Timetable. For additional information on or assistance with the equal opportunity, affirmative action, and harassment policies and procedures of the University of Illinois at Chicago, please contact the Office for Access and Equity, 304 Administrative Office Building, 1737 W. Polk St., Chicago, IL 60612; the phone number is 312/996-8670.

The following rules consistent with the principles of individual responsibility and mutual respect must be observed:

1. No shoes on the furniture.
2. No writing on furniture or walls.
3. No music in public areas except walkman-type private units.
4. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and must not leave trash or food behind when they leave the College.
5. Food stored in the refrigerator must be removed promptly.
6. No smoking or chewing of tobacco.
7. Fliers may be posted on bulletin boards, but no tape may be used on walls, doors or furniture.

Honors College Computer Lab (109 BH):

Computer lab users are responsible for leaving their workstations clean. Keep in mind that absolutely no food or drinks are permitted.

The Honors Computer labs are intended for academic work, thus priority is given to users doing classwork. Students using computers for games, social e-mail, net surfing, or other nonacademic work when other students are waiting to use the lab for their class assignments will be asked to leave.

Only Honors College Lab Personnel can make modifications or changes to lab hardware or software, including loading or unloading software, plugging or unplugging peripherals, reconfiguring machines, or making any modifications to the printer, including refilling paper.

The Honors College Lab Personnel are not responsible for private computers owned by students.

Hacking, excessive noise, violation of computer software copyrights, or other disruptive behavior in the Computer Lab can result in suspension or revoking of computer lab privileges or Honors College status.

Honors College Tutoring Center (114 BH):

No food or drink is allowed. This applies to tutors as well as those being tutored. Tutors may not bring friends to their tutoring sessions. Tutors who have no current clients should study quietly and refrain from distracting conversation.

Honors College Lounge (121 BH):

This is the only area of the College where food is allowed. Please be sure to clean up after yourself. To respect the sensibilities of others, please do not bring strong-smelling foods to the College.

Please follow these regulations to help us maintain a clean, enjoyable environment for all students, faculty, and staff of the Honors College.

Honors College Copy Room (125 BH):

Students must see the reception staff to access the copy room and for assistance if the machine does not function properly; i.e., students must not attempt to fix it or reload paper.

Honors College Quiet Study Room (120 SEO)

A limited number of carrels are available in 120 SEO for students who need total quiet for their study. No talking is therefore allowed, and students using the room who wish to engage in conversation must move elsewhere.