MY HONORS
In the Kennesaw State University Honors College, lives are transformed, lifetime friendships are forged and global leaders are shaped.
You are unique and you work hard – here you’ll be able to create a customized Honors Program that will help you reach the goals you’ve set for yourself.

At the KSU Honors College, your path is guided by special advising that will help you every step of the way so that you can realize your fullest potential.

**BENEFITS OF THE HONORS PROGRAM**

- Customize your Honors curriculum with learning experiences that fit your needs.
- Apply for Honors only scholarship opportunities.
- Gain personalized advisement to guide you on your journey.
- Enjoy early registration to ensure you have the first pick of classes.
- Engage in resume-building activities that will distinguish you as a top contender in the job market.
- Enjoy spacious Honors lounges where you can collaborate with your peers.
- Live among your peers in Honors only residences.
- Experience the world through Honors study abroad opportunities.
- Participate in exciting research opportunities with top faculty.
- Receive recognition for your Honors achievements at graduation.

**ERICA MOODY**

Erica Moody graduated in May of 2017 as an Honors Scholar and a Coles Business Scholar majoring in Economics. She has been awarded the Fulbright Study Research Award to the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. In the UK, she will complete her Master of Science in Behavioral Economics. Erica aspires to study the impacts of poverty on rational decision-making and understand how her findings can be used to improve public policy.
YOU ARE MOTIVATED. YOU ARE FOCUSED. YOU ARE EXCEPTIONAL!

As an Honors student, you’ve demonstrated a commitment to reaching your full potential through your choice to enroll in the KSU Honors Program.

Your journey will be challenging, but it will lead to global awareness and increased social consciousness. You will learn to lead with vision and inspire others while making a lasting impact in the world.

HONORS DESIGNATIONS

University Honors Scholar
- Announced at graduation
- Honors cords awarded for graduation
- Honors Scholar designation in transcript

Honors in the Major Designation
- Honors Scholar designation in transcript
- May be recognized in College/Department/School celebrations (if held)

Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in. – Bill Bradley

MY IMPACT

Déjà is a University Honors student studying Computer Science in the College of Computing and Software Engineering. She was chosen as one of 20 female college students for this year’s Women Techmakers Scholars sponsored by Google. Déjà also received the Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship, part of the National Defense Education Program and supported by the American Society for Engineering Education. She will complete a 12-week internship where she will work for the Department of Defense in Maryland.
Laura Sherman received her undergraduate degree in Architecture in 2017. She is a member of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA) students and was president of the Student Honors Council. She received 20+ scholarships during her tenure at KSU including University Honors Program Scholarships, the James G. Fausett Scholarship, and the Lance Linscott Scholarship. She’s won state and national competitions including the AIA 2015 Student Showcase, the AIA 2016 Georgia Merit Award, and the 2016 AIA Georgia People’s Choice Award. Laura hopes to be a Principal in an architecture firm specializing in urban design research and development.
The University Honors Program at Kennesaw State University is guided by the Eight Foundations of Honors Learning and Eight Honors Learning Experiences (8x8). Each of these learning components provides you with flexibility in your studies, regardless of major, while also allowing you to dive deeper into the subjects that interest you the most. You’ll build upon the Eight Foundational Skills throughout your academic program while also selecting an Honors Learning Experience each semester allowing you to customize and add value to your degree.

JESSICA GRINDLEY

“The Honors Program at Kennesaw has truly made my college years exceptional. The professors have helped open my eyes to the diverse opportunities that KSU offers and pushed me to challenge myself through leadership positions, research and international travel. The relationships I have formed, specifically with Honors faculty, are unlike any others I have experienced in an educational setting.”
HONORS COURSES & INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS
These small interactive courses emphasize deep exploration of content, as well as hands-on experiences that encourage application of course topics.

HONORS CONTRACT IN ANY 3-CREDIT COURSE
Collaborate directly with an instructor to turn a regular course into an Honors Learning Experience. You can customize a project to further your understanding of the Foundations of Honors Learning.

HONORS INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC TRAVEL
Experience learning in real-world settings beyond campus through programs led by Honors faculty and staff.

HONORS INTERNATION WITH AN HONORS LEARNING CONTRACT
Take classroom learning even further by focusing on one of the Foundations of Honors Learning through a special project during an applied internship experience.

HONORS RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE
Serve as a research assistant in supervised inquiry in all disciplines. Hone investigative and critical thinking skills under the guidance of a faculty member.

HONORS TEACHING ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE
Develop teaching and leadership skills and document evidence of your Honors learning while working as a Teaching Assistant with one of your professors.

HONORS DIRECTED STUDY
Develop a special course of study that is directed by a faculty member. You will develop project management skills while activating deep learning in an area of study.

HONORS DISCOVERY
This short-term, non-credit learning experience allows you to examine highly unique and special topics with an Honors instructor and other Honors students in a small group setting.
Prestigious & Exclusive Scholarships

Barry & Sylvia Hyman Endowed International Education Scholarship
Robin Schmidt Shore Endowed Scholarship
The Dr. Patricia E. Davis Scholarship
Dasher-Spruell Presidential Scholars Scholarship
Marietta Campus Honors Scholarship

Awards and Recognition

Each year we recognize our “best of the best” through three distinct awards that challenge you to reach deeper, achieve more and exhibit academic excellence.

- Outstanding Honors Student
- Outstanding Honors Thesis/Capstone Project Award
- Outstanding Dual Enrollment Student

Eric Nzuki

Eric Nzuki plans to graduate as an Honors Scholar with an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. He currently holds a Co-Op position with a major manufacturer. He is also the Vice President of the Society for Manufacturing Engineers (SME). In the future, Eric aspires to apply his degree to the fields of project engineering, process engineering, research and development, and consulting in manufacturing environments.

My Rewards

CAPSTONE

The Honors Capstone is your personal culmination of your learning, experiences and knowledge that you have gained as a student in the Honors program. The capstone is often the distinguishing factor that sets KSU Honors students apart from others in job interviews and applications for graduate school.

Great Books Cohort

Imagine... the opportunity to learn from the great literature classics that are the crucial foundations in the literature of Western culture and are cornerstones to our global civilization.

The Great Books cohort program is your opportunity to explore these literature greats and their impact on the world today. As a part of the program, you’ll visit KSU’s international site in Montepulciano, Italy where you’ll experience a variety of learning experiences including lectures, field trips and project-based assignments in a culturally diverse environment.

"My experience in the Great Books cohort was invigorating and inspirational – sometimes, the whole experience seems like a dream. Every day, I wish I could go back and do it again." – Lindsay Williams, Honors Scholar

"The KSU Honors Program provided me with the opportunity to pursue my passion for history and become a better college student. Because of the Honors Capstone experience, I was able to complete the translation of a Medieval Latin Chronicle and get it published!“

~John Friedman, Honors Scholar
NOTABLE HONORS & ALUMNI

ASHLYN SCHWARTZ, 2015 Honors College graduate with a degree in Exercise Science, will graduate from the University of Tennessee with a Master’s degree in Kinesiology, a concentration in Exercise Physiology, and a specialty in Pediatric Exercise. Ashlyn received a student research award at the regional SEACSM conference for her thesis study and was elected as a student representative for the SEACSM Executive Board. She begins her Ph.D. Program at UT in the fall of 2017. She was granted a graduate assistantship and received the Tennessee Fellowship for Graduate Excellence.

IDA LEE SPENCE, Mathematics major, was chosen as one of 12 students nationally to participate in the Mathematics Research Experiences for Undergraduates.

BROOKE DOSS graduated as an Honors Scholar in December of 2016. She double-majored in Journalism and Emerging Media and Political Science. She was crowned Miss Cobb County in 2016. Brooke was selected to job-shadow at the BBC and intern at WSB-TV/Channel 2 Action News. She was selected as an award winner at the 2015 Public Speaking Showcase at KSU.

KSU Honors student PLAMEN MAVROV was named a 2016 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow. He was one of 30 fellows selected from a nationwide application process.

LAURA MAYHEW-PURCELL is a 2005 graduate of the Department of Psychology and recipient of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents’ Academic Recognition Scholar Award. Laura received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of South Florida and recently finished a postdoctoral fellowship in Behavioral Medicine for USF Health. A clinical research scientist working on several grant-funded studies investigating psychosocial aspects of diabetes and diabetes management, she is one of three authors to have penned a chapter in Fundamentals of Health Psychology, from Oxford University Press.

PLAMEN MAVROV

Laura Mayhew-Purcell

Ashlyn Schwartz

Brooke Doss