

Q&A: University Honors

Are all the webinars every day the same? Like if I missed something can I sign up for it again tomorrow?

The presentations vary by day. Some are repeated, and some are not. The full schedule should be on the website.

Webinars are different everyday but both University Honors presentations will have the same content. If you are unable to attend a presentation we are recording them and will be posting the recordings to our event website next week - www.highlanderday.ucr.edu

How much does the workload differ between UCR honors and not doing honors? Thank you!

The courses required for University Honors will satisfy your major and/or breadth requirements, so, in that respect, there is not much extra work. The "extra work" comes in the form of the capstone project during the fourth year.

When would we know if we got accepted into the honors program for incoming freshmen?

Students should receive their admission decisions to University Honors by the end of April.

If we weren't able to join Honors at this time, when is the next opportunity to apply?

If you remain eligible for University Honors during your first year at UCR, you will likely receive an invitation next April to apply to join University Honors for your second year.

When are application decisions for the Honors program released?

Admission decisions will be sent by the end of April.

How are people recruited into the Honors Program ?

Students who are eligible to apply to University Honors, based on their GPA, receive an invitation to apply.

It was mentioned that we had to join orientation to keep our spot in honors as freshmen, but freshmen orientations have been cancelled due to COVID-19 so what do we do?

Highlander Orientation has not been cancelled, it has just been transitioned to an online orientation. Incoming Honors students will still be expected to participate in Session 1 of Highlander Orientation.

How can we join the honors program if we do not get initially accepted?

There are opportunities for students to join University Honors for their second or third year at UCR.

Do we have to live on campus if we get into the honors program ?

No, students are not required to live on campus; however, if they choose to live on campus, they are required to live in the Honors living-learning community in Pentland Hills.

Is it too late to apply to University Honors?

Yes, for this year, it is too late to apply to join for the first year, but there may be opportunities to join for the second or third year, depending on eligibility.

How can we be eligible to join University Honors?

Dr. Cardullo will mention that soon. You can also find the criteria at <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

I have submitted my SIR and accepted my admission to university honors. I am now trying to complete my Housing Contract but University Honors is not showing up in the LLC tab to select where you want to live. Is there something else I need to do?

You may want to contact the Housing Office directly to ask why you are not able to see the Honors living-learning community.

What are the requirements to be eligible for Honors?

Admission requirements can be viewed at <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

Can you apply your sophomore year if you didn't do it for your freshman year?

Yes.

Does your capstone project have to revolve around lab work or can you do more hands-on research with children or other communities?

In general, the capstone project can be anything you are interested in researching.

If I am admitted to University honors but do not match the English requirements, how do I match those requirements this summer? Would it be different due to COVID-19?

Students must be eligible for ENGL 1A fall quarter, irrespective of COVID-19.

If I received the email that saying that I am in the program, does it mean that I am qualified to be a part of Honors next year? I am curious because the answers from previous questions saying that they decisions is out by the end of April.

Some students have already received their admission decisions. Those who have not will receive them by the end of the month.

What is the minimum GPA requirement?

That question will be answered by Dr. Cardullo and can be answered on the Honors website, at <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

How many students are accepted each year?

For the first-year cohort, we can accommodate a maximum of 200 students each year.

How do I know when, where, and how to take the English and Math entry placement tests. How do I know I am supposed to take them?

You can access
<<https://placementtest.ucr.edu/>>.

I know Honors students stay in the Pentland dorm. If we have already completed our SIR and submitted housing stuff for a separate dorm (like Lothian) and we find out that we got accepted to Honors, do we change our dorm preference to Pentland?

Yes.

How do I register for orientation?

You can access
<<https://orientation.ucr.edu/>>.

Is there a possibility for an University Honors student to reside in the Dundee Glasgow residence hall?

Not for the first year.

When is Session 1 of Highlander Orientation?

You can find the dates at
<<https://orientation.ucr.edu/>>.

If you get into the program and switch majors before starting freshman year, will you still be a part of the honors program?

Yes, admission is not dependent on one's major.

**If not invited into the honors program for freshman year, how would you join sophomore year?
Would you lose out on any benefits if you join late?**

You can find the answer at <honors.ucr.edu>. There is no penalty or disadvantage to joining during the second or third year.

When I contacted the orientation office, they said that the orientation registration is postponed so we cannot apply to attend orientation until they release the registration site in sometime in May. Does this mean the initial dates will no longer be held to attend on campus (online platform) or is it still waiting to be confirmed?

Orientation will be held virtually this year. If you have additional questions specific to orientation we are holding a Highlander Orientation webinar later this week that I would recommend registering for.

I saw that those who get accepted will need to stay at the Pentland with other Honor students, but is it mandatory?

If a student chooses to live on campus, living in Pentland Hills is mandatory, but living on campus is not mandatory.

If a student applies to University Honors their freshman year, will the student remain a member for the remaining three years; or would the student have to reapply?

There is no need to re-apply from year to year.

What are the overall benefits of being a part of University Honors?

You can review the benefits at <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

Are there certain dates that the honors program decisions are released on (during this month)?

The decisions will be rolling throughout the rest of the month.

Is Honors Capstone similar to the senior capstone ?

The capstone project is completed during the senior year, so, in that respect, yes.

Will we know about University Honors on the rweb portal?

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No, you will receive e-mail directly from University Honors.

What are the pros to live with other honors students in Pentland ?

Becoming part of a community of like-minded students.

If we took community college courses in high school and will have our status raised to sophomore or junior at UCR, can we still apply for Honors?

Yes.

Do you also get priority registration for classes if in honors?

Yes.

Do you have to apply every year to be considered for honors although you've already been accepted?

No, there is no need to re-apply each year.

I am confused, if we were accepted were we required to accept the offer in April or could we have accepted May 1?

Your admission e-mail will specify the date by which you have to accept your offer.

How selective is University Honors?

Eligibility is based on GPA. You can learn more at <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

If you don't get in until sophomore year do you still need to take the year 1 classes?

No

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Are there RA's in the Honors University?

Yes, there are RA's in the Honors living-learning community in Pentland Hills.

What if you cannot afford to live in Pentland hills because it's the most expensive ?

Pentland Hills is the same price as the other residence halls.

If you weren't given an invitation is there a way to join?

No, students must be invited to apply.

Will we receive our admission decision in our portal or by email?

By e-mail.

How do you join those 15-25 limited students for those courses?

You merely need to register for the required Honors courses.

What if we get Capstone recognition in Highschool through AP Research. Is that the same? And if so, would it meet the requirement?

No, it is not the same. The Honors capstone project is different from anything offered in high school.

When do most students travel abroad during their four years?

It varies by student and can be done at any time.

Since some students already have gotten their acceptance to honors, does that mean anything for the applicants that haven't heard anything back ?

No, the acceptances are rolling.

So in your 3rd and 4th years, do you have to take on the capstone classes in addition to the required major classes too?

Yes, but there is only one course related to the capstone project.

If we get into the honors program, what are the list of tasks we need to do before the school year?

We will inform you of all tasks and requirements via e-mail throughout the summer.

If I SIR for another dorm and am admitted to honors will I need to pay additional fees on top of what I

have paid for the dorm I originally chose?

No, you will just have to contact Housing to switch into Pentland Hills.

It says there are currently no sessions available for highlander orientation. How do I register?

You may have to call the orientation office to ask to register for Session 1.

In honors, do you have separate academic advisors than students not in honors?

Yes, each student will be assigned an Honors Counselor, in addition to their regular academic advisor.

If I did not received any letter about ELWR satisfaction and taking AWPE, do I still need to take the requirement test since that was one of the requirement for the Honors?

You should access <<https://placementtest.ucr.edu/>> for more information.

Will you still be notified if you do not get into University Honors?

Yes.

So do we have develop 2 different projects in the senior year?

No, just one capstone project for Honors.

Are an honors student and a non-honors student allowed to dorm together?

Usually not.

Is there an exact day of when news of whether those who applied have been accepted or not goes out?

There is no exact date, just by the end of April.

What is the drop-out rate for university honors? Should it become too difficult for a student, are they able to leave the program?

Yes, students can choose to voluntarily leave University Honors, if necessary.

Is there a difference in the grading standard for honors

courses?

No

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What if you cannot afford to live in Pentland hills because it's the most expensive ?

If you have a financial hardship, you can let us know, and we will consider an exception.

Is there any materials to prepare to satisfy entry level writing requirements?

You can access <<https://placementtest.ucr.edu/>> for more information.

Does UCR select its honors students based on major or just on GPA?

Just on high school GPA and on the application.

If we get in the honors program can we still choose a roommate?

As long as the person is also in Honors.

Is it mandatory to live on-campus in Pentland Hills during your first year? What about all of your years?

It is not mandatory to live on campus, but, if you choose to, it is mandatory to live in Pentland Hills the first year.

if you are invited to apply freshman year but don't, can you apply again second year if invited?

Yes.

Why are we required to live at Pentland the first year?

To build a community with your fellow Honors students.

Is the high school AP Research Capstone the same as the Honors Capstone?

No

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How often do students take these field trips?

Usually at least once per quarter.

If I were to join second year would I be on track with someone who has been in honors since freshman year?

Yes, there is no disadvantage to joining the second or third year.

If you haven't heard back with the results if you made it and if you submitted the housing for a different dorm, what should I do?

If you are accepted to Honors, you can contact Housing to change your housing placement.

If we have further questions later on, who can we ask? And are there honors counselors available for advice for incoming freshman?

You can contact any of us listed on the Honors website, at <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

If the student finds the work load overwhelming is there a way to get out of the honors program?

Yes.

If we study abroad, does that change the required honors classes?

Not necessarily.

Are roommates for Honors assigned or can we request roommates who we know are also going to be in honors?

You should be able to request another Honors student.

For orientation registration should I wait to register until I receive a decision for honors?

You can register for an available session now and then change it if you are admitted to Honors.

Will the presentation discuss information about Adeamus?

Not specifically, but you can access the website for more information <www.honors.ucr.edu>.

If I already submitted my SIR, am I unable to get into Honors?

You should receive your decision this month, regardless of whether you have submitted your SIR.

Does the number of students accepted to Honors vary each year?

We can admit a maximum of 200 first-year students each year.

How do the capstone courses apply to students with more technical majors, like computer science?

They are the same for all students, regardless of major.

If we have already been accepted to University Honors but do not meet the Eand math requirements, what do we do for that?

That situation may make you ineligible for the first year, but you can apply again next year.

If you submit your SIR and are accepted into the program does that save your honors spot ?

Your spot will be reserved as long as you are in the first two hundred who commit.

What is the ambassador application deadline for Freshman students waiting for honors decisions?

First-year students are not eligible to serve as Ambassadors.

Is there any exceptions at all for honors and non-honors students to live together?

It is not likely.

When will applicants be notified of acceptance? I need to make housing plans soon but not sure if I got in.

You can submit your housing contract now and change it if/when you are admitted to University Honors.

When and how do you select your Honors University roommate?

That question can be answered at <housing.ucr.edu>.

Could I take University Honors class without being in the University Honors?

Yes, but only with permission from the instructor.

If we apply for Honors our second year, will our acceptance depend on if students left Honors the previous year?

No

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Do the leadership positions and awards on the application weigh heavily upon your admission decision?

Not as heavily as the essays.

Has the University Honors program already chose the students for next year?

We are in the process of doing so.

What are the benefits of the program?

You can find the benefits at <honor.ucr.edu>.

Is e-mail the only way to get notified if I was accepted? A lot of my email gets sent to spam and gets missed. Is there a way to get it sent to my Portal?

We notify students via e-mail, not the portal.

What's the difference between Latin honors and UCR honors?

Latin honors are based on GPA at graduation. University Honors is a four-year program.

Are roommates for Honors assigned or can we request roommates who are also going to be in honors? Where can we get students list to select roommates based on our religion or based on diet?

The Housing Office should be able to answer that question, at <housing.ucr.edu>.

When I tried registering for a session for Highlander Orientation, it said that there are no sessions available. Does that mean it is too late to register for a session or is there a way I can still register for a session?

If you have been accepted to Honors, you will need to contact the orientation office, at <orientation.ucr.edu>, to register for Session 1.

Do we have to maintain an academic performance to stay in the honors college once admitted?

Yes.

Will letters of acceptance be sent to our Gmail or UCR

portal?

You will receive notification via e-mail.

What if we have not submitted our SIR yet because we are waiting for honors decisions? Does that automatically make us ineligible to be accepted for honors?

No

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How many applicants do you invite per year?

It varies by year.

How much time is given to accept the Honors Program? Are all acceptance notifications sent out at the same time and you take the first 200 to respond?

Generally, students are given a few days to accept their admission.

If accepted into the UCR Honors program would our courses be a mixture of both honors required courses and non-honors major courses?

Yes.

Are there any honors classes that pertain particularly to specific fields?

Yes.

What is we submit SIR before being accepted to Honors?

That is not a problem.

Can we get students list to select roommates?

Housing should be able to answer that question, at <housing.ucr.edu>.

Do you guys have any scholarships for first years ?

The scholarships are primarily for third-year students.

How does UCR honors specifically benefit students in the Computer Science major?

All students receive the same benefits, which can be viewed at <honors.ucr.edu>.

Can an honors student dorm with a non-honors student?

Generally, no.

Does the University Honors do things after school? (Ex: after school meetings, tutoring, etc.)

Occasionally.

Are we allowed to submit our SIR after finding out about our acceptance to honors? and then after we submit the SIR, we are allowed to accept our honors spot?

Yes, just keep in mind that the SIR deadline is May 1.

If I got a 5 on an AP Spanish test, but my major doesn't really have much to do with Spanish, would that AP credit help in some way?

Your academic advisor can answer that question for you.

Can non-Honors students attend Honors classes?

Yes, with permission from the instructor.

Is there a way to apply still for freshman year, if an incoming student has the required GPA but was not sent an invitation? Thank you!

Unfortunately, it is too late to apply for the first year.