

UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH FLORIDA

Hicks Honors College



Dear *future* Osprey

Join the Hicks Honors College. Being a UNF Hicks Honors College student means being part of a tight-knit and authentic community within the greater university with all of its resources and opportunities. It means working with professors who know your name and who understand that the most meaningful education combines experiential learning and critical thinking. It means traveling to exotic places (in mind and body) and learning to relate to unique cultures. It means being exhilarated by new and unique challenges.

What Honors is not, however, is work piled upon work, or extra work for work's sake. Rather, our classes are heavily discussion-based, with plentiful opportunity for careful, critical thought. Many of our courses include field trips and other activities beyond the classroom so that students have the chance to see how the topic relates to the real world and to apply the skills they have learned. Our faculty, staff and advisors are dedicated to helping you every step of the way so that you thrive and become all that you can be in your life journey.

One of the great things about the Hicks Honors College experience is that you have the opportunity to design the program to fit your interests and your needs. Call it "Customized Honors" or "Honors Your Way"; regardless, it is uniquely UNF, and makes for an experience that will allow you to get the very most out of college.



WHY DO HONORS?

Strong support—network of faculty, staff, and students who make sure that no one falls through the cracks

Get the most out of college: a selective private liberal arts college-type experience within a public university—without the extra cost or exclusivity

Be part of community that values authenticity and aspires to do great things for society and the world

Significant funding for study abroad research

Priority registration

Deeper, more engaged intellectual interaction with classmates

Fun activities and community

Unique study abroad opportunities

Push yourself academically and try new things

Learn from some of the best faculty at the university and get to know them personally

Interactive, discussion-based, and thought-provoking classes with fun class projects that engage creativity

Strong preparation for graduate school (letters of recommendation, fellowships assistance, etc.)

Many leadership and service opportunities

Living/learning program (opportunity to live together with those whom you share values)



ADMISSION

The Hicks Honors College is looking for students who are eager to explore the world, look at things in different ways, and blaze new trails. Candidates will have strong academic credentials, but most importantly is a demonstration (through essays and previous accomplishments) of motivation to work hard and grapple with critical issues. There are two ways of applying to the program. First, as you complete your application to the university, you will be prompted to apply to Honors, and you can do that immediately from the university application. If you do not apply for admission to the Hicks Honors College at that time, you may apply for admission to Honors after you have been accepted to the university through the myWings portal. Contact us if you have any questions: unf.edu/hicks 904-620-2649 or honors@unf.edu

EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

The Hicks Honors College curriculum is flexible and enriches students in many ways. It works for students in any major as well as transfer students. Honors at UNF is not about being harder; it is about being richer and deeper. The core values of the Honors College are integrity, intellectual curiosity, internal motivation, interconnection and open-mindedness. Therefore the curriculum fosters student curiosity and encourages students to go beyond passive learning to active creation, through methods such as penetrating discussion, lab-based research, creation of real data, inquiry-based classes, and readapting ideas for new contexts. Students are engaged in real-world issues from the get-go, and are encouraged to seek answers and solutions. Honors students quickly become leaders on and off campus, and gain people skills to help them become the effective influencers they aspire to be.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

You can participate in the Hicks Honors College, too! If you have all or most of your General Education covered, you may be able to waive the Foundation/Core courses and begin with the upper-division component of the program. Apply using the same applications as first-time college students.

“Honors provides students with an opportunity to interact, collaborate, and develop relationships with renowned professors and community leaders whose rapport extend far beyond the university community. I’ve had the privilege to complete independent research under a caring and knowledgeable professor as well as build relationships with experienced government practitioners such as former U.S. ambassadors and military officers.”

— Evan Maslin

International Studies and International Relations Major



THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

The Hicks Honors College offers a rich first-year experience, in which students acclimate to college, grow key friendships and grapple with complex and critical issues like immigration and national identity. They build critical thinking, interpersonal, and leadership skills and start making a personal difference through service opportunities such as working with the local refugee community and helping assist families in the process of adapting to American culture. Students also reflect deeply about their place in society and future endeavors. In the second semester, students work closely with faculty on unique and meaningful topics ranging from food and culture to writing about climate change to augmented reality, while getting vital experience in communication.



MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to UNF's generous merit-based scholarship opportunities for every student, Hicks Honors College participants have even more chances to earn scholarships. UNF is committed to ensuring an affordable education for our Honors students, and to that end, we work with each student to match every available scholarship resource. We want to ensure that our high-achieving students have nothing to worry about but their classes.

FINANCIAL AID

The staff in the UNF Office of Student Financial Aid takes great care to match you with every available scholarship dollar, federal and state resource and our own University funding. At UNF, we're committed to ensuring you're able to focus on your classes without the financial burdens that sometimes go hand-in-hand with being a college student. We do everything in our power to make sure we limit your student indebtedness and increase your knowledge about your resources and the professionals you have on your side at UNF. We're in your corner every step of the way and that begins even before you start classes in the fall. We'll even help you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the spring of your high school senior year.

STUDY ABROAD

Whether it is funding for opportunities during your undergraduate academic career or funding for post-baccalaureate education, the Hicks Honors College can help you realize your dreams. We offer a wide variety of scholarships to all qualifying UNF Hicks Honors College undergraduates. For those students planning to attend graduate school, we can assist with helping to secure prestigious national and international scholarships and fellowships.

Hicks Honors College scholarships give students the opportunities to study abroad in places they never thought possible. Through the Hicks Honors College, undergraduates may also apply for competitive grants to support University-sponsored study abroad, summer academic programs abroad, as well as travel to professional conferences and internships.

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Hicks Honors College has undergraduate research fellowships to allow you to gain a close working relationship with some of UNF's top faculty in many of our undergraduate programs. While students at other schools only dream of these types of opportunities, the Hicks Honors College can make it your reality.

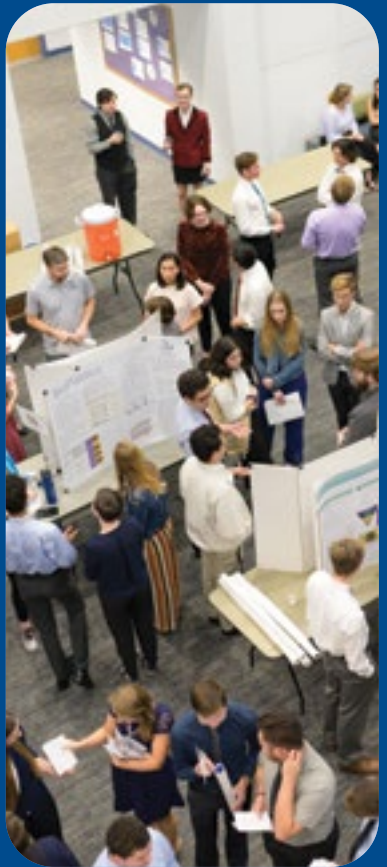
“As a member of the Hicks Honors College community, I have received an immense amount of support from the entire faculty and staff to reach my career and academic goals. I definitely would not be where I am without the support of the college.”

– Julia Myron

International Studies and International Relations Major









“The Hicks Honors College has taught me essential life skills needed to succeed whenever opportunities come.”

**– Tennyson Mlyniec
Communication Studies Major and Leadership
Minor**

“What I like about the Hicks Honors College is the ample amount of opportunities provided to undergrads, whether it be lab research, a TA position, or a chance to present at a conference. Such opportunities arise as a result of small class sizes, which creates the perfect environment for students to develop personal relationships with their professors. These connections could land students undergraduate research experiences – as early as freshman year!”

– Mahnoor Izhar

Biology Major with emphasis in Biomedical Sciences





“I like how our Honors college is not limited to UNF’s campus. From the start of my college career, I had the opportunity to make an impact in the community by volunteering as an English tutor for the local refugee population in Jacksonville. The connections I made with families from all over the world helped me grow as an outward-focused individual who has studied abroad three times and is now pursuing a career in international development for deaf communities. None of these aspirations would be possible without the opportunities afforded me by the Hicks Honors College!”

**— Kaitlynn Himmelreich
Deaf Education Major**

“My favorite part of the Honors College is definitely the unique educational opportunities it provides you. The smaller class sizes and Honors only classes allow you to learn different course material and engage much more closely with the faculty at the school, further building your networking skills as well.”

**– Diego Salinas
Music Performance Major**



CREATE YOUR OWN HONORS PROGRAM

Be all you can be with the Hicks Honors College. As an honors student, you can tailor the program to be as beneficial to your needs and interests as possible.

It's basically getting rewarded for doing the things you most want to do anyway!

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HONORS AT UNF:

1. Complete the Honors Core curriculum—cool classes that fulfill General Education at the same time that they engage you in unique, real-world topics and challenge you to develop exceptional skills.
2. Shape your own Honors academic program. After your first year, take the Honors pre-capstone symposium and determine what academic path you'll take for your enrichment. There are tremendous opportunities: do Honors in the major, become a Hicks Research Fellow, study abroad for a semester or more (with Hicks funding!), select a minor in an area that will complement your major, etc. All paths that will add value to your degree.
3. Contribute academically by participating in one or more of a wide variety of activities: attending Honors seminars, providing service as a tutor, presenting at a conference, or publishing.
4. Show your leadership by taking on a special role and by becoming actively involved in Honors activities, UNF, or community organizations.
5. Complete an Honors capstone on a topic/project of your choice. Develop an e-portfolio to put your capstone project in and showcase your best self.



HICKS HONORS STUDENTS

have opportunities to research at the undergraduate level



HONORS LIVING LEARNING RESIDENCE

Freshmen and upperclassmen



HICKS HONORS COLLEGE

named after Ann and David Hicks, two prominent Jacksonville philanthropists



HONORS STUDENTS

study abroad as early as their freshman year



The Academic Advising Team is committed to providing individualized services to a diverse student population, and working cooperatively with the UNF community to offer tools and resources to empower students in becoming lifelong learners.

LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

**Come visit the Hicks Honors College
at the University of North Florida.**

Spend a day with us. Sit in on one of our classes. Meet our faculty and our students. See what the hallmarks of a UNF education are all about as they come to life.

Sign up for a tour today at unf.edu/welcomecenter.

Contact us!

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