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THE CHATHAM HONORS PROGRAM IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE HONORS PROGRAM.

Most universities require you to complete more class work and offer nothing more than a distinction at graduation. At Chatham, we think **an honors program should engage you**, not just give you more tasks to accomplish.

The Chatham Honors Program is designed as an interdisciplinary experience with access to faculty and other academic peers who, like you, want to excel. It will engage you both in and out of the classroom, culminating in skills and opportunities that help build your resume and launch your career.

Who's eligible to join?

- **Incoming first-year students** with a GPA of 3.75.
- **Transfer students** who have a college 3.5 GPA or the PTK equivalent.
- **Current students** who have earned at least 15 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.6 may apply to join.

Students must maintain a minimum 3.6 GPA (there's a one-semester grace period) and take a minimum of two honors-designated courses.

What you get

- \$1,000 scholarship, renewable annually
- Preferred access to key campus events, such as lectures and receptions for campus visitors
- Participate in the First-year Research Experience. Includes one-on-one collaboration with top Chatham faculty, opportunity to compete for scholarship awards, and early experience in research, writing and development, similar to your Capstone project
- Participate in Honors Engagement Expo in the spring to showcase internship, study abroad, volunteer activities with the Chatham and local community
- Opportunity to apply for Honors Travel Fellowships to attend research conferences
- Fellowship (Fulbright and others) mentoring and application assistance

Honors courses

Honors students participate in special honors-designated sections of required general education courses, including mission courses, environmental science, and a one-credit professional development seminar that includes fellowship applications.

Honors Living Learning Community (LLC)

By living together with Honors peers in a scholarly community in Rea House, a renovated mansion, residents have the most comprehensive connections to faculty and scholarly activities on campus. Rea House features quiet study rooms in common areas and an intimate environment for increased community building.

Honors Students Advisory Council

Students on the Honors Students Advisory Council determine and organize events for honors students each term, including activities in the Honors Program LLC and the Annual Service Project.

Research

Our faculty are eager to facilitate and mentor undergraduate research. Opportunities include:

- **Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP):** Chatham annually awards money for a few students to work with a Chatham faculty member on his or her research for eight weeks each summer.
- **Undergraduate research symposia** across the sciences, hosted at Chatham.
- **Capstone seminars:** These culminating educational experiences, specific to each major, may take the form of individual or group research, conducted under close guidance of a faculty member.

Visit chatham.edu/honors-program to read about our students taking advantage of research opportunities, fellowships, and otherwise creating real change in the world.

Leadership

Part of Chatham's mission is to train **world-ready leaders**. Some of the opportunities for students eager to make a difference include:

- The **Emerging Leaders Overnight Retreat**, geared towards first- and second-year students, provides an introduction to key leadership concepts through the completion of outdoor activities, including high and low ropes courses.
- The **Social Activism Institute** is a twelve-week program that provides participants with the opportunity to learn about advocacy, local politics, and public policy from campus and community partners.
- **Student Organization Officer Workshops** focus on the development of specific skills needed for leaders to be effective, such as creating a shared vision, delegating tasks, communicating effectively, and motivating peers.

- The **World Ready Leader Program** provides experiential learning opportunities that allow students to develop a personal leadership style that promotes social change and prepares them for lives of purpose.
- The **Backpack to Briefcase Speaker Series** is an alumni speaker series focused on exploring leadership post-graduation.

Engagement

Community and civic engagement are also part of Chatham's mission, and we offer lots of ways to get involved, including:

- The **Orientation Service Project** features first-year students along with returning students, faculty and staff traveling to local service sites and spending the morning working on a variety of projects designed to improve the area. Students also learn about the community which they are serving.
- **Make a Difference Day** provides the opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to serve our local community through a variety of different projects. Partners have included Friends of the Riverfront, Nine Mile Run, Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers, Produce to the People, Off the Floor Pittsburgh, and the Wilksburg Borough.
- **Alternative Spring Break** provides students with the opportunity to travel to a different city to do service work, learn about the area, and engage in the community.



For more information about the Chatham Honors Program, visit chatham.edu/honors-program.

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES AT CHATHAM

- Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts and sciences)
- Alpha Sigma Lambda (Gateway students)
- Beta Beta Beta (biology)
- Lambda Pi Eta (communications)
- Mortar Board (scholarship, leadership, and service)
- Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics)
- Omicron Delta Kappa (scholarship; leadership; campus and community service; and character and integrity)
- Psi Chi (psychology)
- Sigma Beta Delta (business, management, and administration)
- Sigma Tau Delta (English and literature)
- Honors Business Program
- Honors Accounting Program

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