Honors College

Top 3 Things Prospective Students (and Their Families) Should Know About Your College:
1. As a residential learning community, the Honors College brings together outstanding students from all UVM’s majors to connect their academic work with their lives outside the classroom.
2. The Honors College curriculum begins with small interdisciplinary seminars in the first two years and leads to a student’s individually designed research project with a faculty mentor in the junior and senior years. Honors College first-year fall seminars fulfill the University’s first-year writing requirement, and the spring seminars each fulfill one of UVM’s two diversity requirements.
3. There are two ways into the UVM Honors College: Invitation through the first year admission process, and a sophomore admission process for current UVM students. There is also no separate application for the Honors College as a perspective student.

What Is New For The Coming Year?

- The Honors College and UVM’s Wellness Environment have launched the WE-HCOL Dual Citizenship Program: The WE-HCOL mission is to enable and empower talented students to achieve a deep understanding of and appreciation for how their potential as scholars and individuals is influenced by the choices they make both inside and outside the classroom. Through rigorous seminar style coursework focused on developing knowledge, and lectures dedicated to understanding physiological and psychological factors associated with optimal physical and cognitive functioning, the Honors College and WE provide first year Honors College students with an intellectually rigorous introduction to college, as well as a holistic academic wellness experience that prepares them for success both inside and outside of the classroom.

- The Honors College has added two new student advisors to the staff this year, in order to better serve students who are looking to build their experiences and expertise outside of the classroom. One advisor is our undergraduate research coordinator, who will be advising students on getting involved in research on campus. The other is an academic advisor for Honors College upperclassmen, who will be advising students as they consider pairing co-curricular opportunities (research, study abroad, etc.) with their academic work.
Experiential Learning Opportunities:

- Undergraduate research is at the core of the Honors College curriculum; the college houses UVM’s Office of Undergraduate Research, which distributes $250,000 annually to UVM students doing research or other scholarly work.
- The Honors College curriculum has been structured to allow students to study abroad in their junior year.
- The Honors College provides advising and career development opportunities specifically for Honors College students, including scholarship awards for students pursuing internships during their college career.

What Makes Your Program Unique Compared To Peer Institutions?

- The UVM Honors College has a holistic approach to create a successful student experience at UVM. The Honors College uses academic advising, career advising, wellness programming, and community building to enable outstanding students to identify their passions, build their expertise, and identify their postgraduate path so that they are prepared to find their place in the world.
- There are two points of entry into our Honors College: invitation into the first year is offered based on the strength of the UVM application, and is very competitive; UVM first-year students who have a GPA over 3.4 are eligible to apply for sophomore admission.
- Our Honors College is a University-wide program, enrolling students from all seven undergraduate colleges and schools: a student can complete any major at UVM and be a member of the Honors College.
- Our Honors College is a residential learning community, including faculty in residence, who offer activities like an Honors College book club and pancake breakfasts.

What is your college doing to further the first year experience for new students?

- As a residential learning community, the Honors College works closely with high achieving students to help them build connections with fellow students and faculty across the university so that they can identify their intellectual niche and pursue excellence in their chosen field. The Honors College advisors work with Honors College students on an individual level to help them find opportunities inside and outside the classroom to help them develop the experiences and skills they will need to be successful after college.

Our Graduates Have Gone On To...

- Pursuing medical study at Harvard University, Brown Medical School, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, and the University of Vermont Medical School, among others.
• Pursuing graduate doctoral study in the sciences at Cal Tech (Chemistry), Vanderbilt University (mathematics), Columbia University (cell and molecular biology), and Brown University (pathobiology), among others.

• Pursuing graduate doctoral study in the humanities, social sciences, and arts at Harvard University, University of California-Berkeley, Johns Hopkins, Duke University, the University of Warwick, among others.

• Pursuing pre-professional study to become:
  o Veterinarians (recent Honors College graduates are pursuing vet school Tufts University, Cornell University, among others).
  o Lawyers (recent Honors College graduates are at law school at Duke University, University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown Law, and Harvard School of Law, among others),
  o Public health officials (recent graduates are at Columbia University and Yale university, among others).

• Entering the workforce at companies including Google, HBO, Global Foundries, Fuse Marketing, Flying Plow Farm, W. W. Norton & Company, NextCapital Group, the Burlington Free Press, among others.

• Founded their own companies or non-profit organizations, including ReWork, The Whole Human Upgrade, Books 4 Equality, among others.

• Working in the public sector at the U.S. State Department, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, the Office of Senator Patrick J. Leahy, the State House of Vermont, Amnesty International, Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), serving in the U.S Army, among others.

• Doing postgraduate fellowship work through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, the National Institute of Health, Teach for America, Peacecorps, and Americorps, among others.