THE PROGRAM

Honors Humanities is a two-year Living/Learning program for talented beginning undergraduates with an interest in the arts and humanities. The program is an exciting collaboration between the College of Arts and Humanities and the University Honors Program. The goals of Honors Humanities are to bring to campus academically gifted students and to provide them with a challenging, interdisciplinary, research-based study of the humane disciplines that will prepare the students for advanced College and Departmental Honors work in their chosen majors.

Honors Humanities is open to students in all majors. Non-humanities majors often find that the Honors Humanities program provides a background for study in other fields and that it fosters an appreciation for the arts and humanities that contributes to an artful life. Students who complete the 15-credit program receive a citation in Honors Humanities.

You are so young, so before all beginning, and I want to beg you, as much as I can to be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.

-Rainer Maria Rilke, Letters to a Young Poet

For more information, please visit www.honorshumanities.umd.edu

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"This really seems like a program for me. The in-depth discussion, the interesting works, and a lot less structure than other schools. It's an intellectual setting. This is exactly what I was looking for. It's the best of both worlds."

- John Mathias, Class of 2006

**LEARNING**

The Honors Humanities citation includes 15 credit hours of coursework over four semesters including six credit hours of unique instruction from the faculty of Honors Humanities (ARHU) and nine credit hours of regular University Honors seminars (HONR).

**HONORS HUMANITIES COURSES**

- **ARHU 105** (1 credit) “History and Application of the Arts and Humanities”
- **ARHU 106** (1 credit) “Practical Application in the Arts”
- **ARHU 205** (3 credit) “Modes of Knowing and Doing in the Arts and Humanities”
- **ARHU 206** (1 credit) “Open Research Semester”

**HONORS COURSES**

Students may take a minimum of three 3-credit University Honors seminars (HONR) or two 3-credit Honors seminars and one Departmental H version in the arts and humanities and the social sciences. For a list of Honors seminars visit www.honors.umd.edu

**KEYSTONE PROJECT**

The core of the Honors Humanities curriculum is the **Keystone Project**, which students pursue throughout their ARHU coursework. The exact goals of a student’s Keystone Project are entirely up to the student. Some students choose to do original research in such fields as history or education and other, compose their own creative works in areas ranging from theater to literature to music. Students work with their peers and faculty in the development of their project. Once the Keystone Project is complete, students are encouraged to present their work in a public forum—through publication, conferences, performance, and exhibition.

**ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK**

Optional coursework is available in the form of two upper-level courses. **ARHU 328** is an internship course in which students receive credit for work on or off campus. In the past, students have interned on Capitol Hill and in various museums including the Children’s Museum, the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C., and the Cloisters in New York. **ARHU 329** is a teaching assistant undergraduate course that is a valuable hands-on experience providing an inside look into the academic world. Teaching assistants work with HonHum faculty to design curriculum, monitor class assignments, and conduct lectures.

**LIVING**

Honors Humanities offices and students are housed in Wicomico Hall, located in the North Hill Community and close to University Honors, the College of Arts and Humanities, Stamp Union, and McKeldin Library and Mall.

Residency in Wicomico Hall is not a requirement of the program, but it is highly recommended. Wicomico is a co-ed residence hall with single, double, and triple occupancy rooms.

The program also offers co-curricular programming including lectures, performances, workshops, and service-learning opportunities on campus and in the greater Washington D.C./Baltimore area.