



Pforzheimer Honors College

Family Session

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Requirements to Graduate from the Honors College

- Overall GPA of a 3.3
- 8 Honors Classes (2 per year) with a minimum of a B- in each Honors class (not additional courses).
- Honors Thesis: A 25-page research paper or a creative thesis (i.e. play, film, app, exhibit) and a 10-page research component on a topic of the student's choice and a presentation of the thesis. Students choose a faculty mentor to work with for a year.



Classes

- Learning Communities
- Rotating exclusive and non-exclusive courses
- Professors chosen by Honors
- Travel
- Different work
 - More discussion based
 - Interesting topics
 - Real world experience or opportunities



Advising

- Every Honors student gets an Honors advisor for all four years
- It is based on the student's major.
- Types of Advising and Help
 - Courses
 - Personal
 - Graduate School (including Pre-Med)
 - Prestigious Scholarships
 - Internships
 - Study Abroad
 - Opportunities
 - Research
 - Thesis
 - Navigating Pace's bureaucracy
 - Apartment searches



Housing

- Honors Floors
 - 15 Beekman (first years)
 - 33 Beekman (second year+ optional)
- First Year Residential Students must live on an Honors Floor
- Honors Resident Advisors (RAs)
- Floor Events



Mentoring

- Every incoming student will be matched with a mentor by orientation
- Answer Questions
- Provide Advice
- Attend Events Together
- Job and Internship Opportunities
- Support



Welcome Week

- Wednesday, August 28 to Saturday, August 31
 - Move in early on August 28
 - Parent Session – around 5:00 p.m.
 - More information coming soon
- Bonding activities
- Information sessions
- UNV 101 time
- Tours of Pace and New York City
- Mentoring
- Commuter Students also participate in Welcome Week



Additional Perks

- Access to the Honors network of jobs, internships, and other opportunities from our alumni
- Priority registration for classes
- Honors only events (i.e. movie nights; Broadway shows; ice skating and more)
- **Minimum** of \$15,000 scholarship
- Can apply for **up to** \$1000 to study abroad
- Can apply for **up to** \$1000 for research
- Special research and travel opportunities
- NYC has a 24/7 Honors lounge with free coffee, tea, and hot chocolate; themed study rooms
- Leadership opportunities
- Honors distinction on the transcript and in the commencement book, Honors medallion, and Honors certificate upon graduation
- **Small community where everyone is like family**



Selected Honors Accomplishments

- Prestigious scholarship winners:
 - J.K. Watson
 - Fulbright
 - CyberCorps
 - Department of Defense
 - Millennium Fellows
- Over 100 top commencement awards in the last few years
- Jefferson Award Winners
- We tend to have a student or two accepted into the Disney College Program every semester.
- Federal Reserve Challenge Team and Model United Nations awards
- Radio City Rockettes, Brooklyn Nets Dancers, Broadway/TV Stars
- Two of our students worked on the Nobel Peace Prize campaign



A Word from our Students...

- Most of all, thank you so much to the Pforzheimer Honors College and its director, Jaclyn Kopel who has been my advisor and helped me achieve anything I set my mind to (even if others said it wasn't something that could be done). Meeting you during my first campus visit made my decision to go to Pace easy and it wouldn't have been the same without you!
- Thank you Honors for everything. for registering me in INT198F freshman year which allowed me to write an academic paper on mermaids, for answering my (usually frantic) emails, and especially for supporting me in the Christmas Spectacular and all of the paperwork that followed! I couldn't have done it without you!!
- I came to Pace because of them, I stayed because of them, and I'll forever cherish my honors family because of them! Thank you, Bill and Jackie, for the endless support these last four years, I owe it all to you!
- Mohini was always quick to answer all my questions and definitely made me feel more comfortable about having a heavier schedule load. She was also really accessible and i felt really close to her and comfortable enough to talk to her about any issues I was having.
- It was awesome. Mohini is the best advisor that I could've asked for. She really helped me through every decision and I can't thank her enough. I don't know if my college experience would have been as smooth as it was without her.
- Amazingggg!!!! The community is the best part- the classes, professors, students all make a huge difference and most importantly THE ADVISORS!!!! They made my experience at Pace exponentially better than it would have been if I was not in Honors. Will miss you all :)



Frequently Asked Questions



HOW MANY
STUDENTS ARE
IN THE HONORS
COLLEGE?



DO I NEED TO
HAVE A SPECIFIC
MAJOR TO BE IN
THE HONORS
COLLEGE?



DO YOU ACCEPT
AP, IB AND
COLLEGE
CREDITS?



DO I HAVE TO
LIVE ON THE
HONORS FLOOR?

Smooth Transitions

Important next steps to take over the summer for a smooth first semester at Pace:

- Register for Orientation, fill out the questionnaire, and fill out the mentee profile sheet by **May 15**
- Final High School Transcript sent to Honors **ASAP** in **June** or **July**
- AP/IB Scores & College Credits/DE should be sent to Honors **ASAP**
 - Must be directly from College Board, IB, and Official Transcript where college credits come from
- Immunization Records are due by **August 1**
- Tuition Payment is due by **August 1**
- Health Insurance Waiver is due **mid-September**

Important Fall 2024 Dates

New Student Convocation: Tuesday, September 3

First Day of Classes: Wednesday, September 4

Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, December 17 (final exams scheduled during the prior week on the *last class meeting day*; Fall Semester ends)

EVENT	DATE	NOTES
Rosh Hashanah (First Night)	October 2	Asynchronous Evening Classes
Rosh Hashanah (First Day)	October 3	Asynchronous Day/Evening Classes
Yom Kippur (Evening)	October 11	Asynchronous Evening Classes
Yom Kippur	October 12	Asynchronous Day/Evening Classes
Diwali (Observed)	November 1	Asynchronous Day/Evening Classes
Election Day	November 7	Classes Meet as Scheduled
Veterans' Day	November 11	No Classes Scheduled
Undergraduate Study Days	November 26 – November 27	No Undergraduate Classes
Thanksgiving Break	November 28 – December 1	University Closed

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Questions?