

THE HONORS PROGRAMS AT GENEVA COLLEGE

FIRST-YEAR HONORS PROGRAM

The First-Year Honors Program (FYHP) places students in living-learning communities to worship God with one's mind, explore the meaning of college, and grow in faith, service and Christian community. Students participate in honors-only sections of core classes, engage with fellow honors students and selected professors in enthusiastic discussions, develop service projects, and attend outstanding off-campus cultural events and retreats. Various scholarships and honoraria are available to FYHP students, who are selected through an application and interview process during their senior year of high school.

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Young Scholars Program is a two-semester community of capable and motivated sophomores and juniors selected to delve into the topic of "calling" and examine how the lordship of Christ shapes different fields of academia. With the goal of developing a personal vocational vision, students participate in small seminar classes based on major for the first semester's one-credit course, and come together for a three-credit course in the spring term, which satisfies one of the Bible core requirements. Qualified students are invited to apply to Young Scholars at the end of their freshman and sophomore years.

ACADEMIC PARTNERS PROGRAM

The Academic Partners Program encourages collaboration as selected students are supported by faculty mentors through a significant research, academic or fine arts project. This is a one-semester program for which a student receives a stipend; qualified seniors and second-semester juniors are vetted through an application process each semester.

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AIMS

Geneva's First-Year Honors Program supports the college's mission through its aim of building a Christ-following community of enthusiastic learners who are:

- Discipled in academic excellence and faith integration
- Supported by distinctive opportunities for academic exploration, service, research and collaboration, and enhanced cultural and intercultural experiences
- Recognized for their excellence, achievements and service in order to bring glory to God and honor to Geneva College



WHY WE ARE STUDENTS

We study in order to
understand God's good creation
and the ways sin has distorted it
so that, in Christ's power, we may
bring healing to persons and the created order,
and, as God's image-bearers,
exercise responsible authority
in our task of
cultivating the creation
to the end that all people and all things
may joyfully acknowledge and serve
their Creator and true King.



COURSES

- **HUMANITIES HONORS SECTION (FALL, 3 CREDITS)**

Together with your fellow FYHP students, dive into the Humanities core and discuss the topics of death, love and revolution in the framework of our Western cultural heritage with some of Geneva's most admired professors.

- **FRESHMAN HONORS (FALL, 1 CREDIT)**

Why are we students? What is college for? What is the purpose of a Christian college? What does it mean to integrate faith and learning? These are just a few of the questions posed in this course, which replaces (for most majors) the "Learning and Transition" course required of freshmen.

- **SOCIETY (SPRING, 3 CREDITS)**

Explore the major topics and issues of contemporary society with your FYHP colleagues through lively discussion and scholarly exploration in this course, which fulfills one of the two social science core requirements.

- **FRESHMAN HONORS (SPRING, 1 CREDIT)**

While Freshman Honors in the fall semester operates more like a traditional classroom, Freshman Honors in the spring semester consists of a book discussion and various learning and service experiences, with the purpose of discovering how our studies and vocations can bring glory to God.

FIRST-YEAR HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Each student selected will receive:

- A \$13,500- or \$15,000-a-year scholarship for four years (determined upon acceptance)
- A \$2,000 FYHP Travel & Research Honorarium that may be used for off-campus study, academic research or conference attendance, after the first year is completed with a minimum GPA of 3.4

Additionally, five students will each receive a \$5,000 FYHP Honors Scholarship, to be applied toward financial aid during the first year.

Only students attending the Honors Program & Scholarship Competition will be considered for the First-Year Honors Program Scholarship.

"You will love making lasting friendships in the First-Year Honors Program. You will find that you got more out of your first year of college because of the honors floor, retreats, seminars, cultural events and honors section of Humanities. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to go through the honors program!" SEAN

BENEFITS

LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

As a member of the Geneva College First-Year Honors Program (FYHP), you'll become part of a distinctive community of motivated and engaged learners. Together you will explore the meaning of college, discover God's calling for your life and be challenged to worship God with your mind.

ENHANCED ACADEMICS

Dig deeper in honors-only sections of core courses and lively discussion groups. Explore your gifts, calling and vocation, and discover God's purpose in your college career.

SUPERB CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Explore Pittsburgh's world-class cultural district by attending professional productions such as the Pittsburgh Opera, Ballet, Public Theater and more with fellow honors students—at no additional cost to you!

FABULOUS OFF-CAMPUS RETREATS

Get off campus with other honors students for engaging integrative learning and community-building experiences at the beginning and end of your freshman year.

PARTICIPATION

INVITATION

High-achieving students (based on their GPA and SAT/ACT scores), who are accepted by January 11, 2016, are invited to the First-Year Honors Program and Scholarship Competition on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Students will be interviewed by a small, informal panel of faculty, staff and students, and will write an essay to be scored by a faculty panel. The 40 available positions in the program, as well as the five \$5,000 FYHP scholarships, will be decided from the results of the competition.

REQUIREMENTS

Students who are selected for the First-Year Honors Program are expected to participate actively in all components of the program. The \$2,000 First-Year Honors Program Travel and Research Honorarium is available to students who complete all components of the FYHP with a grade point average of 3.4.

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"Geneva's First-Year Honors Program was part of what made my freshman year such a great experience. Getting to know a unique group of students out of the freshman class was edifying and enriching in ways that I wasn't expecting, but that had a significant positive impact on me and my experience as a freshman." MIM