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Farquhar Honors College A Multidisciplinary Honors Community

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FARQUHAR HONORS COLLEGE

A multidisciplinary honors community
IT’S AS MUCH AN HONOR FOR US AS IT IS FOR YOU.

NSU established the Farquhar Honors College for students who have demonstrated a passion for learning and crave more from their college experience.

Honors students are exposed to broader, richer, and deeper insights through exclusive seminars and travel-study courses, engaging academic and social events, and opportunities to work closely with faculty mentors.

With smaller class sizes and an emphasis on research, the Honors College encourages students of all majors to explore their intellectual curiosity, develop supportive relationships with their classmates and professors, and gain hands-on learning experiences in and outside the classroom. The Honors College also supports programs and events open to the larger NSU and local communities. This unique, inclusive environment has helped Honors students produce some of the university’s most ambitious undergraduate research, writing, and creative projects.
Honors students have opportunities to

- explore cultures from around the world
- meet with visiting distinguished speakers
- participate in individual and team research and creative projects
- earn scholarship support
- develop an appreciation for the performing and visual arts
- serve in leadership roles on campus and in the larger community
- showcase their original research, films, and creative work at the annual symposium
- develop and defend thesis projects
- question and discuss international issues from the perspective of multiple disciplines
- network with Honors alumni, community members, and professionals in various fields
- receive special recognition at commencement
- show graduate schools and future employers the value of an enhanced Honors education
UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM

The Undergraduate Honors Program is the cornerstone of NSU's Farquhar Honors College, and membership for students and alumni is a source of pride.

You may apply to the Honors Program at any stage in your academic career. The single-page application form is available online and includes two creative essay questions. Your application will be reviewed by faculty members who will also consider your prior academic performance. Approximately 10 percent of each year's entering student class—distributed across all majors—are accepted to participate.

"The Honors Program fueled my leadership and networking skills and prepared me for not just a career, but for life. The skills I gained are certainly not a part of a typical classroom experience, but they are essential for any career path."

—Lauren Butler, Class of 2010
Requirements

Among other academic standards, students in the Honors Program are required to actively work toward one or both of the following Honors citations. Those who successfully meet these requirements receive a notation of this achievement on their NSU transcripts and a medallion at commencement.

General Citation in Honors

- achieve a cumulative NSU GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of degree conferral
- complete 21 credits of Honors coursework (Honors seminars and/or Honors-level general education classes)

Research Citation in Honors

- achieve a cumulative NSU GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of degree conferral
- complete 9 credits of Honors coursework, including up to 3 credits of HONR 4990 Independent Study
- complete and successfully defend an approved Honors Thesis (The Honors Thesis, which typically takes two academic years to complete, is completed under the mentorship of a faculty member.)
Honors success stories

Heidi Mederos and Richard Sung participated in an experiment investigating the role of microgravity on the growth and formation of tin crystals in space. As NASA’s Space Shuttle Endeavour traveled through space on its final mission, these freshmen were hard at work in our campus labs, conducting control research as participants in a microgravity experiment on board the shuttle.

Heidi Mederos, Class of 2013
Richard Sung, Class of 2014

Max Hyman worked with a U.N. tribunal assisting the team representing a defendant accused of genocide and crimes against humanity.

“NSU introduced me to the human side of law. My classes highlighted the evolution of civil and human rights in America and abroad. Thanks to my Honors education, I see law as a tool for solving social conflict and, most importantly, for promoting equal justice.”

Max Hyman, J.D.
Class of 2011
Clerk for Federal Court of Appeals Judge

Calista Siobhan Ming is the president of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity Chapter at the University of California—Berkeley.

“My Honors faculty mentor encouraged me to face new challenges and was instrumental in my decision to go to Berkeley. My inspiration to pursue optometry stems from my roots. Guyana is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and good health care is scarce. I helped organize a mission to Nicaragua. In four days, we were able to provide care to more than 3,000 Nicaraguans.”

Calista Siobhan Ming
Class of 2012
Doctor of Optometry Candidate
Did you know?

- The Farquhar Honors College hosts the Distinguished Speakers Series and the Undergraduate Student Symposium.

- The college offers a scholars program and supports qualifying students seeking national and international fellowships and scholarships.

- All Honors classes are taught by experienced faculty members.

- NSU is one of approximately 200 U.S. universities to house an Honors College.

- Recent Honors students boast an 89 percent graduation rate.

- Of current Honors students, 94 percent are also engaged in NSU Athletics, campus leadership roles, and community service.

- Honors alumni often stay connected to professors long after graduation, because their Honors experience had the greatest impact on their college education.

Learn more and apply

Visit honors.nova.edu/honors/apply.html or contact the dean of the Farquhar Honors College at (954) 262-8408.
CAMPUS VISIT—Seeing is believing.

We offer a variety of opportunities throughout the year for you to visit NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus in Florida. Contact us for a student-guided campus tour. What better way to take in the whole South Florida lifestyle than in one of our chauffeur-driven golf carts? For those up north, we recommend coming in winter. (You’ll thank us.)

Visit nova.edu/admissions to schedule your campus visit.