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Hello from the Honors Program at the University of Northern Colorado.

Congratulations on your acceptance to UNC. Given your many accomplishments, I'm excited to invite you to apply to be a part of our program.

In this pamphlet, you'll find information about applying for the Honors programs, which will elevate your academic experience at UNC by allowing you to go deeper into whatever it is that lights your fire.

Because of UNC's medium size, doctoral research standing and hands-on academic mission, undergraduate honors students here have unique advantages: they work with top faculty, direct their own projects and in many ways enjoy the sort of access and opportunities often only afforded to top graduate students. In fact, at UNC our honors students have an experience very similar to those of graduate students and our students even present their Upper Level Honors projects at Research Day every spring, alongside master's and doctoral students.

Whether you're interested in graduate school or standing out in the job field with your bachelor's degree, I think you'll find UNC is a great place to prepare for your career and pursue what you love.

So take a look. And please, if you have any questions, let me know. I'd love to hear from you and help you as you weigh your options.

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If you haven't applied for Honors yet, do so today! unco.edu/honors

Katie Dorman won the UNC Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium with her research on water quality of the Cache la Poudre River, and she was accepted into the National Conference of Undergraduate Research as a presenter. She went on to win a Big Thompson Watershed Forum Environmental Scholarship based on her UNC research experience. Katie was also a Big Sky Academic All-Conference Student Athlete on the UNC Division I Track & Field Team (2014-2016).



Honors has allowed me to open up my mind, challenge myself and make amazing friends.

—Katie Dorman, Earth Sciences:
Environmental Earth Sciences '18





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HONORS PROGRAM

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The Honors Program is designed to help you get the most out of college by offering interdisciplinary courses, which allow you to study the connections between subjects and ideas, along with opportunities for scholarly and creative endeavors. Why? Because in the real world, problems aren't separated out by "Math," "Science," "History" and "English." Get started with creative thinking, problem-solving, mentorship and research now.

There are two tiers to the Honors Program, and students can complete either or both tiers. You're encouraged to apply for the Honors Program when you apply to UNC.

HONORS INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

All students in this program complete a learning portfolio and either take "The Life of the Mind" seminar courses or select their own theme for interdisciplinary study. Honors students generally complete the lower division Interdisciplinary Program requirements in one or two years, taking one Honors-related course per semester, and may choose to begin an Upper Division Honors program project at any time after they have become sophomores.

Lee Stapley was looking for a challenge when he came to UNC. He found that challenge in the Honors program. Along with his Honors research on mini-container shipping, he worked with a professor on a paper they submitted to an international journal.



Research has been eye-opening. It's the only thing that's challenging. Everything else is like, 'Learn this out of the book and just take a test on it.'

-Lee Stapley, Business '18



UPPER DIVISION HONORS

Students who want to complete a research project, honors thesis, creative works or applied scholarly project are encouraged to apply for Upper Division Honors in the second semester of their sophomore year.

- You must have completed at least 45 credits and have a 3.25 college GPA.
- You may apply as late as your senior year, but you must have time to complete all the requirements before graduation.

WITH ADMITTANCE INTO THE HONORS PROGRAM YOU'LL HAVE:

- Access to Honors courses, seminars and research opportunities, as well as personalized advising and other enriched learning experiences inside and outside the classroom.
- The option to reside in the Honors Residential Learning Community and participate in a variety of residential social, cultural and service activities.
- The chance to take part in Honors leadership through the Student Honors Council.
- Scholarship, travel and research stipend opportunities that are available only to Honors students.
- Recognition at commencement, on transcripts and on your UNC diploma as a graduate of the Honors Program.

HONORS RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

As an Honors student, you can apply to live in the Honors Residential Learning Community (RLC). You'll live in a hall exclusive to Honors students, take a first-year Honors seminar with your roommate and other students in the program, and make deeper connections in the Honors program.

THE HONORS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU IF YOU:

...are an original thinker who loves challenges and wants to make a difference.

...hope to build partnerships with passionate faculty and peers.

...are looking for experiential learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

2018 Research Excellence Award winner (and co-president of Psi Chi, the international honor society for psychology students) Pearl Marquez researched how mindfulness training for supervisors could influence employee performance.



My time at UNC has been a life-changing experience. I fostered relationships with faculty and conducted research that helped solidify what I want to pursue in graduate school as well as the workforce. Working with different faculty on my research and their own was beyond rewarding.

-Pearl Marquez, Psychology '18





APPLYING TO THE HONORS PROGRAM

- Early Award Deadline: December 1, 2018
- Priority Deadline: March 1, 2019

The Honors Program is competitive. Students should apply for the Honors Program immediately after applying for admission to UNC and by the early deadline of December 1 in order to have the highest likelihood of admission into the program and for eligibility for the Courage to Excel scholarship. Applications are accepted and acceptances provided after December 1, with a priority deadline of March 1, 2019. Admission into the program requires students to provide answers to several short essay questions as well as the names and email addresses of two academic references. After March 1, applications from well-qualified students will be accepted, and acceptances offered on a space available basis.

If you're a first-year student, you can apply through your UNC applicant account. If you're a transfer student, you can apply via the website: unco.edu/honors.

- Apply as an incoming first-year student (or as late as the first semester of your sophomore year).

- Successful applicants will demonstrate academic interest and aptitude, as well as a high level of motivation for exploring the world, through their application materials.
- Most successful applicants have a minimum high school GPA of 3.75 (or college GPA of 3.25), minimum SAT score of 1240 or ACT score of 26. However, we still encourage you to apply if you don't meet these guidelines but can demonstrate a strong interest in asking questions and seeking answers.

HONORS PROGRAM "COURAGE TO EXCEL" SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Courage to Excel scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$2000, are for incoming Honors Program students with demonstrated academic excellence, community engagement and financial need. Priority in awarding scholarships is given to students who apply by the December 1 early deadline. When you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and UNC Scholarship Application, you'll automatically be considered for this award.






ADMISSION-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your application for admission to the University of Northern Colorado also serves as an application for merit scholarships, which are automatically awarded based on academic performance. To be considered for these scholarships, complete the UNC admission application by March 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS

To be considered for other scholarships, submit the UNC Scholarship Application. For detailed information about all UNC scholarships, visit unco.edu/financial-aid.

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	FIRST-YEAR CRITERIA	COLORADO RESIDENT		
PROVOST SCHOLARSHIP	3.4 GPA and either 24 ACT or 1160 SAT	\$10,000 (\$2,500 per year)	\$8,000 (\$2,000 per year)	\$20,000 (\$5,000 per year)
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP	3.6 GPA and either 27 ACT or 1260 SAT	\$12,000 (\$3,000 per year)	\$12,000 (\$3,000 per year)	\$28,000 (\$7,000 per year)
TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP	3.8 GPA and either 29 ACT or 1330 SAT	\$24,000 (\$6,000 per year)	\$16,000 (\$4,000 per year)	\$36,000 (\$9,000 per year)

¹Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program — WUE provides reduced tuition to students who are residents of one of the states participating in the WUE program (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY). Note: Students cannot qualify for in-state residency after attending UNC as a WUE student. One would need to decline WUE and pay non-resident tuition for one year before establishing in-state residency.

²Based on 15 credit hours per semester and after the College Opportunity Fund (COF) is applied to the student's bill. To be eligible for COF rates, Colorado resident students should apply at CollegelnColorado.org.

³Based on UNC 19 Meals Per Week plan and Tier 2 housing plan.



Madison studied self-worth and disordered eating as an Honors student at UNC, winning a Research Excellence Award at UNC's annual symposium of undergraduate and graduate research. She went on to serve as the student commencement speaker.



QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about the program.

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It is so important to find an institution that is going to support you and share in your passions while also challenging you to grow and develop into your overall best self. I know I found that here.

-Madison Rose Buhre, Psychology '18





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Honors gifted me with so many wonderful things. From friends to mentors, conferences to committees, I am a better student and leader because of these programs and their impact on me.

*-Madeline Azari, Theatre Arts:
Secondary Education '18,*



2017 Student Employee of the Year finalist
2017 "Hi" Bridge Society delegate
2018 Edgerton Award winner
2018 Robert and Ludie Dickeson
Presidential Prize for Leadership winner

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