

{ Honors Program }

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Join a community of students and faculty who share a passion for learning, a devotion to excellence, and a commitment to service. The Honors Program is designed to serve our most academically talented students and consists of a series of special courses and programming offered throughout your undergraduate years. Each Honors cohort is limited to 25 students to ensure close interaction with CU professors. Selection to the Honors Program is highly competitive and is based on a variety of criteria including prior academic achievement, evidence of critical thinking skills, and perceived ability to contribute to spirited classroom discussions.

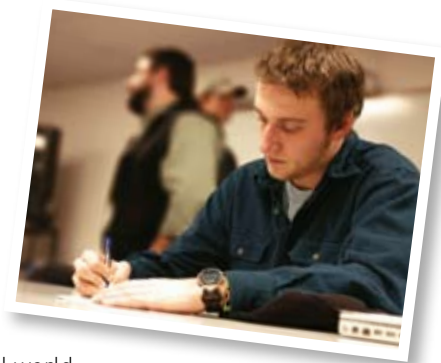
Course Spotlight – City of Portland as Text

The Honors Program fosters intellectual curiosity and creates opportunities to experience the rich cultural life of Portland. As a member you will be encouraged to help plan, organize, and attend outings to plays, concerts, lectures, lyceums, and museums.

Concordia's Honors Program also features a strong service component. Honors students have researched the racial history of Northeast Portland. Other students are raising awareness of international concerns. Events organized by the Honors Program are open to all students of Concordia University.

Why the Concordia University Honors Program?

- › Develop complex reading skills, including the ability to appreciate paradox and irony
- › Cultivate highly-crafted writing and speaking skills that embody the principle that learning is a dialogue
- › Experience the ideal of leaders in service to their community
- › Integrate knowledge from a variety of academic disciplines
- › Embrace life as a learning experience both inside and outside the classroom
- › Appreciate and explore the complexity and diversity of the global world



Sample Curriculum

The following is a sampling of the many classes that have recently been offered in our Honors curriculum:

WR 303H – RHETORICAL APPROACH TO LITERATURE/CULTURE

Learn and practice contemporary critical methodology and approaches to literary review.

HUM 151H – ETHICS AND CITIZENSHIP

Explore the history of Western moral philosophy with a particular focus on the issues of authority, obedience, and resistance.

HUM 251H – FROM THE PREMODERN TO THE POSTMODERN WORLD

Trace the major movements in history, philosophy, literature, music, art, science, and theology.

HUM 351H – CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL DIVERSITY

Analyze how humans deal with difference, focusing especially on colonialism.

PSY 201H – PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY

Survey the mental growth of individuals, learning theory, motivation, and individual differences.

REL 371H – WORLD RELIGIONS

Survey the major religions of the world.

SCI 112H – ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Study the critical state of the earth's environment and how humans interact with it.

HONORS CAPSTONE

Majors in the College of Theology, Arts, & Science research and write a significant thesis. In the past, students have presented original novels, scientific research compendia of short stories, or examinations of important historical events.

Honors Designation

Students in the Honors Program who successfully complete a minimum of 24 semester hours of Honors courses with a 3.25 cumulative GPA in those courses will have their official transcript annotated to reflect their achievement as an "Honors Program Graduate."

"Being in the Honors Program was an enriching experience that has allowed me to explore a wide array of ideas and world views." – Caleb Adams '07

The Honors Scholarship

Incoming freshmen who are accepted to the Honors Program are guaranteed the Honors Scholarship, which at a minimum is equal to half tuition per academic year while earning a bachelor's degree. In order to maintain the scholarship, students must:

1. Maintain full-time status at Concordia with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher
3. Make normal progress towards graduating in four academic years with 24 hours of Honors courses
4. Successfully complete the Honors Capstone Seminar during the senior year
5. Participate in a range of extracurricular Honors Program activities

Honors Alumni – Where Are They Now...

DANNY JENKINS (2004—HISTORY)

A 2009 Lilly Fellow, Danny is working toward his PhD in French and German intellectual history at Columbia University.

JILLIAN STURM (2005—BIOLOGY, PRE-MED, MINORS: CHEMISTRY & PSYCHOLOGY)

Jillian's passion for improving public health has led her to volunteer in Ytebon, Ethiopia and attend medical school at the University of Washington. She plans to specialize in adolescent medicine and work in international public health.

CALEB ADAMS (2007—THEOLOGY)

Caleb is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He received the Francis C. Rossow Gospel in Literature Scholarship and has future plans to also pursue a Master of Sacred Theology in either exegetical or historical theology.

Next Step

Would you like to join our community of scholars in an inspiring learning environment? Start your admission process early:

1. Select "Honors Applicant" designation as you complete the on-line application form for admission to Concordia University
2. Submit official transcripts which indicate a minimum high school GPA of 3.65 on a 4.00 scale
3. Achieve a 3-part SAT score (reading, writing, and math) of 1725 or composite ACT score of 26
4. Submit a Personal Essay of 500 words which describes the academic, social, and spiritual qualities of the ideal university you would like to attend
5. Secure at least two letters of recommendation from academic referees

The Honors Admissions Committee seeks to select students who show promise of fulfilling Concordia University's Mission Statement: *Concordia is a Christian university preparing leaders for the transformation of society.* The applications receiving highest consideration will be complete and submitted early. Applicants will be notified about their status within two weeks of fulfilling the Honors Program requirements. To find out more, contact the CU Office of Admission at:

800-321-9371 503-280-8501 admissions@cu-portland.edu



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