JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE
AT USF
2019 Journey

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Apply for scholarships

Begin Major and Honors Coursework

Complete Global Experience

Complete Community Engagement Hours

Enroll in additional Honors Core course

Determine Research Track

Enroll in Honors Capstone course

Complete Honors Academic requirements

Determine if thesis will be completed in your department or in the Honors College

Complete Major requirements

Apply to Graduate

INNOVATION

GRADUATE!

DISCOVERY

Enroll in Thesis
About the Judy Genshaft Honors College

The mission of the Judy Genshaft Honors College is to develop tomorrow’s leaders by providing first-rate educational opportunities to the most highly motivated, intellectually curious, and academically accomplished students at USF.

We value critical thinking, clear communication, collaborative learning and problem solving, creativity and innovation. Students graduating from the Honors College will be poised for success in their futures, having challenged themselves through academic exploration, grown as a global citizen, invested in their communities, and conducted research in a collaborative team environment. They will be competitive applicants for national scholarships, top-tier graduate schools and employment.

Community Service

We believe learning extends beyond the four walls of the classroom. The people and places in our local community offer lessons that complement and reinforce classroom-based learning.

Students will accumulate **50 hours** of community service. Service hours may overlap with those required for the Global Citizen Award, or other pre-professional goals.

We want your service activities to be meaningful, and related to your passions, goals, and future plans. The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, and your Honors Advisors and Faculty can help you identify community partners for service opportunities.

Academics

Honors Courses introduce and develop critical thinking, communication, and research skills, in an intimate setting conducive to building relationships and promoting collaboration. You will complete:

- IDH 2010 Acquisition of Knowledge
- IDH Honors Core Course
- IDH 4200 Geographical Perspectives
- IDH Honors Core Course
- Research Track: Innovation or Discovery

Global Experience

Global awareness is a critical element in the education of twenty-first century leaders. Students have the opportunity to choose **two activities** from among a variety of meaningful options to build global knowledge and to develop competency in cultural interactions.

Honors College students will develop these qualities through activities outlined in our Global Experience program. Detailed options are on the back of this brochure.
A step by step example of an honors student’s Path to Graduation:

**Year 1**

» IDH 2010 Acquisition of Knowledge
» IDH 2930 Peer Mentor Course
» IDH Core Course of your choice
» Start planning your Global Experience options

» Complete the Community Engagement hours.
» Submit the Community Engagement Form to receive the first Honors Scholarship payment of $600

**Year 2**

» IDH 4200 Geographic Perspectives
» IDH Core Course of your choice
» Determine your track: **Innovation** or **Discovery**.
  See below for options.

» Complete the Global Experience
» Submit the Global Experience Form to receive the second Honors Scholarship payment of $600

**Years 3 & 4**

» Work on your plan for the Discovery or Innovation track options.
» Complete the Academic requirements

» Submit the Academic Requirement Form to receive the final Honors Scholarship payment of $800
» Apply for USF graduation

**Enhanced General Education for Judy Genshaft Honors College Students**

Honors courses meet Enhanced General Education requirements. View the Gen Ed pyramid on our website at: https://www.usf.edu/honors

**Judy Genshaft Honors College Scholarships**

The Judy Genshaft Honors College rewards students with a scholarship upon completion of each of the three curricular components:

- **Community Service** - $600
- **Global Experience** - $600
- **Academic Completion** - $800

To receive a scholarship payment, students must complete the required activity and submit the related form by the deadline. Forms are located on our website, and are due by the 30th day of the term for payment during that term. Scholarships are awarded in Fall and Spring semesters only. We do not pay out scholarships in Summer terms.

Students can be awarded multiple scholarships at once (i.e., community and global, for a total of $1,200, or Global and Academic for a total of $1,400, or all three for a total of $2,000). However, each student is entitled to only one of each award; no student will receive more than $2,000. If students do not submit their forms prior to graduation, they will forgo any remaining funds. Students should make every effort to complete their Honors College requirements prior to their final semester in school.
Research Track Options

Thesis is an individual research project on a topic of the students’ choice, under the direction of a faculty member selected by the student. Thesis may also be completed through departmental honors programs.

The Honors Capstone course brings Honors students together to take an interdisciplinary approach at solving real-world problems through undergraduate research and practical application.

There are four ways to complete the research requirement:

1. **Discovery Track I: Honors College Thesis** » Students will enroll in two semesters of Honors Thesis coursework while working on an independent research project on a topic of their choice under the guidance of a faculty member they select.

2. **Discovery Track II: Thesis through Departmental Honors Program** » Some academic departments offer their own honors programs, which include a thesis. Honors College students have the option of completing thesis through their departments in order to meet Honors College requirements.

3. **Innovation: Capstone** » Students will enroll in an Honors Capstone class, plus one additional core Honors course of their choice.

4. **Other Options** » Engineering majors will enroll in a one-semester course called Honors Thesis for Engineers. This class, in addition to their major Capstone/Senior Design project, meets the Honors College requirements.

Global Experience Options

In order to complete the Global Experience requirement for the Honors College, students must choose two of the following activities to complete, and have each approved by their advisor:

- Levels 1 and 2 of a foreign language through coursework or demonstrated proficiency, or a passing TOEFL/IELTS score
- Levels 3 and 4 of a foreign language
- Any Honors or Ed Abroad international trip
- Participate in Honors International Day as a presenter
- Serve as a GloBull Ambassador via Ed Abroad for two semesters
- 75 hours in a globally focused internship
- 75 hours of globally focused research tracked via the Office of Undergraduate Research
- Presenting international research at a research colloquium or conference.
- Complete one of the following cultural minor or certificate programs: Africana Literatures, Arabic Language and Culture, Asian Studies, India Studies, International Studies, Italian Studies, Japanese, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Religious Studies, or Russian Studies

This is not a comprehensive list. We will accept additional activities presented by students. Please talk with your academic advisor.

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