

JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE

AT USF

2021 Journey



UNIVERSITY of
SOUTH FLORIDA
Judy Genshaft Honors College

ACCEPTED!

Apply for
scholarships



Begin Major and
Honors Coursework



Complete Community
Engagement Hours



Complete
Global Experience



INNOVATION

Determine
Research Track

Enroll in additional
Honors Core course

Enroll in Honors
Capstone course



DISCOVERY

Complete Honors
Academic requirements

Enroll in Thesis

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

Complete Major
requirements



Apply
to Graduate



GRADUATE!



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.

Academics

Honors Courses introduce and develop critical thinking, communication, and research skills, in an intimate setting conducive to building relationships and promoting collaboration. Our curriculum has been specifically developed to meet USF Enhanced General Education requirements. You will complete:

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

For current Honors courses go to:
usf.edu/honors/current-students/courses.aspx

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. First-year students admitted Fall 2019 onward and all students admitted Spring 2020 onward must also complete the Community Service Canvas Course. For more information go to usf.edu/honors/current-students/community-service.aspx.

We want your service activities to be meaningful, and related to your passions and goals. 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.

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

Upper-Level Admission

Students who join Honors as continuing or transfer students can see their unique requirements at usf.edu/honors/prospective-students/transfer-continuing-students.aspx

Judy Genshaft Honors College Portal

The Judy Genshaft Honors College Portal is the ultimate resource for students to reference throughout their time in Honors. On the JGHC Portal, students can:

- » Get answers to Honors questions anytime with AVA, the 24-hour virtual advising assistant
- » Track Honors graduation progress and submit Honors requirement forms
- » Browse and RSVP to upcoming Honors events
- » Check in for Honors advising appointments

To check out your JGHC Portal Profile go to: usfweb.usf.edu/honors/portal

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, with the exception of the Academic Completion form, which can be turned in after classes have been registered for if it is a student's last semester. 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.

For JGHC scholarship terms and eligibility go to: usf.edu/honors/prospective-students/scholarships.aspx

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
- » Any Honors or Ed Abroad international trip
- » Serve as a GloBull Ambassador via Ed Abroad for two semesters
- » Presenting international research at a research colloquium or conference.
- » 45 hours of globally focused research tracked via the Office of Undergraduate Research
- » 45 hours in a globally focused internship
- » 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, Russian Studies, or Linguistics
- » Completion of a Global Experience IDH 2930 course

This is not a comprehensive list. Additional activities presented by students may be accepted. Please talk with your honors advisor or go to usf.edu/honors/current-students/global-cultural-requirement.aspx for more options.

My Honors Advisor is: _____

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