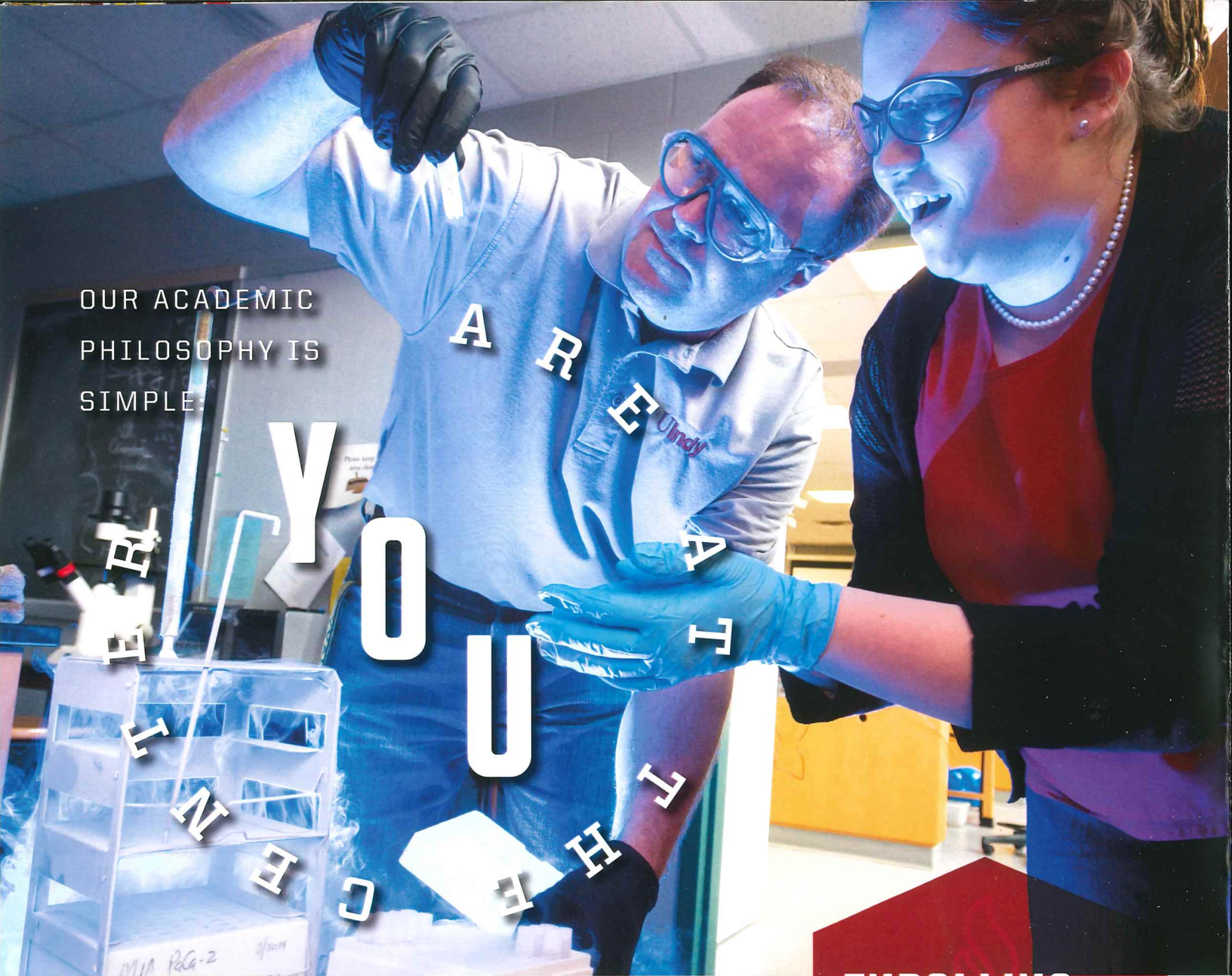


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The Ron & Laura Strain Honors College at the University of Indianapolis provides an engaging interdisciplinary curriculum that challenges students to make the most of their potential. The Honors College is designed for talented and highly motivated students who are looking for a way to do more. It also promotes development of independent scholars and leaders who excel both in and beyond the classroom.

A variety of unique study, service, travel, and research opportunities gives students the ability to tailor their program of study and exchange ideas with other outstanding students. The Ron & Laura Strain Honors College is open to students in all majors and schools, including those enrolled in preprofessional programs. Project-based classes, research under the guidance of a faculty member, service-learning, and leadership experiences within the Honors College complement general education and/or specific academic major program requirements.

Students who fulfill the requirements of the Ron & Laura Strain Honors College will graduate "With Distinction," an academic honor that is a part of a student's permanent record. A copy of each approved Honors project is digitally archived in the permanent collection of the Krannert Memorial Library at the University of Indianapolis.

ENROLLING IN HONORS COURSES

Students with a strong academic record will be invited to apply to the Honors College upon receiving their admission notification to the University. Selection into the Honors College will occur based on high school GPA, rigor of high school courses taken, and short answer responses.

Any other student who has earned a minimum of 12 credit hours at the University of Indianapolis with an overall grade point average of 3.3 may apply to join the Ron & Laura Strain Honors College.

THE HONORS COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Honors students have diverse interests and represent all academic majors on campus. They are athletes, artists, musicians, researchers, officers in student organizations, volunteers, and scholars.

The Honors Living-Learning Community (LLC), located on the fourth floor of Central Hall, was created to support the Ron & Laura Strain Honors College. The Honors LLC is a self-governing LLC that supports and provides leadership opportunities for its students to develop academically, socially, and professionally.

Faculty of the Ron & Laura Strain Honors College are leaders in their fields, as well as outstanding teachers who are committed to inspiring excellence in education and service. Faculty not only teach, but also participate in special guest lectures and student presentations, informal social gatherings, and mentoring of student Honors projects.

Students are encouraged to present and publish their work. Each year the Ron & Laura Strain Honors College sponsors students to attend the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference. Special Honors College scholarships also are available to help students study abroad.

Located on the second floor of Esch Hall, the Scholar's Studio is a student lounge exclusively for the Ron & Laura Strain Honors College community. Students gather here to study, hold committee meetings, and share information about upcoming events and deadlines. The Studio features student work, has a computer work center with other resources to support student scholarship, and is open 24 hours a day. The administrative offices for the Honors College, along with dedicated display cases in the Honors Alcove, are located near the Scholar's Studio.

WHERE CAN HONORS TAKE YOU?

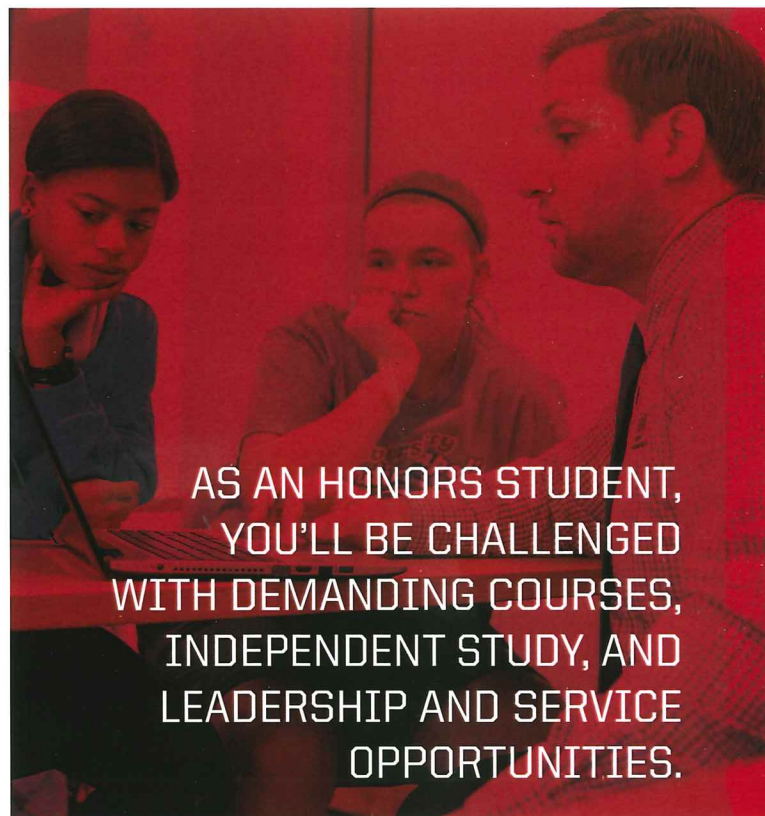
What is the value of an Honors degree at UIndy? Students can and should ask this question of any university they are exploring. At UIndy, we pride ourselves on the accomplishments of our Honors graduates. What did last year's Honors graduates do?

- 100% acceptance to Medical School
- 100% acceptance to Doctor of Physical Therapy programs
- Several students are pursuing Master of Social Work degrees (including at the top-rated program in the United States)
- Highly competitive and preferred nursing jobs
- Acceptance to outstanding PhD programs in Chemistry, Dentistry, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, including into top ten programs in the United States
- Competitive starting positions at major corporations and in the federal government

BENEFITS OF BEING IN HONORS

Your honors designation at UIndy opens numerous doors to opportunities on campus and out in the world. Including but not exclusive to:

- The ability to register for classes before your peers
- Special Honors trips like the annual retreat
- Membership or Leadership in the Honors Student Association
- Subsidized Honors travel courses to destinations around the world
- Special scholarships like the Honors Spring Term Travel grant
- Research grants for working on your projects
- Presentation grants for sharing your work at major conferences



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HONORS PROJECT

The Honors Project is the capstone experience of the Honors College curriculum as it provides you full rein to pursue a topic related to your major, a special interest, creative endeavor, or community-based service in an in-depth and integrative manner. As an Honors student, you can expect your Honors Project to not only be the most focused and self-directed task in your undergraduate career, but also one of the most personally and professionally rewarding.



HONORS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The designation of "With Distinction" on a student's diploma and official UIndy transcript is reserved for those students who complete all Honors College requirements. This unique designation signifies excellence across the liberal arts as well as substantial achievement within a major field of study, and it is awarded over and above other notations of excellence such as magna cum laude or summa cum laude. To earn their degree "With Distinction," students must:

1. Be admitted to the Honors College.
2. Successfully complete 18 total hours of Honors College credit. To maintain membership in the Honors College, students must take at least three Honors credits per academic year or request permission for special dispensation from the Executive Director of the Honors College.
3. Earn a course grade no lower than a B (3.0) counting toward Honors College credit.
4. Have an Honors Project Proposal approved by the Honors College Committee one year prior to graduation or entry into a pre-baccalaureate graduate program.
5. Complete, submit, and present a capstone experience project in honors.
6. Earn an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher.

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EXAMPLES OF HONORS COURSES

PHYSICS-153 HONORS GENERAL PHYSICS I, CALCULUS-BASED

Designed for students in the STEM field, this Honors version of the General Physics course includes all the content of the non-Honors course (basic mechanics, elasticity, thermodynamics and vibrations) but empowers students to take these principles and create their own connections to them. Honors students will identify real-world situations connected to course content, design their own experiments to test these situations, and analyze the data from their experiments to see how the underlying principles operate.

FYS 140 - SOCIAL INEQUALITY

This first-year seminar examines social inequality through issues of class, race, gender, and sexual orientation. Students will be engaged in reading autobiographical accounts of class and race as well as studying primary sociological research related to gender and the gender non-binary conforming LGBT community. In the later part of the course, social class, race and gender will be further examined through the critical perspective of intersectionality, which focuses on the interconnectedness of these social categories through research on violence and discrimination.

PHIL 130 - HONORS PHILOSOPHY

Over one billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 18,000 children die each day from easily preventable causes. Meanwhile, the total wealth in the first world continues to grow: the average American only needs to spend 6 percent of their income on food. Are those of us who are wealthy by world standards under a moral obligation to donate a significant portion of our wealth to help the world's poor? We will study the arguments that philosophers have offered on both sides of this issue. We will also try to understand the leading causes of world poverty, as well as the most effective ways of stopping it. And we will work together on an effective altruism project: students will identify the best way to give away a substantial amount of money that has been donated to the class for this purpose.

KINS-104 HONORS WELLNESS AND FITNESS

Provides a foundation for understanding and self-evaluation of the eight dimensions of wellness: physical, mental, social, spiritual, intellectual, environmental, occupational, and financial. A more experiential and interdisciplinary version of the standard wellness and fitness course, the class is open only to Ron & Laura Strain Honors College and Healthy Diploma students.

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