



Be inspired by your professors and by your high-achieving classmates, who come from a variety of backgrounds and possess broad academic interests and achievements, inside the **special intellectual community** that is UA's Williams Honors College.

Where Passion Meets Possibility



Because of the Williams Honors College, I have met so many excellent people who have supported me and pushed me to grow. The Honors College makes UA feel like a home and provides so many opportunities to get involved in and out of my comfort zone.



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The Williams Honors College is proud of its **tradition of community**. Since 1975, the College has brought together motivated students, professors, staff, alumni and friends to promote excellence on campus, in the Akron community and throughout the country and world.

WHY UA'S HONORS COLLEGE?

DESIGN YOUR OWN RESEARCH

As an Honors student at UA, you will work **one-on-one** with **distinguished faculty members** to **design your own capstone Honors Research Project**, which serves as an excellent portfolio piece for employers or graduate schools.

LEARN WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

The Honors coursework structure challenges you to make **cross-curricular connections** and **break the mold of a conventional, single-subject academic experience**. You will also venture outside your major and broaden your perspective by exploring special interdisciplinary topics in small, discussion-based **Honors Colloquia**.

Examples of previous Honors Colloquia include:

- Are We Our Brains?
- The Willpower Superpower: The Epic of LeBron James
- The Great Debate: Nature vs. Nurture

BE PART OF A PROUD COMMUNITY

As a Williams Honors Scholar, you will join others in Honors sections of introductory courses and have the option to live together in the **beautiful Honors Complex**. You can participate in a number of **Honors clubs and organizations**, including groups for students interested in engineering, education, nursing, business, community service and more.

LEAD THE WAY FORWARD

Honors Emerging Leaders receive **ongoing leadership training and personal and professional development**, and are actively engaged on campus and in the community through student clubs and organizations, preparing them to become **leaders in their careers and communities**.

FAMILY OF HONORS ALUMNI

Graduating Williams Honors Scholars join a proud family of **8,000 honors alumni**. Lifelong members of the **UA community**, Honors alumni enjoy access to Career Services, professional development, discounted access to the Student Recreation and Wellness Center and other benefits.

BENEFITS FOR HONORS STUDENTS

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Beginning the spring semester of your freshman year, priority registration ensures that you will have the **earliest selection of courses and instructors** — giving you **maximum freedom** to set your schedule and chart your own course to graduation.

STAND OUT

Upon graduation, you are invited to an exclusive recognition ceremony to celebrate your achievements. You will earn a special designation on your diploma and transcript, **setting you apart from competitors in applications for jobs and graduate schools**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Every student admitted to the Williams Honors College is awarded an **Honors Scholarship**, on top of any other academic scholarships awarded at UA.

Every admitted Honors student is considered for additional, exclusive scholarships.



ARE YOU READY?

APPLY NOW

The Williams Honors College welcomes applications from **intellectually curious, self-motivated students** like you who demonstrate an ability to excel and seek opportunities to distinguish themselves.

Consideration for admission is based on a holistic review of academic performance, awards, activities, achievements and a required essay, with first consideration given to students with the following academic credentials:

- GPA of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale
- ACT composite score of 27; or SAT total score of 1280
 - The Honors College has made submitting test scores optional as part of our holistic review process.

For more information about the application process, including **deadlines** and information for **transfer and continuing students**, please visit uakron.edu/honors or call 330-972-6261.



Scan the QR code to start your application!



What motivates me to be a high-achieving student are the goals I have for my future. I want to be a corporate lawyer and I know that I must work hard to get into law school and learn what is needed to be successful in my future career.

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Finance and Economics

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