

X Interdisciplinary, Experimental, and Special Areas

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE

As an integral part of the Office of Human Resources, the Affirmative Action and Employee Development Office, in St. Mary's Hall, Room 122, provides services to all employees, including student employees. The director of Affirmative Action and Employee Development is the University's compliance officer for Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity (AA/EEO), Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN RENEWAL

The Center for Christian Renewal brings the resources of the University and the Catholic and Christian community into cooperation and dialogue with groups in the local community, the archdiocese, the nation, and the world. The Center is a collaborative effort of the Marianist community, the faculty, staff, and students of the University, and the Church community of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Activities of the Center and its constitutive organizations are made possible by the resources, contributed services, and financial support of the Marianist community. The following five organizations carry out the mission of the Center.

CENTER FOR MINISTRY WITH DISABLED PEOPLE

The Center for Ministry with Disabled People affirms that persons with disabilities are an integral part of society with a fundamental value and dignity. It offers programs of spiritual enrichment to persons with disabilities, facilitates their acceptance into more inclusive communities, produces and disseminates resources for these purposes, develops and implements workshops and courses in the field of this ministry, and assists the University of Dayton in its mission to prepare students to be morally aware and committed.

CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATION (CRC)

Communication is an integral part of the Church's mission and an indispensable tool for achieving its goals of evangelization, education, and spiritual formation. Recent technological developments have confronted the Church with new questions regarding the most effective means of communicating with the modern world and the most appropriate ways of using the new communication technologies. To assist the Church in meeting these needs, the Center for Religious Communication (CRC) has as its primary purpose, to monitor the development of new communication technologies, to assess their potential for Church use, and to design models of effective utilization to meet specific Church needs. CRC offers consultation, courses,

workshops, and seminars; designs and coordinates audio- and video-teleconferences; and aids in the production of religious programs for local and national distribution. Students interested in special projects or internships with the Center are invited to see the executive director of CRC.

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Office of Educational Services provides assistance to Catholic schools and public school districts to enable school personnel to reach policy decisions based on relevant knowledge and value commitments. "Relevant knowledge" includes financial studies, needs assessments, attitude surveys, enrollment projections, and other information necessary for making intelligent decisions about specific policies. "Value commitments" include consideration of educational aims and ethical questions inherent in policy decisions. One of the priorities of the Office is service to Catholic schools. Another is its effort to act as a network linking those who share value concerns as they relate to educational policy-making. The Office is located in, draws support from, and uses the resources of the School of Education.

OFFICE ON AGING

The Office on Aging (OOA) serves as a witness to the University of Dayton's commitment to address the needs and issues of the older adult population, especially as these relate to spiritual and social welfare. Changes in the number and proportion of older adults in society have numerous and prodigious implications for Catholic and other religious organizations, educational institutions, and families. OOA provides such services as consultation, program development, education, coordination, and planning. It offers workshops and seminars, assists in program design and implementation, and carries out needs assessments. These services are offered directly to the Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary (Marianists), parishes, professional and lay groups with ministries in gerontology, and University personnel seeking information related to the aging process and the older adult. Students interested in experiential opportunities in the field of gerontology should contact the director of the Office on Aging.

STRATEGIES FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategies for Responsible Development (SRD) has for its purpose to further social justice through education, outreach, and research. It is motivated by the concern of the Church for economic and social development. It assists the University in directing its purposes—teaching, research, service, and being a critic of society—beyond the campus. SRD offers service to the community and forms partnerships with community organizations and neighborhood groups.

SRD provides technical assistance to neighborhood development corporations involved in housing rehabilitation, historical preservation, community gardening, and economic development. On campus, SRD sponsors forums for students and faculty, the annual CityLinks conference for neighborhood leadership, and neighborhood tours to introduce students and faculty to the problems of development in the inner city of Dayton. Through these activities SRD has helped the University form many partnerships throughout Dayton.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Center for International Programs provides leadership, coordination, and administrative support for the development of international understanding and sensitivity among the University's faculty, staff, and students through research, study abroad, exchanges, services to international students and scholars, and other programs. It serves in an advisory capacity and as a resource center to assist academic units in strengthening the international dimensions of their curricula. It is also committed to community outreach through conferences, seminars, speakers, and workshops organized in cooperation with the University's academic units and community agencies.

Center faculty development and research activities include the associates program, seminars, and visiting scholars. Center associates are appointed by the director upon the recommendation of the center's advisory board.

The Center coordinates and provides administrative support for study abroad and other international educational programs, including the Third World Immersion program, international internships and service, and the Model United Nations program. The Office of International Educational Programs is a resource center also for information on non-UD sponsored programs.

The Center's Office of International Services handles immigration and credential evaluation matters and provides academic and nonacademic advising, orientation, cultural and other programming services for international students and scholars on campus. It also organizes cross-cultural workshops with faculty and staff to create a supportive environment for international students and scholars.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

The Center for the Study of Family Development provides an interdisciplinary minor in family studies within the College of Arts and Sciences. It also promotes, conducts, and disseminates research on contemporary family issues; coordinates an interdisciplinary minor in family development; and serves as a resource to the community and to national Church and professional associations in developing solutions to the problems of families. The center is committed to an integrated perspective on families that draws on both the humanities and the social sciences. See also FDV, Chapter VI.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (COP)

Cooperative education is an optional plan of full-time, on-campus study alternating with terms of full-time, off-campus work training. Among the expected benefits to the student are on-the-job experience, career identification, financial assistance, and professional development. The work training terms average seventeen weeks. Three full terms of work training are considered minimum for the program. Students are encouraged to begin their first co-op work experience after their third semester of academic study.

Qualifications for entering and remaining in cooperative education are (1) to be admitted to the University as a full-time undergraduate with the intention of graduating; (2) to be a declared major in one of the academic departments participating in the co-op program; (3) to maintain good academic standing as specified by

the particular academic department; (4) to engage in full-time study and make progress toward the degree during each study term following each full-time work training term; and (5) to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Placement in a job is not guaranteed since it depends on the student's qualifications and on the availability of jobs.

Cooperative education is currently available as an option to full-time undergraduate majors in the following:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Chemistry (CHM), Computer Science (CPS), Computer Information Systems (CIS), Mathematics (MTH).

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: All majors are eligible to apply.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING: All engineering and engineering technology majors are eligible to apply.

If the cooperative education option becomes available in other majors, notice will be released through the admission counseling staff of the University.

Incoming first-year students or transfer students interested in cooperative education should attend a Co-op New Student Seminar during the new student orientation week in August or attend one of the seminars held in September and January of each year. After each Co-op New Student Seminar, such students may begin the process of entering the program, which includes filing an application and having an initial interview with one of the coordinators. Those who start as first-year students at the University are eligible for placement after completing three terms of full-time study on campus. Transfer students, whether from two-year or four-year institutions, spend one full-time study term on campus after transferring before becoming eligible for the first work-training term.

Further information on the cooperative education program may be obtained by writing or calling the Career Placement Center, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469-1110; telephone (513) 229-2045.

CORE

CORE is an interdisciplinary curriculum designed to fulfill and to integrate the University's General Education requirements. Students take ten courses (six in the first-year, three in the second, and one in the third) which fulfill all General Education requirements (except physical and life sciences) as well as the basic skills requirement in reading and writing. Faculty teaching in CORE work together to integrate the material in their courses and encourage students to draw on what they are learning in other CORE classes.

Annually, CORE accepts approximately 150 students with a variety of academic profiles; it is not an accelerated or honors program. All entering first-year students are invited to apply; students in some majors in the College of Arts and Sciences are enrolled automatically.

DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS (DEV)

Developmental courses are offered by the Learning Assistance Center. (See Chapter II.) Their purpose is to assist students who need additional work in reading, writing, or mathematics. Although credit is attached to these courses, this credit is not applicable toward graduation in any academic program. It is counted, however, in determining class status and eligibility for financial aid.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

DEV 050. DEVELOPMENTAL READING AND STUDY SKILLS: Instruction and practice in critical reading and thinking skills necessary to analyze, synthesize and evaluate college-level material; also study skills such as time management, note taking, test taking and textbook reading. *3 sem. hrs.*

DEV 060. DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS: Mastery review of the skills of arithmetic and basic algebra; math confidence-building, communication of problem-solving principles, and study skills. *3 sem. hrs.*

DEV 070. DEVELOPMENTAL WRITING: Individualized instruction and practice in the writing process with emphasis on developing student abilities in organizing ideas, generating support, and expressing ideas effectively; also basic grammar skills such as sentence structure, usage, and punctuation. *3 sem. hrs.*

GENERAL STUDIES (GEN)

Students who find the traditional programs with departmental majors unsuitable to their purposes, needs, or interests may follow patterns of their own design in choosing courses under the General Studies Program, which leads to the degree of Bachelor of General Studies. See GEN, Chapter VI.

GRADUATE GUIDANCE CENTER

The mission of the Graduate Guidance Center is to assist undergraduate students in determining their needs with respect to graduate schools. The Center has an up-to-date library of graduate school bulletins as well as information on scholarships and fellowships. In addition, it offers help in filing applications and seeking nationally recognized fellowships and scholarships. It can inform students whether they may be eligible for any of these awards and assist them in preparing applications. Any UD undergraduate interested in pursuing graduate studies is encouraged to visit the Center and take advantage of its services.

HOME-STUDY COURSES

Students who wish to accrue academic credit during the summer but find it inconvenient to be on campus for classroom courses during either session of the third term should see the official third-term composite of courses and consult with their advisors for information about the home-study courses that several departments offer. These are conducted by mail on a tutorial or semitutorial basis for students who have proven their ability and their motivation to work alone.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

All interdisciplinary and experimental studies at the University of Dayton must involve University students and faculty, must be commensurate with University resources or resources accessible to the University, and must further the recognized goals and purposes of the University. When these studies involve disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences or one of the Schools, they are administered by or through the offices of the respective deans. When they are University-wide, i.e., inter-school, they are usually administered by the Office of the Provost. See also Interdisciplinary Studies in Chapters VI (ASI), VII (BAI), IX (ENI).

UNIVERSITY INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (UDI)

Courses considered suitable for the UDI designation are submitted for approval to the Committee on Minicourses (COMC), which is accountable to the Provost. UDI courses are administered through University Continuing Education.

The following courses have been offered at least once from the first term of 1991-92 through the second term of 1992-93.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

UDI 150M. ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR: This seminar allows students to explore causes of academic problems, identifying both causes and remedies that impact them personally through group discussion, one-on-one interaction, and teacher-student rapport building. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 152M. BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE: Introduction to manual communication through fingerspelling, signs, and mime. Information on deaf culture from books, a film, and invited speakers. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 158M. INTRODUCTION TO CAREER DEVELOPMENT: Survey of career development theories and the world of work. Determining career interests, decision making, and developing a personal plan of action. Some field experience. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 167M. ELEMENTARY GERMAN: Basic elements of German with emphasis on pronunciation, listening, speaking, and cultural knowledge. *3 sem. hrs.*

UDI 183M. MULTICULTURAL FILM SERIES/DISCUSSION SERIES: Through the medium of popular film and honest discussion, this course will explore racial/cultural and gender issues that plague our society. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 184M. RUSSIAN FOR CONVERSATION: An intensive study of basic speech patterns, popular expressions and idioms of spoken Russian through conversation lessons and dialogues. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 202M. ALTERNATIVE CAREERS THROUGH VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT: Exploration of the value of volunteer service and its connections to full-time careers. Assessment of skills in service to others; linking of alternate career choices to majors. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 215M. SEARCHING OUT LIFE AND FAITH PATTERNS: Through class presentations and discussions, journal keeping, and weekly meetings with a facilitator, students reflect upon where they are on their spiritual and life journeys. *2 sem. hrs.*

UDI 219M. THE ART OF LEADERSHIP: A course designed to better prepare students for positions of leadership by providing a base of theoretical knowledge and opportunity to further develop organizational and interpersonal skills through assessment and practice. The course stresses the value of ethics and morals in leadership. *1 sem. hr.*

UDI 230M. EMPOWERMENT FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE: The central purpose of this course is to help the student develop his/her leadership potential for making a difference in social problems that exist in the community by looking at leadership theories and applying them to the major social problems of our time. *1 sem. hr.*

Special Areas

UDI 232M. RESPONSIBILITY IN A HUNGRY WORLD: Survey of the complexities of world hunger. Strategies for responsible action to alleviate hunger in the U.S. and abroad.

1 sem. hr.

UDI 249M. REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE: This service-learning minicourse combines community service with reflection. Requirements include 20 hours of meaningful service, an observational/reflections journal, required readings, and class discussions on related issues.

1 sem. hr.

UDI 279M. DEMOCRACY AT RISK: Issues and problems that form a backdrop for the 1992 election. Examination of the health of democracy in the United States. Documentary videos and the PBS series "Listening to America" will comprise the course's content.

1 sem. hr.

UDI 322M. STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: A course designed to help adult learners clarify and attain educational goals in less time and with less stress. The course focuses on issues as identified by adults as crucial to their academic success. These include: time management, planning, classroom strategies, learning groups and networks, support systems, critical thinking, listening, taking notes, and test taking. In short, this course is about "negotiating the academic process."

1 sem. hr.

INTERNATIONAL MARIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

To facilitate and encourage Marian Studies in the United States and abroad, the International Marian Research Institute (IMRI) was founded in 1975 at the University of Dayton in affiliation with the Roman Pontifical Theological Faculty Marianum. Housed in the Marian Library, IMRI offers annual graduate-level summer schools on a three-year cycle to promote the programs of Marian Studies established by the Marianum. Through IMRI, students can work toward a Pontifical Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) or Doctorate of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.)—each with specialization in Mariology—a certificate in Marian Studies, or a master's degree in religious studies with specialization in Mariology from the University's Department of Religious Studies, offered in a joint program. Course offerings include studies in Mariology, Christology, ecclesiology, spirituality, and theological anthropology.

Recognized as one of the world's leading centers for Mariological studies, the International Marian Research Institute also is involved in the promotion of the arts, continued scholarly research, and the planning of workshops. The faculty are theologians expert in scripture, Mariology, spirituality, ecclesiology, patristics, and Christology. World-renowned theologians often join the faculty as guest teachers or lecturers.

Admission is approved by the director of IMRI and an advisory council.

MARIAN LIBRARY

The Marian Library, on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library, houses the world's largest collection of theological, artistic, and devotional literature dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Scholars from many nations have been using its resources, which include 75,000 books and pamphlets in over fifty languages (several thousand printed before 1800), runs of 125 periodicals, a clipping file of 52,000 items, some 200 microforms, and a large philatelic collection, as well as medals, slides, photographs,

and other pictorial materials. This assemblage of Mariana is supplemented by national and regional bibliographies, reference tools for studies of the Bible, and works on the history of printing, ecclesiastical and dogmatic history, and Christian art, with special emphasis on the art of the Eastern Churches and medieval Europe. A Ukrainian collection of Marian art and literature was begun in 1981.

Professors can make arrangements for special class sessions at the Marian Library on such topics as the history of printing, Christian art, and the development of Marian devotion. The Marian Library features exhibits of its holdings and sponsors occasional lectures by visiting speakers.

The Library's scholarly multilingual annual, *Marian Library Studies*, promotes the renewal and development of scientific studies in Mariology by integrating them with other spheres of research such as the critical edition of texts, historical bibliography, and comparative studies in theology, psychology, and religious anthropology.

MINICOURSES

Minicourses are special, short-term, interdisciplinary credit courses developed by University faculty, (or sometimes by students with the advice and consent of a faculty member), to meet specific, sometimes highly current needs or interests not provided for in the regular curricula. They are free of charge to all full-time students, even if the course puts them over the full-time limit, and are open to part-time and non-UD students for credit or audit. The minicourse program is administered by University Continuing Education. The typical minicourse carries one semester hour of credit, or fifteen class hours. Classes can be in various sequences, extending over several weeks or concentrated within a few days. Some minicourses take the form of workshops. Occuring at various times in the year, minicourses are publicized throughout campus. They can be added to students' schedules during the term. For a sample listing of minicourses, see University Interdisciplinary Studies (UDI).

OFFICE FOR COMPUTING ACTIVITIES

The University's Office for Computing Activities (OCA) operates several time-sharing computers and microcomputers for the benefit of students, faculty, and staff as well as for academic support services, the registration process, and many other administrative functions. In addition, access to the Ohio Supercomputer Center is available for large projects.

Various academic departments offer courses that require the use of a computer. More than 18 departmental computer laboratory's exist on the campus, in addition to a VAX time sharing system. VAX computer account numbers may be applied for at the Office for Computing Activities, Miriam Hall 300. The Bookstore sells manuals produced by the staff to explain the Computer Center's equipment and how to use the computer systems.

Student dispatchers, consultants, and technicians are hired each year to assist the staff in providing computing service to the University community. Students interested in working as any of these are encouraged to visit the assistant director for microcomputing services, the assistant director for academic computing, or the director of OCA.

PRELAW

The Prelaw Program, designed to serve students from all areas of the University, provides those interested in law school with the opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful legal career. While students interested in careers in law should choose their undergraduate majors in accord with their interests and abilities, they should also contact the Prelaw Program as early in their undergraduate careers as possible so they can receive effective prelaw advice.

The Prelaw Program, with its six prelaw advisors, provides students with suggestions for courses that help develop skills needed for legal education, with information about the law school admission process, and with aid in taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) including simulated tests and prep courses. In addition, the Program sponsors a prelaw internship where students work at legal duties in an attorney's office, a mock trial program where students compete locally, regionally, and nationally, and intensive counseling on an individual basis.

For further information concerning the Prelaw Program at the University of Dayton, students should contact the Prelaw Program secretary in O'Reilly Hall.

RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The University includes research as one of its stated purposes. In addition to faculty members in academic departments, a large staff of research scientists, engineers, and technicians conduct basic and applied research. Most of these activities are externally funded and are conducted in the laboratories of the University of Dayton Research Institute.

Several hundred students are employed on research programs in accord with the University's emphasis on integration of research and instruction. In addition to financial benefits, this research participation provides students with valuable experience and an exposure to issues at the forefront of contemporary science and engineering.

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

The Department of Military Science offers the Army ROTC training program on campus, leading to a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army at the time of graduation. See MIL, Chapter VI.

STUDY ABROAD

AUGSBURG EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students in the School of Business Administration are eligible to participate in an exchange program with the University of Augsburg in Germany. Twenty business students spend eleven weeks each summer in Augsburg taking courses from both University of Dayton and University of Augsburg faculty. Classes are taught in English, although some knowledge of German is desirable. Students may reside in dormitories or apartment units or with host German families. Augsburg and Dayton are sister cities, and the sister city organizations facilitate cultural exchanges while

students are in Augsburg. Students are given the opportunity to visit and have discussions with executives of German firms. In addition, several Augsburg students attend the University of Dayton during the regular semesters in the graduate program in business and assist with the exchange program.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

The Interdepartmental Summer Study Abroad Program (ISSAP) was established in 1972 to give students from all majors the opportunity to study and experience one or more foreign cultures. The program is open to anyone attending or eligible to attend the University of Dayton. The program sites, which vary from year to year, are major European cities. Students spend nearly one month at each of the sites with University of Dayton professors and may choose to attend at one, two, or three of the sites. Various courses are offered at each site, and a variety of disciplines are represented each year. A three-site participant can complete a full semester of course work abroad.

In the past, ISSAP students have studied in Athens, Dublin, Florence, Fribourg, London, Madrid, Munich, Paris, Rome, and Vienna, where they have taken courses in art history, business, communication, foreign languages, history, literature, music, philosophy, photography, political science, religious studies, and sociology. Special study tours of Eastern Europe have also been an option for ISSAP students. For more information, contact the Center for International Programs.

SUMMER STUDY IN MARBURG

The Summer Study Program in Marburg, Germany, provides a month-long experience of living and studying in a German setting. Students take two classes, one with German professors of the Lessing Kolleg and another with the accompanying University of Dayton professor. Program participants live either in a dormitory or with families. Two excursions—one full-day and one half-day—are planned for the group. Because students are expected to use German exclusively, completion of intermediate German or the equivalent is required.

SUMMER STUDY IN MEXICO

The Summer Study in Mexico Program provides an intensive, thirty-day program of immersion in Cuernavaca, where program participants live with Mexican families. Students take two courses with the accompanying University of Dayton professor and Spanish professors at the Cemanahuac Comunidad Educativa. Excursion outside Cuernavaca include a visit to Tepoztlán, Taxco, Xochicalco, Teotihuacán and Mexico City. This program is available to students who have completed elementary Spanish II or the equivalent.

SUMMER STUDY IN PARIS

The Summer Study in Paris Program, begun in 1977, is available only to students who have completed intermediate French II or the equivalent. In addition to an

intensive French language course, students take a second course on a topic based on the available local culture such as French cinema, theatre, arts, and crafts; historical Paris; and France and the French. Visits to important sites near Paris (Versailles, Fontainebleau) and trips elsewhere in France (Mont Saint Michel, Nice, Lourdes) are worked in to the curriculum.

SUMMER STUDY IN SEGOVIA

The Summer Study in Segovia Program is a thirty-day program of total immersion in a Spanish environment. The academic program includes intensive language study as well as courses in culture and literature. To complement their course work, students visit museums, theaters, palaces, and castles in and near Segovia and take tours to such historical sites as Madrid, Toledo, and El Escorial. This program, in which participants are required to use Spanish at all times, is available only to students who have completed intermediate Spanish II or the equivalent.

UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION

University Continuing Education serves adults of the Dayton community who are not full-time students. It introduces them to, and facilitates their entry into, courses and programs the University offers that they may find useful for any number of their own purposes. It helps them adapt the University's broad range of academic offerings to their personal schedules, interests, and goals.

In addition, University Continuing Education provides a variety of noncredit courses, many in the form of workshops, seminars, study tours, conferences, and teleconferences. These are planned to meet the educational and training needs of organizations and of the community and are held both on and off campus. This office also administers Elderhostel and Senior Fellows, for persons sixty and over. Continuing Education Units (CEU) are awarded for some offerings.

UNIVERSITY HONORS

The University Honors Program provides unique opportunities for academically gifted undergraduate students to develop their skills and talents in a supportive educational environment. Each year a limited number of entering first-year students from the four undergraduate divisions—Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Engineering—are selected from the pool of applicants. Participation in the program entitles these students to numerous benefits and privileges, including eligibility for honors scholarships.

The honors curriculum consists of a sequence of five honors seminars and a thesis. In most instances the seminars fulfill University requirements and fit well into each student's regular course of study. The honors thesis is a major research project selected by the student in the junior year and completed before graduation. Honors research grants are available to cover housing expenses, travel, and supplies. All honors students are expected to maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

The University Scholars Program provides curricular offerings, programming, and benefits to undergraduates who have superior academic records. Students earn the designation "University Scholar" in one of two ways. Entering first-year students with outstanding credentials are automatically accepted into the Scholars Program. (They are also eligible to apply for admission to the Honors Program.) Matriculated students who have achieved a 3.5 grade-point average at the end of their first, second, or third years are also designated University Scholars. All Scholars are expected to maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

University Scholars are offered a wide selection of courses each term, ranging from special sections of General Education courses to senior-level seminars. While enrollment in Scholars courses is not mandatory in most instances, first-year University Scholars will usually be placed in English 114. In addition, the program sponsors numerous speakers, cultural events, and at least one symposium each year. Special housing is available for a limited number of Scholars. Upperclass students who have completed at least two Scholars courses are eligible to apply for grants to support their professional and academic development.

