



## THE HONORS CONCEPT

The program brings together intellectually strong students with talented, dedicated faculty to create a unique academic environment within the greater UIS community.

As a Capital Scholars Honors student, you will participate in an interdisciplinary core curriculum designed to prepare you for your major and provide you with leadership opportunities. In addition to selecting from a range of strong academic majors, you will be able to investigate career and leadership opportunities through seminars and applied study internships. The program is selective, enrolling about 100 first-year students each year.

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# CAPITAL SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM

## CAPITAL SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM (CAP) OFFERS MORE

- A U of I degree without the high cost
- Scholarships provided for all students admitted to the program
- A brand new laptop computer
- Small classes with a small campus atmosphere
- Specialized integrated, interdisciplinary core curriculum
- Personalized interaction with honors faculty and staff
- Unique honors events (social as well as educational)
- A living learning environment and independent living in our Lincoln Residence Hall
- Opportunity to expand your intellectual capacity and relationships

## INTEGRATED INTERDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM

The foundation of the Capital Scholars Honors Program's four-year experience is a core of integrated classes in social sciences and humanities, biological and physical sciences, and other areas taught by interdisciplinary teams of faculty. The core courses are integrated from semester to semester, and from subject to subject. Taken together, the core curriculum provides a broad educational foundation for your major and for life after college.



## TEAM TEACHING

Most courses in the core curriculum are taught by a team of professors. This allows you to see how different faculty members' personal and disciplinary perspectives influence their thinking and to discover which teaching styles best fit the way you learn. Most courses serve about 100 students and are taught by four or five faculty members. Students are often divided into small groups for discussion and individual assistance; in other sessions, all students and faculty meet together. Overall, there is one faculty member for every 20 students.

## SKILLS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

The basic intellectual skills of reading and listening, mathematical computation, computer use, obtaining information from libraries and electronic sources, and critical thinking, writing, and speaking are integrated into all courses.



## MULTICULTURALISM ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Each course includes topics and draws on authors that reflect the ethnic, racial, and gender diversity of America, and also the broader cultural diversity that exists in the world. Each course furthers the CAP objective by expanding your knowledge of and appreciation for the contributions of women, Americans of color, and other cultures with whom we share the world.

## A FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP

Effective leaders learn their leadership skills, usually through trial and error. While not denying the experiential basis of good leadership, CAP's philosophy is that preparation for leadership should not be hit or miss, but should be a component of higher education for highly qualified students. CAP courses incorporate the study of leadership and the curriculum-wide focus on collaborative learning emphasizes leadership as an integral aspect of collaboration.



## INTERNSHIPS

UIS undergraduates can participate in a variety of for-credit experiential learning opportunities through the Applied Study and Experiential Learning Term (AST) Program including internships, guided research and creative projects, and study and travel abroad. These can be tailored to your own interests and geographic requirements. Nearly 400 potential internship placements are available and 70% of all the internships are paid.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Professors at UIS enjoy sharing their labs and project with honors students. You'll have numerous opportunities to get involved in a variety of fields.

## SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-Learning is an opportunity for students to provide community service to non-profit agencies while exploring the connections of academic theory and practical community needs. Service-Learning courses can be taken to fulfill Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) requirements. Our honors students also build character and connections by volunteering through UIS' Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center. Make a difference while here at UIS!

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY

International study is an important and exciting part of the education of an increasing number of American college students.

We will not only encourage you to study abroad, but we will do everything we can to make it simple and affordable. We have direct exchange student relationships with universities in England, Japan, Australia, China and Mexico, and CAP Honors students also have access to placements in programs world wide.



## LINCOLN RESIDENCE HALL

This is not your dad's or mom's dorm. Lincoln Residence Hall offers suite living – two students to a room and one full bathroom shared by just two sets of roommates. High speed Internet and cable in every room. Greatroom, a full-time Residence Director, a staffed front desk, and video monitored and locked entrances and exits. An active Housing Residents Council that makes sure there is plenty to do. And plenty of support – the Honors academic staff has its offices in Lincoln Residence Hall, too.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission is open to high school graduates who have demonstrated high academic achievement and potential for creativity and leadership. Students admitted to the program are expected to have excellent written and oral communication skills and an interest in a challenging, intellectual college experience.

Students with these qualifications are selected based on an overall evaluation of the following:

- Class rank
- Personal and academic goals statement
- Grade-point average
- Creative and leadership potential
- SAT or ACT score

## HOW TO APPLY

You can apply online at UIS or download an application. Our Admissions website can be found at [uis.edu/admissions/applynow.html](http://uis.edu/admissions/applynow.html). Applications are also available at the UIS Admissions Office, or call (217) 206-7246 to request one be sent to you.



## HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

All students admitted to the Capital Scholars Honors Program receive a Honors Scholarship. The majority of scholarships are in the range of \$3,500 to \$10,000 annually. All Capital Scholars Honors Scholarships are renewable for up to four years, and may be supplemented by other forms of financial assistance, including other scholarships and loans. High achievers are eligible for increased scholarship awards.

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

### College of Business and Management

Accountancy B.A.	Management B.A.
Business Administration B.B.A.	Management Information Systems B.A.
Economics B.A.	

### College of Education and Human Services

Social Work B.S.W.  
Teacher Education Minor (*for Teacher Certification combined with a major*)

### College of Public Affairs and Administration

Criminal Justice B.A.	Legal Studies B.A.
Global Studies B.A.	Political Science B.A.

### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Biology B.S.	Liberal and Integrative Studies B.A.
Chemistry B.S.	Mathematical Sciences B.A.
Clinical Laboratory Science B.S.	Philosophy B.A.
Communication B.A.	Psychology B.A.
Computer Science B.S.	Sociology/Anthropology B.A.
English B.A.	Visual Arts B.A.
History B.A.	

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