THE HONORS CONCEPT

The CAP Honors 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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THE CAPITAL SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM (CAP) OFFERS
- 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)
- Residential Requirement: 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 2-3 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. 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 of 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 (ASAT) 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 78% of all the internships are paid.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
Professors at UIS enjoy sharing their labs and project with honors students. This is excellent preparation for professional and graduate schools and other job opportunities.

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. UIS has connections by volunteering through UIS’ Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center. Make a difference while here at UIS!

Admissions to the Capital Scholars Honors Program require an Honors Scholarship. The majority of scholarships are in the range of $5,500 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 academic achievements are eligible for increased scholarship awards.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
College of Business and Management
- Accounting B.A.
- Business Administration B.B.A. – Management
- Comprehensive Economics B.A.
- Computer Science B.S.
- Management Information Systems B.A. – Management

College of Education and Human Services
- Social Work B.S.W.
- Teacher Education Minor (for Teacher Certification combined with a major)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Biology B.S.
- Chemistry B.S.
- Clinical Laboratory Science B.S.
- Communication B.A.
- Computer Science B.S.
- English B.A.
- History B.A.

College of Public Affairs and Administration
- Criminal Justice B.A.
- Environmental Studies B.A.
- Global Studies B.A.

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