



## 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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# CAPITAL SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM

## 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 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 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. CAP is "Leadership lived."



## INTERNSHIPS

UIS undergraduates can participate in a variety of for-credit, firsthand learning opportunities through Internship Services. These opportunities include internships, research and creative projects, as well as study and travel abroad ventures. These experiences can be tailored to your own interests and personal necessities. We have a database of hundreds of potential internships of which around half are paid placements.

## 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 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 have access to other placements in programs world-wide.

## LINCOLN RESIDENCE HALL

The CAP Honors Program has a residency requirement, requiring all honors students to live in Lincoln Residence Hall for their first two years. This is not your parents' 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
- Grade-point average
- SAT or ACT score
- Personal and academic goals statement
- Creative and leadership potential

## HOW TO APPLY

The Capital Scholars Honors Program is selective and the average student ACT score is 27, but students below this level may be considered if academic promise is shown. Additional credentials therefore may be requested. You can apply online at [www.uis.edu/admissions/applytoday/](http://www.uis.edu/admissions/applytoday/) or download an application from the UIS website. *Eligible applicants will be reviewed by the Capital Scholars Honors Program after general admission to the University.* Applications are also available at the UIS Admissions Office, or call (217) 206- 4847 to request one be sent to you.

## HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

All students admitted to the Capital Scholars Honors Program receive an Honors Scholarship. The majority of scholarships are in the range of **\$4,500 to full-rides** annually and are based solely on merit. 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 achievers are eligible for increased scholarship awards. Please contact the CAP Honors office for specific scholarship eligibility.

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

### College of Business and Management

Accountancy B.A.	Business Administration B.B.A. –
Business Administration B.B.A. –	Marketing
Comprehensive	Economics B.A.
Business Administration B.B.A. –	Management Information Systems B.A.
Management	

### College of Education and Human Services

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

### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

### College of Public Affairs and Administration

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