HONORS PROGRAM

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The University Honors Program has been developed to foster the needs and interests of our most academically talented and committed students. The interdisciplinary program fosters a strong sense of community that is founded on core values of intellectual curiosity, academic leadership, community engagement and human rights advocacy.

Honors students participate in small seminar courses with instructors dedicated to working cooperatively to mold a unique learning environment. This student-centered approach supports increasingly independent learning and engages students in the larger campus as well as regional, national and world communities.

Honors students demonstrate an immense passion for learning and exploration beyond the immediate scope of their majors and participate in and contribute to campus culture through lectures, book discussions, symposiums and unique events that enhance the distinctive learning opportunities available in the university environment. Quinnipiac honors students have access to a special space on campus: the honors student lounge, which includes a small collection of books, informal seating, coffee and a kitchen that facilitates studying, conversation and honors committee meetings. In addition, honors students have the opportunity for off-campus learning experiences both in nearby areas such as Boston, New Haven and New York City and globally through our spring break study abroad program. Students also have professional development opportunities to present their research at national and regional honors conferences.

Honors students take a minimum of 8 honors level courses and experiences designated at the honors level as part of their existing University Curriculum or major courses; the program does not add additional credit requirements to the students’ major work, and preserves freedom – and encourages students – to pursue electives and minors. Students in the honors program need to maintain a GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Each year, the honors program welcomes incoming first-year students with strong academic records and extensive intellectual curiosity. Entry to the program is either through invitation on your letter of acceptance to Quinnipiac University or by application on the Quinnipiac Honors Program webpage (see link below). Students who have received their invitation to the honors program will need to confirm their acceptance, and students who apply for admission to the honors program by April 1 will learn of their status before May 1. Interested students may inquire with the director or the admissions office at any time during the admissions process and into the summer. After their first or second semester, students with strong records of achievement and a demonstrated desire to share their intellectual curiosity and engagement with others may apply to join the program.

For details please see the Quinnipiac Honors Program webpage.