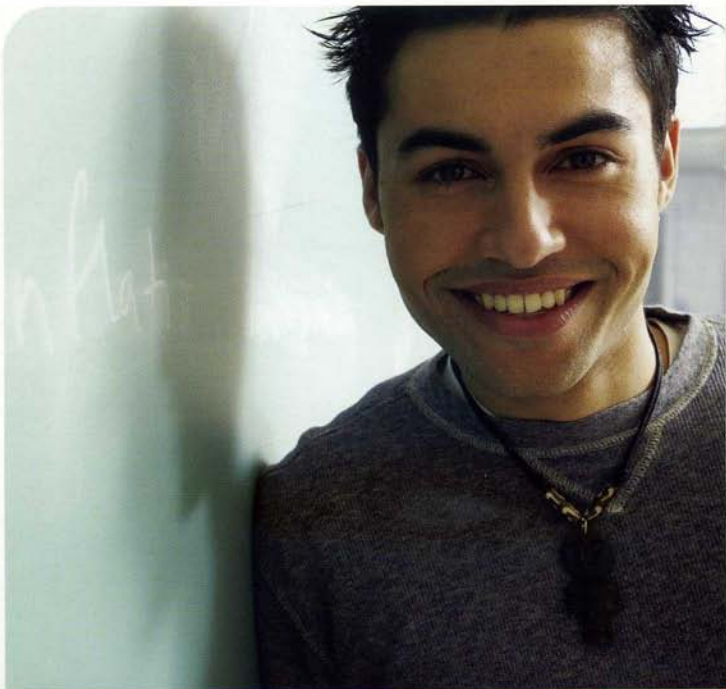




THE UNIVERSITY **HONORS** PROGRAM  
*at the* UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

**USF** UNIVERSITY OF  
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## VISION

For more than 10 years, the University Honors Program has offered academically gifted, highly motivated students an exceptional college experience that is not only challenging, but broadens and deepens their undergraduate education.

The program encourages the rigorous pursuit of honors scholarship among students who are considered the best and brightest undergraduates on the campus. Students from all USF St. Petersburg disciplines are encouraged to apply for this unique opportunity to participate in a program of distinguished study.

### WHAT HONORS GRADUATES HAVE TO SAY

“The USFSP Honors Program transformed a standard course of undergraduate study into a whirlwind experience. Provocative, eclectic coursework combined with the scholarly adventure of completing a thesis added up to one wild ride for the mind!”

**Barbara Ness / USFSP Class of 2003**



In small seminar-style classes, students receive individual attention from a distinguished faculty. They engage in intellectually stimulating discussion and course work designed to foster the development of critical thinking skills and excellent written and oral expression. Specially designed honors seminars span the sciences and humanities and offer an unusual amount of freedom to explore an interdisciplinary approach to the acquisition of knowledge.

[WWW.STPT.USF.EDU/COAS/HONORS](http://WWW.STPT.USF.EDU/COAS/HONORS)

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND BENEFITS

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The University Honors Program includes a four-year program geared toward freshmen students entering USF St. Petersburg, and a two-year program for new junior-level students.

In addition to participating in specific seminar course work, students must plan, research, and write an honors thesis during their senior year.

Honors students receive special access to the University Honors Study Lounge and Seminar Room located on the second floor of the historic Snell House at USF St. Petersburg. In addition, all students receive a \$500 scholarship per semester (a total of \$4,000 for the four-year honors program and \$2,000 for the two-year honors program). Students must maintain a 3.3 GPA to continue receiving the scholarship each semester.

Students successfully completing the requirements receive an official Honors Program designation on their university diplomas and transcripts, a distinction useful in post-graduate placement and employment.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

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The University Honors Program requires a commitment to achieving a superior level of scholastic distinction. Entering freshmen are typically students who have attained a high level of academic excellence throughout high school. Candidates for the two-year program have achieved a high level of academic success in their college course work.

Candidates for the four-year University Honors Program must be entering freshmen who have been accepted for admission to USF St. Petersburg; have a high school GPA of 3.7 or above; and a combined SAT math and verbal score of 1250 or higher; or ACT score of 29 or higher.

Candidates for the two-year University Honors Program must be accepted for admission to USF St. Petersburg; have a college/university GPA of 3.5 or above; and be approved by the Honors Program Director.

Promising entering freshman students who lack the requisite GPA may be admitted to the program at the discretion of the Honors Program Director. Students who do not meet specific admission criteria, but who have extraordinary life experiences, may contact the Honors Program Director to discuss other options.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

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### FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

Freshman Year: Acquisition of Knowledge; Arts and Humanities; Natural Sciences

Sophomore Year: Geographic Perspectives; Applied Ethics

Junior Year: Social and Behavioral Sciences; Honors Seminar

Senior Year: Honors Thesis I and Honors Thesis II

### TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

Junior Year: 4-credit hour Honors Seminars (fall and spring)

Senior Year: 3-credit hour Honors Thesis I & II (fall and spring)

This program will fulfill university exit requirements and will not involve credits beyond normal requirements.

## THE HONORS THESIS

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The thesis year is the capstone to the Honors experience at USF St. Petersburg. Working closely with a committee of faculty including a thesis director, honors students devote two semesters to researching and writing the thesis. The goal should be a work of publishable or exhibitable quality. Theses may be completed in any discipline; they often are interdisciplinary in nature. Projects range from research in business, education, science and the humanities, to novels, short stories, journalism, photography, and other artistic creations. The student must successfully defend his or her work in a meeting of the thesis committee.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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please go to [www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/honors](http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/honors) or contact the following individuals:

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*about* **USF ST. PETERSBURG**

USF St. Petersburg is a rapidly growing, urban campus of the University of South Florida, a Carnegie-designated Doctoral/Research Extensive University.

As you will soon learn, USF St. Petersburg is a special place. Our close-knit learning community offers small classes and the chance to know your professors.

Our campus is committed to excellence in research collaboration, interdisciplinary perspectives, university-community partnerships, and a student-centered environment supportive of diversity.

USF St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront campus on Bayboro Harbor is located within St. Petersburg's downtown area, surrounded by waterfront parks, shops, restaurants, art galleries, museums, and performing arts and sports venues.

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