

THE PEAKE HONORS PROGRAM

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The University of Virginia's College at Wise offers academically motivated students an opportunity to challenge and distinguish themselves by participating in intensive interdisciplinary courses and enriching out-of-class activities. Students completing the program not only gain the skills associated with advanced study, but also graduate with the distinction of graduating "With College Honors."

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Admission to the Peake Honors Program is granted to qualified freshmen with an academic GPA of 3.5 or above and a combined SAT score of 1200 or better. Sophomores, juniors, and transfer students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above are also eligible to participate in the program. Sophomores, juniors, and transfer students must also submit a letter of recommendation written by a faculty member to the Director of the Peake Honors Program that will be kept in the student's Peake Honors file. Any student who is not accepted into the Peake Honors Program may submit a letter of appeal to the Director that will be reviewed by the Honors Committee.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION WITH COLLEGE HONORS

Students in the Peake Honors Program are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. Students will be required to follow the program of study described below:

- 9 hours of 300- or 400-level Honors Seminars (only 3 hours of which may be taken within a student's major)
- 8 "Honors" events (up to 6 events may be replaced by a 3 hour course in the Connections Program)
- 3 hours of an Honors Independent Study/Capstone project

For each of the Honors Seminars students will receive not only a grade but also an additional written evaluation from the instructor. These evaluations will be reviewed by the Director of the Peake Honors Program and kept in the student's Peake Honors file. The Director will notify the student if an instructor reports any areas of concern in the student's performance.

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Students will be notified throughout each school year of events that qualify as Honors events. Such events will include, but are not limited to, guest speakers, Pro-Art performances, plays, concerts, attending a professional conference, etc. Students will be required to submit a written critique of the event attended in the format appropriate for the type of event to the Director of the Honors Program to be kept in the student's file.

After completing the required number of hours in Honors Seminar courses, students will be required to complete the Honors Independent Study/Capstone project. The Honors Independent Study/Capstone project will be completed under the guidance of the Director of the Peake Honors Program and one or more faculty advisors. The student must submit a proposal for the Independent Study/Capstone project to the Director of the Peake Honors program that will be submitted to the Honors Committee for approval. Students will be required to present the results of the Independent Study at special Honors colloquia.

The Director will maintain the student's Peake Honors file. A copy of the student's final project along with the student's letter of recommendation, written critiques of Honors events, instructors' evaluations, and grade reports will be kept in the file. The file will be used by the Honors Committee to review each student's performance in deciding to grant Honors standing at graduation.

PEAKE HONORS PROGRAM COURSES

HONR 295: Special Topics (3)

HONR 302: Social and Political Thought (3)

Critical reading and discussion of texts in social and political thought.

HONR 303: Virtues and Vices (3)

A critical examination of selected texts on human virtue and human vice.

HONR 320: The Good Life (3)

An examination of both classical and contemporary views of the good life. Students will be asked to answer the question: What constitutes the good life in the Western societies of the late 20th century?

HONR 325: Man in Nature (3)

Prerequisite: ENGL 101-102

Man's relationship to the environment: a view of man's activities in nature and their consequences exemplified in literature.

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HONR 335: Literature of Imperialism (3)

A seminar surveying the modern experience of Western expansion, imperialism and colonialism, and the non-European reaction to it as expressed by novelists, journalists, and historians.

HONR 391,392,393: Independent Study in Honors (3,3,3)

Prerequisite: Honors standing

An independent study project with one or more faculty members. The project should be inter-disciplinary in nature and ideally will in some way tie the student's major program with general education.

HONR 395: Special Topics (3)

HONR 430: Seminar on American Culture (3)

Prerequisite: Nine hours of previous Honors courses or permission of instructor

An interdisciplinary study of the origins, development, character and future of American culture, including political, philosophical, religious, and literary expressions of the distinctive social culture of the United States. The course will explore various influences on American culture: our colonial beginnings, Puritan theology, philosophical liberalism, capitalism, republicanism, and Americans' ambivalent attitudes toward social class.

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For students who wish to study in another country, UVa-Wise offers a number of foreign study opportunities.

AUSTRIA

Students who wish to spend a semester or year in Austria may attend the College's sister institution, the Pädagogische Akademie Baden, a small college in Baden, Austria near Vienna, for one semester or for one year. These students will have the opportunity to improve their command of German, take classes in German, get to know Austrian students, and take advantage of cultural activities in Vienna. Participation in this program will be contingent on the student's level of fluency in German, his or her maturity and academic standing, an interview with German faculty, junior standing and recommendation by at least two professors. Special permission to participate may be given for sophomores. This program is particularly recommended for students

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who choose to major in Foreign Studies with a concentration in German. However, the program is open to students in other majors who have studied German. Students who wish to attend classes in Baden must have at least one year or the equivalent of German. Because of the sister institution relationship, students from the University of Virginia's College at Wise will pay the College's tuition, just as students coming from Baden to study in Wise will be responsible for tuition at the Pädagogische Akademie.

For more information on this program, please contact the Academic Dean.

FRANCE

Students who are interested in France, French and the French culture can participate in a four week direct exchange in Beaune, France in the summer. There they will live with a French family, speak only French, and experience the family's daily life. Students may receive three hours of academic credit for the four week stay by keeping a journal in French and doing a research project on which they must write a paper when they return home. For further information on this program, please contact Professor Roman Zylawy in the Department of Language and Literature.

SPAIN

Those students who have studied Spanish and who would like a foreign study experience have two choices.

SUMMER

Students may participate in the College's four week summer program in Seville, Spain. During their stay, students will live with a Spanish family and enroll in Spanish 303: Andalucía. This three credit course is taught by UVA-Wise faculty in residence. Those who are returning for a second year will have the opportunity to enroll in another Spanish course. Students will also be asked to sign a pledge stating that they will only speak Spanish for the duration of their stay. Students must be in good academic standing, complete an application, and have a recommendation from two professors to be accepted in the program.

The classroom for the group will be the city of Seville, its cafes, markets, restaurants, museums, theaters, and its environs. However, the group will also travel to other locations in Spain such as Cordoba, Granada, and Madrid, as well as to Portugal.

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ACADEMIC YEAR

Students who wish to spend a longer period of time in Spain may attend the College's sister institution, the CEU-Cardenal Spinola, a private university in Seville, for one semester. These students will also live with a Spanish family and must also pledge to speak only Spanish during their stay. Participation in this program will be contingent on the student's level of fluency in Spanish, his or her maturity and academic standing, junior standing, an interview with Spanish faculty, and recommendation by at least two professors. Special permission to participate may be given for sophomores. This option is particularly recommended for students who choose to major in Spanish. However, the program is open to students in other majors who have studied Spanish. Because of the sister institution relationship, students from The University of Virginia's College at Wise will pay the College's tuition, just as students from Seville coming to Wise to study will be responsible for tuition at the CEU.

For more information on these programs, please contact Professor Anne Gilfoil in the Department of Language and Literature or the Academic Dean.

TURKEY

The University of Virginia's College at Wise has a sister institution relationship with Istanbul University. This arrangement permits the College to send up to four students to Istanbul to study each year. In return, Istanbul University may send four students to Wise. Students will pay the tuition at their respective institutions. However, they will be responsible for their room and board at the college where they are studying.

Because the only classes taught in English in Istanbul are those in Business or Economics, students wishing to study in Istanbul must be willing to study in one of those two disciplines. However, this requirement should not be construed to mean that only business or economics majors may study in Turkey. Students in other disciplines who are interested in a foreign study experience and who are willing to study in one of the two disciplines may also apply. Participation in the semester in Turkey is contingent on the following: junior standing, an interview with the Academic Dean, and recommendation by at least two professors. Special permission to participate may be given for sophomores.

The College also has a sister institution relationship with Dumlupinar University. According to that agreement, the College may also send four

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of our students each year to that institution. The same requirements outlined above apply to participation in a semester at that university.

For more information on these programs, please contact the Academic Dean.

TRAVEL ABROAD

The College also offers travel to other countries during spring break. Countries visited in the past are Austria, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain. Trips planned for the future are to France, Greece, Scotland, England, and Turkey. These trips offer a short-term educational experience. However, it is also possible for students to gain one to two academic credits during their stay. For more information on trips or credit, please contact the Academic Dean.