

## STUDY ABROAD

### 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

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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.

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

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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.

### 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*

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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.

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Students who wish to spend a semester or year in Austria may attend the College's sister institution, the Pädagogische Hochschule Niederösterreich, 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 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