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University Honors Program

The Will to Achieve Greatness.

Honors students Jessica Robinson,
Max Voorhies and Elsa Stephen



The Etscorn Center houses the administrative offices of the Honors Program, a high-tech classroom, advising offices and a study area.

The University Honors Program provides students with the best of both worlds—a large university and a small college environment. Students experience the intimacy of a small college while benefitting from the resources of a national research institution. The Honors Program is for students who want an extra challenge during

their college experience. Classes are smaller, more intimate and more focused on reading, writing and discussion.

In addition to the Honors Program, our students are experiencing new adventures—whether working side-by-side with faculty on leading-edge research projects or traveling

to the art museums of Paris or the Mayan sites of Mexico and Guatemala, they are being challenged in new ways. Through small classes, research opportunities, study abroad and close collaboration with faculty, UofL honors students participate in unparalleled learning opportunities.

Honors eligibility and advantages:

To be eligible for the Honors Program:

Incoming freshmen:

- 28 ACT or 1250 SAT (CR + M)
- 3.5 GPA

Transfer/current students:

- 3.35 GPA

Once a student is accepted, he or she must maintain a 3.35 GPA and Honors course equivalents each academic year.

These requirements ensure that exemplary students remain in the program and help foster community among all students.

- **Graduation with Honors**
 - UofL awards graduation honors based upon GPA. Academic units that offer a research project or creative activity option include: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education and Human Development and the School of Nursing.
- **Honors Residence Hall**
 - Students have the option to live in Threlkeld Hall, a residence hall mainly for Honors students in a great location

at the center of campus. At the Etscorn Center located inside Threlkeld Hall you can meet with your academic adviser, take Honors classes or just hang out in the lounge.

- **Priority Registration** — Ensure you get the schedule you want. Register for your classes before all other students.
- **Honors Academic Orientation** — An opportunity for incoming freshmen to engage in academics and campus life before the first day of classes.
- **Interested in applying?** — Eligible students will be sent application information beginning in December. Students must submit an application by May 1 to take Honors courses in the fall.

“The professors and advisers I’ve worked with through the Honors program have been wonderful. I feel very valued as a student academically and personally. It is very individualized and geared towards each student which offered me a real connection to campus and the university.”

- Amy Fussenegger, Finance



Honors Courses: the classroom and beyond



Want to challenge yourself beyond your everyday classwork? Honors classes are designed to promote discussion, personalized study, in-depth research and writing, and close relationships with faculty and peers. Classes are capped at 25 students—providing the opportunity for an engaging, challenging experience.

Honors courses are offered throughout all programs. Students select the classes that appeal to them and fit their program of study.

After freshman year, students may enroll in Honors Scholars

seminars. These interdisciplinary courses, capped at 16 students each, encourage interdisciplinary perspectives and experience outside the classroom. They have covered current interest topics such as the American presidency, during the 2008 election; and the Lincoln era, during the Lincoln Bicentennial. Seminars can also follow a theme such as environmental sustainability.

UofL Honors students also get the opportunity to explore the United States with the **Woodcock Society National Seminars**. Examples of past national

seminars include:

- The Broadway Theater Experience (New York)
- Immigration and Ethnicity (San Francisco)
- Urban Waters (canoeing the Everglades)

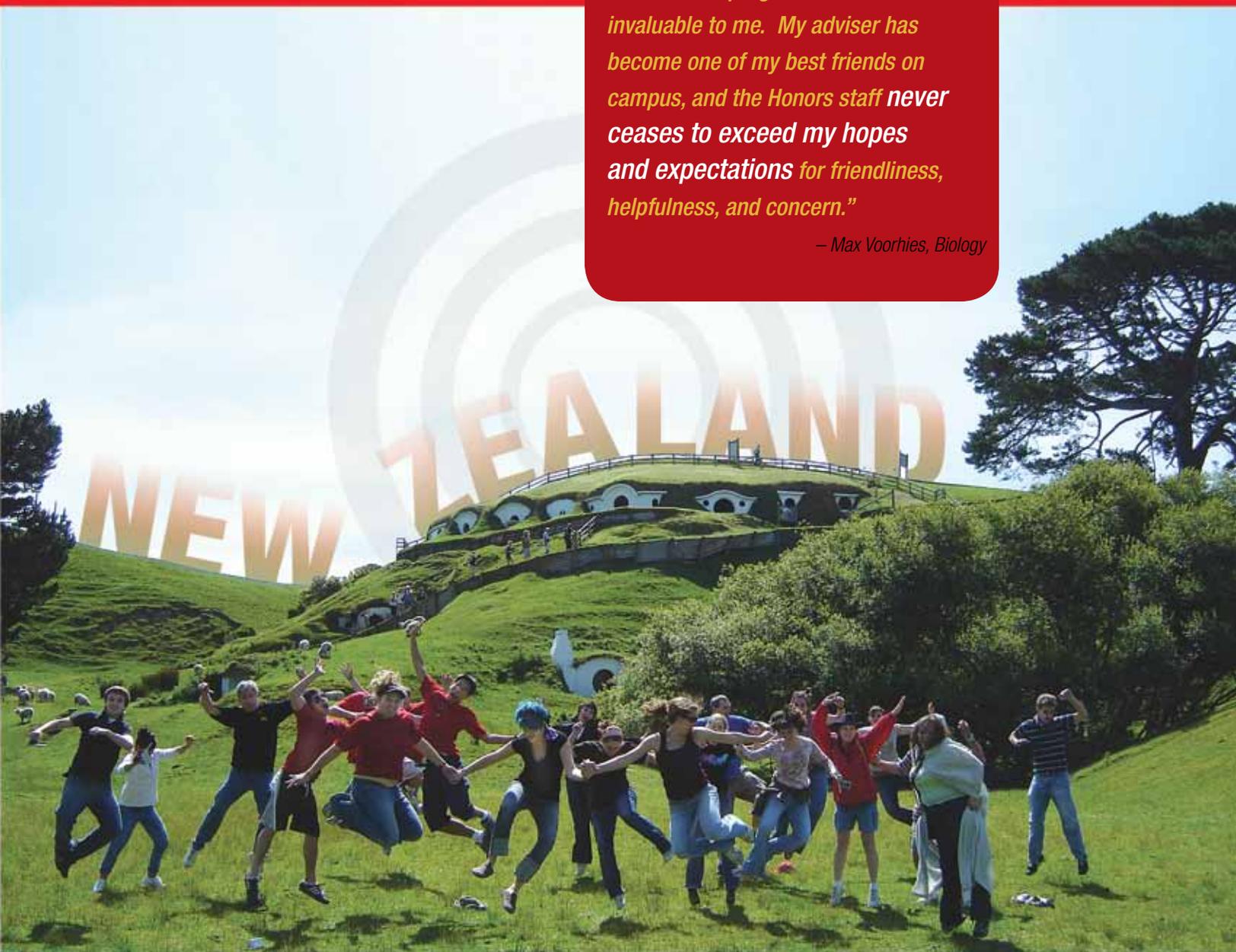
You can even go beyond the United States with the **Overseers International Seminars**. Students get a great opportunity to travel after a semester of in-depth study to a variety of international locations, with much of their expenses subsidized by UofL. Our students have traveled to such locations as the townships of South Africa, the sanctuaries of the Galapagos Islands and the sites in New Zealand depicting Middle Earth in *The Lord of the Rings* movies.

Examples of past international seminars include:

- Art and Society of Ancient Greece
- South Asian Culture & Society (India)
- International Environmental Issues (China, Taiwan)

“The Honors program has been invaluable to me. My adviser has become one of my best friends on campus, and the Honors staff never ceases to exceed my hopes and expectations for friendliness, helpfulness, and concern.”

– Max Voorhies, Biology



Honors Activities: service, leadership and real-world

"I had an excellent experience with the Overseers Mentoring Program built for junior Honors students. Having the opportunity to connect with a successful local businessman was a fantastic experience and served as a crucial link to my professional network.

- Alex Frommeyer, Civil Engineering

Students in the Honors Program are able to develop leadership skills through participation in two student-led organizations: **Honors Student Council** and the **Honors Volunteer Program**. Each program provides unique opportunities to engage in leadership and service activities in both the campus and Louisville Metro communities.

- **The Honors Volunteer Program** is a student-led service organization that provides Honors students with the opportunity to serve the community through multiple projects each semester.
- **Honors Student Council** is a student organization committed to fostering academic growth and creating a cohesive Honors student community. Students are able to participate in many council-



experience

sponsored events throughout the academic year, including picnics, off-campus social events, a dining club and a series of academic lectures.

Students who participate in these two programs experience the satisfaction of making a difference.

- **Regional and National Honors Councils** are a means for freshmen through seniors to travel at program expense to Honors conferences for the exchange of ideas and independent research with their peers.
- The University of Louisville Board of Overseers recognizes the importance of a mentor in a student's career development. Such a relationship can facilitate the transition from college student to professional. The **Board of Overseers Mentoring Program** serves as an introduction to community leaders and the businesses

and services they represent. This program provides students with an opportunity for real-world career exploration and helps forge a link from classroom to career.

Through this program, junior-level students are matched with experienced professionals in the community for the duration of an academic year. At the end of the academic year, the Board of Overseers recognizes especially motivated students by awarding scholarships.

"In my time at UofL, Honors Student Council has become an integral part of my life. The faculty, staff and students of the Honors Program and Honors Student Council provide me with an enriching environment and a strong support system that every student needs to succeed in college."

- Olivia Sailor, Biology



The University Honors Scholars program:

"My participation in the Honors Program has been an integral part of my academic experience at UofL. From the friendly advisers and staff to international travel opportunities, the Honors Program has greatly enriched my undergraduate career."

— Kathryn Trimble, Biology major

The University Honors Scholars program expands and enhances Honors education. Students take upper-level courses consisting of seminars at the 300-level or above. Upper-level requirements vary by school or college. Active Honors Scholars receive registration consideration in Honors seminars that include travel and encourage interdisciplinary perspectives. Students graduate with University Honors Scholar

designation on their transcripts and diplomas. Eligible students will have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (minimum GPA of 3.0 in Honors courses), an active status in the Honors Program and complete 24 hours of Honors courses.

Visit louisville.edu/artsand-sciences/honors and click on **"Academic Opportunities"** for more information.



Above: Monica Marks, 2009 Rhodes Scholar

Left: 2010 Fulbright Scholars – the prestigious award allows for international educational exchange. Our students set a new record for Kentucky in 2010 with 14 scholars.

Additional opportunities for top scholars:

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The University Honors Program's National and International Scholarship Office provides mentoring, resources, and networking directed towards maximizing students' potential, culminating in the pursuit of prestigious nationally-competitive merit awards.

- In 2010, UofL had a record breaking 14 Fulbright Student Scholars. Since 2003, UofL has won 46 Fulbrights, more than any other Kentucky school. These numbers place UofL among the top Fulbright producing schools in the nation.
- In the fall of 2009, Monica Marks won the Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, becoming UofL's fourth Rhodes Scholar. The Rhodes Scholarship is considered the most prestigious student prize in academia.
- UofL Honors students have won dozens of other prestigious awards such as the

Truman Scholarship, U.S. Department of State Boren and Critical Language Scholarship, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and more.

With the support of these awards, scholars have traveled to such places as Romania, Peru, Tanzania, and Sri Lanka, usually with full tuition and stipends. For more information, check out the **Scholarships and Fellowships** link on the University Honors webpage.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH: A HEAD START TO YOUR FUTURE

Challenge yourself through undergraduate research. Research opportunities are available in all academic units as early as freshman year. Honors students also have the option to complete a senior honors project. Visit louisville.edu/artsandsciences/honors, click on "Academic Opportunities" and "Senior Honors Thesis" for details.

UofL students can also apply for two unique opportunities:

- Undergraduate Research Scholarship Program – Sup-

ports and funds research while working one-on-one with faculty mentors. Students share their research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium with faculty and the community in the spring.

- Summer Research Program – View all available opportunities for summer research at research.louisville.edu or contact Pamela Feldhoff at pwfeld01@louisville.edu for the latest information.



FUN FACT:

Each year UofL students receive government scholarships to do language immersion programs (Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Swahili, Turkish) in areas of the world that are of U. S. national security interest.

GET CREDIT IN ADVANCE

Get a head start on your coursework. Academic credit is available for students who achieve qualifying scores on:

- Advance placement exams
- International baccalaureate exams
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams

Visit: louisville.edu/admissions/apply/test-credit for more information.

- **Language Placement:** Students who study French, German, Russian or Spanish in high school may take a web-based placement exam that covers grammar, vocabulary and reading skills. The better you do, the fewer language courses you will have to take and the sooner you can begin major or minor coursework. Visit: louisville.edu/modernlanguages for more information.



- **English Portfolio:** All incoming students may submit a writing portfolio evidencing their ability to compose college-level academic writing. The composition office will evaluate the writing for possible placement out of English 101 and/or 102. Visit: louisville.edu/english/composition/portfolio-exemption-procedures.html for more information.



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM QUICK FACTS:

FALL 2009

- ▶ Total number of Honors students: 877 students
- ▶ Total number of incoming Honors freshmen: 356 students
- ▶ Average Honors class size: 18.2 students (max Honors class is 25)
- ▶ Average High School GPA of incoming freshman Honors student: 3.88
- ▶ Average ACT comp score of incoming freshman Honors student: 30.25
- ▶ Incoming Honors freshmen living on campus: 291
- ▶ Incoming Honors freshmen receiving a scholarship: 99%



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name/Year: Jessica Robinson, Senior

Hometown: Morehead, Kentucky

Major: Psychology & Biology

Honors activities: Honors Scholar, Honors SOSer

Why I joined the Honors Program: To associate myself with some of the brightest and most driven students at UofL, along with taking advantage of the small classroom sizes, great advisers, and opportunities for campus involvement. The program was a great way for me to find a home at a large university.

Best experience: My Honors Seminar called "Seeing and Art." The class introduced us to some basic components of vision, and I became so interested in the field that I decided to pursue a career in Optometry. The class changed my life and it was all thanks to the Honors Program!

My story: Coming from Eastern Kentucky, moving to Louisville was incredibly intimidating to me, but the Honors Program gave me a home. Many of the best college relationships stemmed from my Honors involvement!

College Advice: Get involved in something that interests you! It will help you meet fellow students and faculty, along with teaching you things that cannot be learned in a classroom. The Honors Program could be a great starting point for you; it was for me!

Customize your visit to UofL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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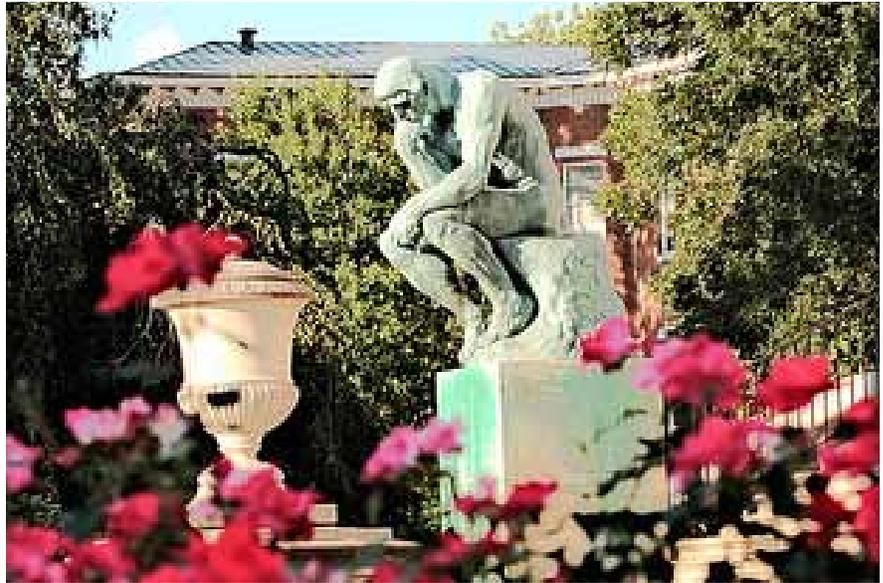
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SHADOW PROGRAM:

For academically talented students.

During your shadow visit you can:

- ▶ Shadow a current student to class, tour campus and have a complimentary lunch
- ▶ Meet with a representative from the Honors Program
- ▶ Meet with a faculty member from your academic area of interest
- ▶ Meet with an admissions counselor to review scholarship programs

TO SCHEDULE*:

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**Shadow students must have a 27 ACT or 1210 SAT (CR + M) and a 3.5 GPA.*

**At least two weeks advance notice is required to schedule a shadow visit.*

