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Dear Honors Student:

I am delighted to welcome you to Clemson University and to the Calhoun Honors College. We’re excited that you are joining us, and look forward to working with you over the next four years.

An Honors education at Clemson University combines the strengths of a public, land-grant university with those of a highly selective small college. You will have the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge research with some of the leading faculty in the country. Yet you will also be able to get to know your professors in small classes and in many other settings. You can take advantage of a wide range of classes in the sciences and engineering, education, the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences, and you can also take intensive seminars designed specifically for Honors students. You will also be able to pursue your broader education outside the classroom, by attending the many special events sponsored or supported by the Honors College.

Our goals in the Calhoun Honors College are twofold: to challenge you to excel, and to support you in all of your endeavors. We will set out minimum requirements, but we will also encourage you to reach your fullest potential in every area. We will provide advice and guidance, but we’ll also give you the freedom to define success in your own way, and in your own time.

This orientation packet—and everything you will hear from us at the Honors orientation sessions—is designed to make your transition to becoming a Calhoun Honors College student as easy as possible. We’ve tried to cover the essential points, but please don’t hesitate to ask us if you have any questions. Everyone in the Honors Office—indeed, everyone at Clemson University—stands ready to help you succeed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William Lasser
Executive Director
The purpose of this document is to provide you with basic and essential information you will need to know as an Honors student.

On Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, there will be a mandatory meeting of incoming Honors students in Tillman Hall Auditorium. All students must attend this meeting.

New Honors students will register on Day 2 of their orientation, at 12 pm.

in Vickery Hall

*Honors Engineering students register in Brackett Hall Atrium.

Academic Policies

Regular Enrollment in Honors Courses: Members of the Calhoun Honors College are required to take and complete at least one Honors course each fall and spring semester. All exceptions to this policy must have the prior, written permission of the Honors College. To graduate with Honors distinction other program requirements for Departmental and/or General Honors must be met (page 6-7).

Maintaining Membership in Honors: Honors students must maintain a cumulative GPR of 3.40 or higher. Should your cumulative GPR fall between 2.8 and 3.40, you will be placed on Honors probation and will have one semester to return to a GPR of 3.40. If at the end of the probationary semester your cumulative GPR remains below 3.40, you will lose all privileges of membership. If your cumulative GPR falls below 2.80, at any time, you will lose all privileges of membership.

Earning Honors Credit: Students receive Honors credit by earning a grade of A or B in Honors courses (except in limited cases in which courses are offered pass/fail). If you receive a grade of C or D in an Honors course, you may earn credit toward degree requirements, but not toward the academic requirements of the Honors College.
Honors students are expected to set their sights on meeting the requirements of our two academic programs, General Honors and Departmental Honors.

**General Honors**
Most of the courses you will take for General Honors will be taken to satisfy the university’s General Education requirements in areas such as mathematics, science, humanities, and social science. The purpose of General Honors is to broaden your intellectual perspectives. To this end, you are encouraged to take Honors courses in as many different areas as possible. To be awarded the Certificate of Achievement in General Honors, the following requirements must be satisfied:

1) Completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours in honors courses, distributed as follows:
   a. At least one course (≥3 credits) from three or more groups (see below);
   b. At least one course in three or more subjects (e.g., ENGL, MTHS).
2) A cumulative GPR of 3.40 or higher on all coursework taken at Clemson (non-honors as well as honors courses).
3) A grade of A or B in all courses taken to fulfill the requirements of General Honors.
4) Completion of all University requirements for graduation.

Group A: Composition and Communication
Group B: Science, Mathematics & Engineering
Group C: Arts and Humanities
Group D: Social Science
Group E: Cross Cultural Awareness
Group F: Science and Technology in Society
Group G: Other

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For more info on General and Departmental Honors, consult the Honors Handbook!

Go to the link below to find the Honors Student Handbook:
[http://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/current-students/student-handbook/](http://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/current-students/student-handbook/)

Contact an Honors Advisor at honorsadvising@clemson.edu if you have any questions about these requirements.
A full listing of fall courses, including Honors Seminars is available online via the Clemson University Events mobile application (available on Android and Mac OS).

To access this mobile application:
• Search for “Clemson University Events” on your mobile app store
• Download mobile application
• Find “2019 Freshman Orientation & Transition Guide”
• Find “Academic Information”
• Find “Calhoun Honors College”
• View “Fall 2019 Honors Seminars or Fall 2019 1000-2000 Honors Sections”

Students will learn more about this mobile application and how to register for fall courses during their orientation session.

**Fall Courses & Honors Seminars**

**Freshman Seminars**

“Imaginary Friends in Fiction”
HON 1900 | Literature

“Positively Human”
HON 1920 | Social Science

“The History of Brexit”
HON 1920 | Social Science

“Diplomacy in Crisis”
HON 1930 | Cross-Cultural Awareness

“Bioinspired”
HON 1940 | Science and Technology in Society
Special Programs & Resources

Brooks Center Tickets. The Honors College provides tickets to a wide range of performances at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. **Contact:** Jacqueline Overton at jlc6@clemson.edu

Conference Travel Grants. These grants are intended to provide financial support to students in the Calhoun Honors College planning to attend, or present at, conferences related to their academic interests. **Contact:** Holly Williams at hpeasgo@clemson.edu

Departmental Honors Research Grants. Students may apply for funds to support their Departmental Honors research projects. These competitive grants may be used for such needs as equipment, supplies, travel to research facilities, or other items beyond the capacity of the student’s department to provide. **Contact:** Susan Falendysz at sfalend@clemson.edu

Dixon Fellows Program. Through cultural enrichment activities and intellectual exchanges, this program nurtures students with the talent and potential to compete for Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright and other prestigious national and international fellowships. Admission to the program is highly selective and requires a separate application. Read more on page 12.

Honors Pre-Professional Programming. The Honors College offers specialized programming for pre-law, pre-med, and pre-health Honors students in addition to professional development workshops, guest speakers, and events open to all Honors students. **Contact:** Holly Williams at hpeasgo@clemson.edu

Wellness Ambassadors. The Honors Wellness Ambassadors serve as peer mentors who help promote and maintain the wellness of Honors students. They develop wellness-related programs for the Honors College and build relationships with students through weekly drop-in hours held in the Honors Center. **Contact:** Katie Maxwell at bower2@clemson.edu

Honors students receive free Brooks Center tickets upon request through the Honors office.

Honors student, Carson Wood, participating in summer research.

Honors student, Carson Wood, participating in summer research.
Honors Peer Mentoring Program. The Honors College Peer Mentoring Program is designed to assist in your transition to Clemson University and the Honors College. Mentors host individual and group meetings as well as events to engage with you and ensure you have everything you need in your first year. 
Contact: Holly Williams at hpeasgo@clemson.edu

Students travel to Paris, France as a part of the Dixon Global Policy Scholars Program.

Honors Study Abroad Opportunities. The Honors College offers a variety of study abroad opportunities, including a Spring internship in London and a special online course for Honors students spending the Spring semester in Europe. 
Contact: Dr. William Lasser at lasser@clemson.edu

Dixon Global Policy Scholars. The Dixon Global Policy Scholars Program (GPS) offers a challenging learning opportunity for students interested in pursuing a major scholarship (such as the Rhodes, Truman or Marshall) and in enhancing their knowledge of the issues that shape the world. Admission to the program is open to freshmen and sophomores, is highly selective, and requires a separate application.
Contact: Dr. William Lasser at lasser@clemson.edu

Educational Enrichment Travel Grants (EETG). These competitive awards of up to $3,000 per academic year (during summer breaks) help support life-changing educational experiences outside the classroom and away from the Clemson campus. These experiences may be internships, foreign study, public service projects, or other significant undertakings consistent with the student's educational, career, and/or personal goals.
Contact: Melissa Hawkins at melisso@clemson.edu
The Joseph E. and Caroline G. Dixon Fellows Program is designed for Honors students who want an additional challenge and opportunity. A challenge - because you will interact with students and faculty dedicated to living the “life of the mind.” An opportunity - because your participation as a Dixon Fellow will enrich your undergraduate experience and enable you to assume a position of leadership and responsibility in your community and in the world.

At the heart of the Dixon Fellows experience is the mentor group, 7-9 students (junior fellows) interacting with a professor (senior fellow) who acts as a role-model and guide. These small groups engage in a variety of activities designed to encourage learning and growth outside the classroom. Each mentor group is free to design its educational agenda for the year.

Through their shared experiences, the Dixon Junior Fellows develop the skills and talents to compete for prestigious national and international fellowships, such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, and Truman Scholarships; to gain admission to top graduate and professional schools; and to enhance their personal and professional lives.

The Dixon Junior Fellows are selected on the basis of academic excellence, commitment to public service, leadership potential, and personal integrity. They form a community of Clemson University's most exceptional students. Junior Fellows are expected to:

- Take their formal studies seriously, yet maintain a strong interest in the world of learning outside the classroom;
- Expand their educational horizons to include a broader exposure to foreign cultures, the arts, and the life of the mind;
- Assume leadership roles at Clemson University, and to participate in a wide range of public service activities at Clemson and in the larger community;
- Advance their personal and intellectual growth through study-abroad programs, internships, and cooperative education opportunities; and
- Compete for national and international fellowships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Goldwater, and Truman Scholarships.

VISIT US AT: http://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/current-students/out-of-class/dixon-fellows/index.html

Application Deadline

Monday, August 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Whatever path you are considering, there are nationally competitive programs available to help you accomplish all these goals. The competing for these scholarships takes a substantial investment of time and energy, but whether or not they eventually win, students who seriously undertake the process are in for a life-changing experience. Because you will be competing against the very best college students from across the nation, it’s natural to think that the odds are against you, but fellowship foundations really are looking for students just like you! The staff of the Office of Major Fellowships is here to assist students in strategically developing robust careers throughout their time at Clemson, as well as helping them to prepare the strongest applications possible for major fellowship opportunities such as the Truman, Marshall, Goldwater, Rhodes and many others. These opportunities may seem like they are all very far away, but students who have created a plan are much more likely to achieve their goals.

Major Fellowships

Have you ever thought about traveling to a foreign country? What about pursuing a research project over the summer? Or continuing your studies after you graduate?

Robyn Curtis
Director, Office of Major Fellowships
robync@clemson.edu

Warren Chatwin
Assistant Director, Office of Major Fellowships
wchatwi@clemson.edu

Make an appointment today to learn more about your options!

www.clemson.edu/majorfellowships
fellowships@clemson.edu
191 Core Campus
Q: Are Honors courses harder?
A: Not necessarily. Honors instructors have been challenged to make courses more enriching.

Q: Will Honors courses take up too much of my study time?
A: Not necessarily. Honors courses tend to be faster paced and more intellectually challenging, but they should not require significantly more time than non-honors courses.

Q: What do I do if I can’t find an Honors course that fits my schedule?
A: If you are having difficulty finding an Honors course during orientation, seek help from your academic advisor.

Q: What do I do if I can’t find an Honors course that meets General Education or major requirements?
A: You will need to look for an Honors course that will broaden your education and count the course as an elective.

Q: Is my GPA calculated differently for Honors courses than from my non-Honors courses?
A: No. All courses at Clemson University are calculated the same.

Q: If I drop my only Honors course, will I be removed from the Honors Residential College?
A: No. Students are not removed mid-semester from the Honors Residential College.

Q: If my GPA drops below a 3.40, will I be removed from the Honors Residential College in the spring semester?
A: Although our goal is to allow all students to remain in the Honors Residential College for the entire year, it is possible that freshmen residents of the Honors Residential College whose first semester GPR is below 2.80 may be reassigned to other campus housing effective the next semester.

Q: If I take two Honors courses in the fall semester, do I have to take one in the spring semester?
A: Yes. Members of the Calhoun Honors College are required to take and complete at least one Honors credit hour each fall and spring semester regardless of how many they have taken previously or plan to take in future semesters.

Q: Does the Calhoun Honors College provide academic advising?
A: Yes. In addition to the academic advisor in your department, the Honors Office staff provides advising support by appointment and drop-in advising events. You can schedule an appointment with your Honors advisor by visiting CU Navigate at clemson.campus.eab.com. Drop-in hours are typically held the first two weeks of classes and around course registration each semester.
Q: Who is my advisor in my major?
A: To find out who your advisor is in your major, you can check the CU Navigate app or Degree Works - your academic advisor should be listed in both locations. Or you can contact your academic department (e.g. - English, General Engineering, Biological Sciences, etc.)

Q: If I drop my only Honors class and I am removed from Honors, can I rejoin the Calhoun Honors College later?
A: Yes. Students can rejoin Honors after they have been out one complete semester, have achieved the requisite cumulative 3.40 GPR, and have at least four semesters remaining to complete degree requirements.

Q: Do Honors students have to complete General Honors before beginning their Departmental Honors requirements?
A: No. Honors students can complete General Honors at any time through the last semester of their senior year.

Q: Can an Honors course count for both General and Departmental Honors?
A: No. Courses taken to fulfill General Honors cannot be applied toward Departmental Honors requirements or vice-versa.

Q: If I start taking Departmental Honors courses but decide not to complete the requirement, can I count the Honors courses toward the General Honors requirements?
A: Yes. Any 3000- or 4000-level Honors Course that is not graded pass/fail can be counted toward the General Honors requirements.

Q: As a member of the Calhoun Honors College, do I automatically receive a scholarship?
A: No. There are no scholarships linked to membership in the Calhoun Honors College. All scholarships are administered by the Office of Financial Aid. Please contact the office by phone.

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check out answers to your questions and more with the Honors Handbook!

Go to the link below to find the handbook:

http://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/current-students/student-handbook/