The University Scholars Program (USP) responds to the national need for more graduate and professional level researchers, practitioners, and faculty in all fields. USP students, specifically selected for their outstanding academic achievement, will be prepared to pursue study at highly competitive academic institutions and to assume leadership roles in their professions and in society-at-large. To this end, the college combines intensive training in the student's area of specialization with an innovative honors curriculum in the liberal arts.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Freshman:**

Freshman applicants for admission to the University Scholars Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Rank in the upper percent of their high school class
2. Achieve a minimum SAT score of 1200 or a minimum ACT composite score of 27
3. Be recommended by their high school faculty
4. Have a strong college preparatory background in mathematics, science, and English
5. Meet the honors admission requirements of the university

**Upperclassmen:**

Upperclassmen whose cumulative grade point average is at least 3.50 and whose candidacy for admission into the college is supported by recommendations from three college teachers, including the major department head, will be considered for admission.

**Transfer Students**

Students transferring from other universities or colleges who wish to participate in the University Scholars Program should write a letter of application to the Chair Admissions and Academic Standards Committee. They should also present transcripts of their previous college work and any SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement Scores.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND CREDIT

**Continuation Requirements**

Honor students are required to enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester.

The requirement for remaining in good academic standing as a University Scholars Program is as follows: Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.50.