

The University Scholars Program

The Prairie View A&M University Scholars Program has as its mission the development of student leaders who demonstrate excellence in intellectual pursuits, creativity, and research. The program provides an enriched academic environment which prepares students to pursue graduate or professional studies at highly competitive institutions, to lead and serve in the global community, and to begin the process of lifelong learning. Creative energies are stimulated and leadership and high academic achievement are rewarded. Membership in the USP is limited to students maintaining a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA. Students maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and meeting other specific course requirements set by academic departments are eligible to take honors courses offered within the University curriculum. Honors courses are designated with an (H), and are noted on the student's transcript upon completion.

Student members of the University Scholars Program completing at least 18 hours of honors coursework, with a grade of no less than C in any honors course, can graduate with the designation of *University Scholar* if they graduate as a USP member in good standing. Non-members of the University Scholars Program are not eligible to receive the designation of *University Scholar* even though they are eligible to take honors courses.

Admission Requirements

Membership in Prairie View A&M University's University Scholars Program is available to *Incoming Freshmen* who have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.5, have a minimum SAT Reasoning Test composite of 1100 or ACT composite of 23, have evidence of leadership involvement, and have satisfied the requirements of THEA; to *Current Prairie View A&M University Students* who have completed at least 15 credit hours of course work at Prairie View A&M University (but no more than 59 credit hours), have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, have demonstrated leadership involvement, and have satisfied the requirements of THEA; and to *Transfer Students* who have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (as computed by Prairie View A&M University), have completed not more than 59 credit hours toward graduation from Prairie View A&M University, have demonstrated leadership involvement, and have satisfied the requirements of THEA.

Continuation Requirements

University Scholars are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. |