John Brown University’s Honors Scholars Program currently serves nearly 200 students from 8 different countries and 19 states.

**TOP 5 HONORS STUDENT POPULATION BY STATE**
1. Arkansas
2. Kansas
3. Texas
4. Missouri
5. Oklahoma

**HONORS STUDENTS BY COLLEGE**
- 34% College of Bible, Humanities, and Art
- 32% College of Education and Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 31% College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Health Professions
- 13% College of Business

**HONORS CENTER**
Located upstairs in the Soderquist Business Center, you will find a gathering area, study rooms, classrooms and conference room. The administrative offices and Honors Executive Council work space are located here also.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
Prospective students, whether MK, international, public, private, or home educated, may apply using the online application at [http://www.jbu.edu/academics/honors](http://www.jbu.edu/academics/honors). Scores of 28 ACT/1340 SAT/88 CLT or a high school GPA of 3.8 or higher, serve as a general guideline to apply. If a student chooses Test Optional Admission to JBU, the Honors Scholars Program will factor in the additional required materials into their HSP admission decision.

**GRADUATION**
Honors students are not required to take any “extra” courses to be in honors, for honors classes satisfy JBU’s core requirements. Students may choose from more than fourteen core courses to fulfill the lower-division honor requirements.

Nine lower-division hours must be completed by the end of a student’s sophomore year while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5, or a 3.75 in honors courses. To graduate, honor students must complete 21 hours of honors courses and maintain a 3.5 GPA.

**HONORS STUDENTS GRADUATE**
Presidential Honors – completing 21 hours including a project within their discipline
University Honors – completing 21 hours without a project

**HONORS COURSES**
Approximately 15-25 students per section
Courses taught by JBU’s finest faculty
Emphasize application of knowledge
Cultivate critical-thinking skills

**HONORS COURSES OFFERED**
- English 1 & 2
- Integrated Humanities 1&2
- Old and New Testament
- Intro to Psychology
- Integrated Theology 1&2
- Biological Science
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics 1&2
- Intercultural Communication

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**
JBU Creek Clean-up

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Each year honors students are chosen to serve as mentors in the course entitled Gateway Seminar for Christian Scholarship. In this course honor students work one-on-one with JBU faculty. Through our partnerships with on- and off-campus groups like the Center for Faith and Flourishing and the American Enterprise Institute, students also have the opportunity to engage in colloquia and seminars with leading thinkers in their fields of study.

**STUDENT RESEARCH**
Students are selected to present their original research or creative work at the Celebration of Academic Excellence.

Honors students have also presented their research at honor conferences located in Arkansas, Iowa, Georgia, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Wisconsin, North Carolina, California, and Washington D.C.

**SAMPLES OF JBU HONORS CAPSTONE PROJECTS TITLES**
- Biblical Studies – “The Spiritual Growth Experiences of Ethnic Minority Students at John Brown University”
- Engineering – “NASA Robotic Regolith Excavation System”
- Fine Arts and Communication (Music) – “From Acculturation to Acceptance: The Story of Western Cherokee Hymnody”
- Illustration – “Illustrating Hans Christian Anderson’s ‘The Snow Queen’”
- Science – “Exploring the Potential Role of p300/CBP-Associated Factor (PCAF) in a PC-12 Model of Parkinson’s Disease”
- Intercultural Studies – “German-American Identity and the Whitewashing of My Family’s Culture”
- Secondary Education – “Instruction beyond Testing: Using Leisurly Reading as a Tool for Standardized Test Improvement beyond the Standardized Curriculum”
- Political Science – “Activism on a Christian College Campus: Understanding the Causes and Effects of Student Mobilization”

**PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS**
In 2014 one of our honors students received a Fulbright to teach in Turkey 2014-2015. JBU honors students have received the Gilman Scholarship and earned the DAAD RISE Scholarship and have been finalists for the Goldwater Scholarship and the Truman Scholarship. One of our 2017 graduates earned a National Science Foundation scholarship to study Engineering at UT Austin. In 2020 one of our students received the Center for Public Justice Hatfield Prize for social policy research. JBU currently has a graduate in the John Jay Fellows program in Pennsylvania. Students continue to participate in a number of other competitions, including the Rhodes, Mitchell, Udall, and American Graduate Fellowships.

**STUDY ABROAD**
Honors students are encouraged to attend the Scholars’ Semester at Oxford University (UK), a program for which only honors students are eligible. Other study-abroad options include study in Uganda, Spain, Russia, the Middle East (including an archaeological dig site in Jordan), and Ireland.

**COLOQUIA**
Experiential learning is taken to a whole new level as honors students have the opportunity to explore interesting topics and to travel. Themes of past have included neuroscience, mindfulness, slave narratives, conspiracy theories, and genocide.

**EXAMPLES OF GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

**BY HSP ALUMNI**
- Texas A & M Medical School
- Georgetown University
- Southern Methodist U Law School
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- Pepperdine Law School
- Carnegie Mellon
- Yale University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Convell Seminary
- University of Texas
- St. Louis University
- Georgia Tech
- Rice University
- George Mason University
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Maryland

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