

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. Oklahoma
3. Texas
4. Missouri
5. Kansas

HONORS STUDENTS BY COLLEGE OR DIVISION

27%	College of Education and Human Services
16%	Division of Humanities and Social Sciences
13%	Division of Natural Sciences
13%	Division of Communication and Fine Arts
12%	Division of Engineering and Construction Management
11%	Division of Biblical Studies
7%	Donald G. Soderquist College of Business

HONORS CENTER

Located upstairs in the Soderquist Business Center, you will find a gathering area, study library, classrooms and conference room. The administrative offices and honors student government 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>. Scores of 28 ACT/1340 SAT/88 CLT serve as a general guideline to apply.

GRADUATION

Honors students are not required to take any "extra" courses to be in honors, for honors classes satisfy JBU's core requirements. Students should take about 1 honors course per semester to complete the lower-division requirements. Students may choose from approximately twenty honors sections of 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	Old and New Testament
Intro to Psychology	Integrated Theology	
Biological Science	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Tutoring Program – Watts, Oklahoma

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.

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, and North Carolina.

SAMPLES OF JBU HONORS CAPSTONE PROJECTS TITLES

Biblical Studies – *"One God, One Emperor: The Necessity of Theocracy in the Byzantine State"*

Engineering – *"NASA Robotic Regolith Excavation System"*

History - *"The National Park Service and the Story of the Buffalo National River: A Social Case Study of Environmentalism"*

Business – *"TradeUp: A Business Plan"*

Fine Arts and Communication (Music) – *"From Acculturation to Acceptance: The Story of Western Cherokee Hymnody"*

Illustration – *"Illustrating Hans Christian Anderson's 'The Snow Queen'"*

Communication – *"Police Minority Relations in the U.S."*

Intercultural Studies – *"German-American Identity and the Whitewashing of My Family's Culture"*

Secondary Education – *"Instruction beyond Testing: Using Leisurely Reading as a Tool for Standardized Test Improvement beyond the Standardized Curriculum"*

Political Science – *"Young vs. Old: Why Children Are less Likely Than Their Parents to be Committed to a Party or Vote the Party Line"*

PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2014 one of our honors students (Sarah Hubbard) received a Fulbright to teach in Turkey 2014-2015. JBU honors students have received the Gilman Scholarship (Jewel Gilbert, 2014) and earned the DAAD RISE Scholarship and 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. 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 Costa Rica, Uganda, Spain, Russia, the Middle East (including an archaeological dig site in Jordan), Australia, and Ireland.

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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 Martin Luther King, Frank Lloyd Wright, the Cherokee Trail, slave narratives, foreign films, and genocide.

EXAMPLES OF GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY HSP ALUMNI

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