

# Admission to University Scholars

## Courses

Scholars students have the opportunity to take designated sections of Introduction to University Life as incoming freshmen. In addition, Scholars register for a certain number of honors-designated courses as part of their curriculum. See the Scholars Handbook (available online at [www.csuohio.edu/honors/scholars](http://www.csuohio.edu/honors/scholars)) for details.



## Admission Requirements

Freshman applicants must be in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. This can be demonstrated in one of several ways:

- Ⓞ top 10 percent in class rank;
- Ⓞ high school GPA of 3.5 or better;
- Ⓞ 90th percentile on ACT exam, approximate score of 27 or greater;
- Ⓞ 90th percentile on SAT exam, critical reading and math combined score of 1300 or greater;
- Ⓞ special appeal to the Program.

Transfer students can also apply to the program if they have fewer than 90 credit hours and can demonstrate that they can complete the Upper Division requirements for their major. A minimum cumulative 3.35 GPA from previous college-level work is required.

## How to Apply

Incoming freshmen will meet with a Scholars advisor to register for their first semester of courses as a Scholar. Transfer students who meet the requirements for the Scholars program will be informed as such when their transcript is evaluated. They can then meet with a Scholars advisor to register for coursework.

## For More Information

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# University Scholars Program



# University

## Dear Prospective Student

Since Fall 2007, the University Scholars Program has given academically talented students the opportunity to have Honors-level experiences. Starting with an inaugural class of 70 students, we will ultimately accommodate 5 percent to 10 percent of the student body at Cleveland State University.

Scholars students enjoy some unique opportunities. They can take Honors courses, live on specially designated floors in the residence halls, participate in internships, and obtain the advice of Scholars academic advisors. Scholars students have responsibilities as well. Chief among these are to maintain a 3.25 cumulative grade point average and to successfully complete the upper division Scholars program in their major. Students who graduate in good standing with the Scholars Program will get a special notation on their transcript indicating that they successfully completed a more rigorous curriculum than most students.

Students can be admitted to the Scholars Program as incoming freshman or as current Cleveland State University students. A generic upper division program is available for majors who do not yet have a specific course of study for Scholars. Thus, almost any student at Cleveland State has the potential to be a University Scholar.

# Scholars

More information about the University Scholars Program can be found on our web page at [www.csuohio.edu/honors/scholars](http://www.csuohio.edu/honors/scholars). I invite you to consider the University Scholars Program as part of your engaged learning experience at Cleveland State University.

—David W. Ball, Ph.D.

## Lower Division Program

The Lower Division portion of the Scholars Program must be completed before earning 60 credit hours at Cleveland State University. Students are expected to take two honors-designated general education courses. University Scholars students are expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25.

## Upper Division Program

The Upper Division portion of the Scholars Program is completed after the student has completed 60 credit hours of University coursework. The Upper Division requirements vary by major; students can contact the Scholars advisor or their faculty advisor for details on the specific Upper Division requirements. Students are expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25.

# Program

## Scholarship Opportunities

While acceptance into the Scholars Program does not automatically include financial aid, many students in the Scholars Program are awarded merit-based financial aid. Interested students should apply early each calendar year through the University's financial aid office. For more detailed financial aid information, go to [www.csuohio.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/](http://www.csuohio.edu/enrollmentservices/financialaid/)

## Major Features

The Scholars Program includes:

- ⦿ the ability to take honors-designated courses;
- ⦿ the opportunity to work on scholarship opportunities with faculty members;
- ⦿ special sections of Introduction to University Life;
- ⦿ minimum cumulative GPA that marks you as an outstanding student;
- ⦿ unique internship opportunities, depending on your major;
- ⦿ special designation on your transcript and diploma upon successful graduation as a Scholar;
- ⦿ designated Scholars floors in the residence halls; and more!

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