

Journey Honors Scholars

Program Description

The KSU Journey Honors College emphasizes active and experiential learning and high-impact practices like undergraduate research and creative activity, education abroad, internships, and community-based learning. We are also centered on building honors curricular and co-curricular options to help students create peer and professional networks and develop competencies valued by employers and graduate and professional schools. The honors education students find here will support and challenge them to become:

- *Lifelong Learners* - Critical thinkers who embrace inquiry and practice reflective, interdisciplinary learning.
- *Collaborative Leaders* - Effective communicators who embrace opportunities with creativity, professionalism, and teamwork.
- *Civic-Minded Scholars* - Responsible individuals who value different viewpoints, have global awareness, and seek practical ways to advance the public good.

This program is a part of the Keeping Sights Upward Journey Honors College.

Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies

Admission Requirements

Entry to the Journey Honors Scholars program is competitive and by application only. Incoming first-year students, dual enrollment students, transfer students with 60 hours or less, and current KSU students with 60 hours or less can apply. For information about admission criteria and the application process, please see <https://www.kennesaw.edu/honors/admission/index.php>.

For admission criteria, and application process for the honors first-year cohort programs–The President’s Emerging Global Scholars Program, the Ancient and Modern Classics Cohort, and the Wellstar Tom and Betty Phillips Elite Honors Nursing Scholars Program–please see <https://www.kennesaw.edu/honors/academics/cohorts.php>. Honors cohort programs and formal honors minors integrate seamlessly into the Journey Honors Scholar Program.

Transfer Honors Credit:

Honors scholars who transfer from another university where they have earned honors credit may petition to have up to 2 HLEs fulfilled by prior honors credit.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation as a Journey Honors Scholar requires completion of the program, below, and a KSU adjusted GPA of 3.25 or better.

Program Course Requirements

Journey Honors Scholars complete 1-2 core courses, depending on when they enter the program, and then choose from a variety of honors learning experiences (HLEs), allowing them to customize their honors experience to meet their interests and prepare them for their individual future goals.

Honors Requirement

Complete one of the following within the first two semester of joining the University Honors Program.

For students entering honors with 45 earned credit hours or less:

- HON 1100: The First-Year Honors Colloquium: An Introduction to Honors Education
- HON 3497: Honors Praxis
- 6 Honors Learning Experiences (HLEs)

For students entering honors with more than 45 credit hours earned:

- HON 3497: Honors Praxis
- 4 Honors Learning Experiences (HLEs)

Honors Learning Experiences (HLEs):

Journey Honors Scholars will work closely with their honors advisors to personalize their honors curriculum based on their interests and goals. HLE options include:

- Honors sections of General Education Core Courses
- HON-prefix courses (with the exception of HON 1000, which satisfies the introduction to Honors requirement but does not count as an HLE)
- Graduate courses for Honors students in the Double Owl Program

Honors Senior Capstone Option

For students seeking an in-depth or interdisciplinary research or community project, the honors college offers a two-course sequence for developing an honors thesis:

- HON 4497: Honors Senior Capstone Proposal

- HON 4499: Honors Senior Capstone Project