

## Academic Honors

Students with outstanding cumulative grade point averages may receive the following honors.

### Bronze Tablet

[gateway.library.uiuc.edu/rex/erefs/bronzetables/critea.htm](http://gateway.library.uiuc.edu/rex/erefs/bronzetables/critea.htm)

Continuous academic achievement is recognized at the UIUC by inscribing students' names on the Bronze Tablet ([www.uiuc.edu/admin\\_manual/code/rule\\_99.html](http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/rule_99.html)), which hangs in the campus Library. Bronze Tablet recipients must rank in the top three percent of the students of the College of ACES graduating class and have at least a 3.5 (A = 4.0) cumulative grade point average for all work completed at the University through the academic term prior to their graduation. To be identified as a Bronze Tablet recipient, transfer students—in addition to meeting the general rules for qualification—must also have earned at least 40 semester hours at this University and have cumulative UIUC grade point averages as high as the lowest eligible students who completed all of their academic work on this campus.

### Dean's List

Each fall and spring semester, a Dean's List is compiled of those students who have met the necessary academic conditions. The *Code*, Rule 86 ([www.uiuc.edu/admin\\_manual/code/rule\\_86.html](http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/rule_86.html)), outlines all eligibility requirements for Dean's List recognition. An ACES student must meet these criteria: successfully complete at least 14 semester hours of course work (graduating seniors are not required to meet the 14-hour minimum) taken for letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F and earn a grade point average placing the student in the top 20 percent of all ACES students that semester in the student's class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior).

In accordance with Rule 86 of the *Code*, the College determines the minimum GPA that allows approximately 20% of ACES students to be named to the Dean's List. The minimum GPA is reviewed annually and adjusted as needed to maintain the 20% guideline. Beginning Fall 2004, the minimum GPA to be eligible for the ACES Dean's List is 3.5.

### Graduation With Honors

[www.uiuc.edu/admin\\_manual/code/rule\\_100.html](http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/rule_100.html)

In the College of ACES, honors are awarded to academically superior students at graduation, with the honors being designated on the diploma. The cumulative grade point average required for each category of honors is specified as follows: Highest Honors, 3.8; High Honors, 3.5; and Honors, 3.2. Transfer students must meet the minimum cumulative grade point average for the respective honors designation for both the UIUC hours and cumulative hours.

Additional scholastic recognition programs are as follows.

### Chancellor's Scholars Program

[www.honors.uiuc.edu](http://www.honors.uiuc.edu)

The Campus Honors Program selects approximately 120 entering freshmen each fall from all UIUC colleges to be Chancellor's Scholars. In most recent years, eight to ten students per class in the College of ACES have been selected to participate in this program. Chancellor's Scholars are expected to take one course offered by the Campus Honors Program per semester for their first two years in the program. In the junior and senior years, students enroll in Interdisciplinary Honors Seminars. More specific information is available from the Campus Honors Program, 1205 W. Oregon Street, Urbana, 244-0922, [www.honors.uiuc.edu](http://www.honors.uiuc.edu).

**ACES James Scholar Program**

[www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/aces\\_honors.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/aces_honors.cfm)

The ACES James Scholar program invites freshmen of superior academic performance (ACT of 28 or higher) to enroll prior to coming to campus. The program provides opportunities for these students to use their time and talents in ways that can further enrich their educational experience. Students may obtain specific information about the program from the ACES Academic Programs office. General information requirements for certification as a James Scholar are described below.

**Freshman and Sophomore Years**

To be certified as an ACES James Scholar for the first two years, students must meet these criteria:

1. Complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit in residence on the UIUC campus for fall and spring semester
2. Have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.40
3. Complete one Honors Credit Learning Agreement (HCLA) each year. Any regular course can be designated an Honors Course by completing additional honors activities that are mutually acceptable to the instructor and student (the HCLA records this agreement); forms are available in 104 Mumford Hall
4. Attend the ACES Honors Retreat held each spring semester
5. Complete an Honors Contract by the end of the sophomore year.

**Junior and Senior Years**

To be certified as an ACES James Scholar for the junior and senior years, students must meet these criteria:

1. Complete criteria 1–4 for freshmen and sophomores
2. Complete the Honors Contract. Components of the Honors Contract are as follows:
  - a) Complete an independent research project
  - b) Complete at least one 500-level or departmental designated course
  - c) Complete at least four 300- or 400-level courses
  - d) Present the results of the research project at the designated event (usually the ACES Honor Retreat).

Students qualifying for and participating in the ACES James Scholar program receive these benefits:

1. Early registration privileges.
2. Access to the stacks in the UIUC main library.
3. Opportunities to interact with honors colleagues at the annual retreat.
4. Opportunities to work more closely with instructors through HCLAs and research projects.
5. Up to \$1,000 deposited in a departmental account to support the undergraduate research project.
6. An Honors Scholarship of \$400 awarded in conjunction with the research project.

**Jonathan Baldwin Turner  
Undergraduate Research/  
Scholarship Program**  
[www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/  
research.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/research.cfm)

The Jonathan Baldwin Turner Undergraduate Research/Scholarship Program was created to provide a genuine research experience for upper-level undergraduates who demonstrate superior academic ability and a strong interest in the agricultural and human sciences. Approved undergraduate research projects are conducted under the close supervision of faculty members of the College of ACES, who provide the type of professional guidance normally afforded graduate students pursuing advanced degrees.

To be eligible for the program, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 hours in the undergraduate degree program at the time the proposed research project is conducted
2. Be officially enrolled with a declared academic major in a department of the College
3. Have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (4.0 = A) to qualify for undergraduate research support and merit scholarship monies.

Research support for junior or senior students accepted into the program is based on a project budget submitted at the time of application. A maximum stipend of \$1,000 is allocated for each approved research project. Merit scholarship support under the program is \$400.

Prospective applicants work with a faculty member to identify and define an appropriate research project and then submit their requests using the application form approved for the program. Application deadlines of April 1 and November 1, respectively, exist for potential projects beginning in the succeeding fall or spring semester. Additional information on the program is available from ACES Academic Programs, 104 Mumford Hall.

**General Scholarship  
Information**  
[www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/  
Scholarships/index.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/Scholarships/index.cfm)

A number of scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in the College of ACES are made available through the generous support of alumni and friends of the College. A complete listing of all such scholarships is available from the College of ACES Academic Programs Web site at [www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/Scholarships/  
scholarship\\_listing.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/Scholarships/scholarship_listing.cfm). There is a separate section for scholarships administered by the College departments. Students seeking consideration for college-wide scholarships complete the online application by the June 1 deadline for scholarships to be awarded for the upcoming academic year.

**Student Organizations**  
[www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/  
organizations.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/organizations.cfm)

College of ACES student organizations are designed to further develop academic and career interests in an informal setting. Students assume the major responsibility for planning and directing organization activities. ACES student organizations include clubs organized around subject-matter specialties, honorary societies, and the College of ACES Student Council. Specific information on a given club may be obtained from the academic unit with which the club is affiliated. For detailed information about the College of ACES student clubs, organizations, and honoraries, refer to [www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/organizations.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/organizations.cfm). For information regarding student organizations across the UIUC campus, refer to the UIUC Registered Student Organizations Web site at [www.uiuc.edu/ro](http://www.uiuc.edu/ro).

## Study Abroad

[www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/StudyAbroad/index.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/StudyAbroad/index.cfm)

Students interested in adding an international dimension to their undergraduate experience should contact the assistant dean who coordinates study abroad programs in the ACES Academic Programs office, as well as the UIUC Study Abroad Office, 115 International Studies Building ([www.ips.uiuc.edu/sao](http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/sao)). Staff members at both locations assist students in defining their academic interests and in narrowing the possible choices of programs. Length of stay (year, semester, or summer), program location, and the application of credit earned abroad to specific degree requirements are among the decisions students must make.

Assistance with registration at the UIUC and the foreign institution, payment of fees, health certification, and passport and visa questions is available from staff in Academic Programs and the Study Abroad Office. Students prepare course approval forms for each course in which they plan to enroll. A study abroad advisor (one has been assigned for most major fields of study) completes the forms, indicating how the courses compare to University of Illinois courses. The student's academic advisor and ACES Academic Programs assistant dean sign the materials to acknowledge how the courses will be used following transfer of credit from the foreign institution.

The ACES study abroad student will register for ACES 299, "Study Abroad," while away from campus. If this registration is maintained, filing a request for re-entry is not necessary when the student returns to campus. At the conclusion of the experience, an official transcript is forwarded from the foreign institution to the Study Abroad Office for evaluation. The transcript (with a credit recommendation form prepared by the Study Abroad Office) is then referred to ACES Academic Programs for official acceptance and application of credit to the student's degree program. An ACES student can earn up to 36 semester hours of credit for a year-long experience abroad. Credit also can be earned for an international internship (ACES 293) or for a variety of other international experiences (ACES 298). Interested students should meet with the ACES Academic Programs assistant dean who works with study abroad experiences to discuss the various options.

Many overseas universities cooperate with the University of Illinois in student exchange and study abroad programs. If no formal program exists, study abroad advisors can often assist in the search for an appropriate institution. The College of ACES focuses most efforts on arranging experiences specifically related to the fields of study offered by the College. College-based programs are currently being offered in Norway, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Brazil, Israel, England, Korea, South Africa, Honduras, Japan, Greece, and the Caribbean, as well as at U.S. Embassies worldwide through internships with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service. Internships in State of Illinois overseas trade offices are also available. ACES Academic Programs also assists students who wish to participate in International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) programs.

## On-Campus International Study

Students who have international interests can integrate into their programs of study a wide variety of courses that have an international emphasis. Below is a selection of College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences courses that offer an international focus. Likewise, internationally oriented courses offered by departments in other colleges of the University can be used to fulfill a portion of the open elective hours in each ACES curriculum.

International Courses for Undergraduates		Hours
ACE 251	The World Food Economy	3
ACE 254	Economic Systems in Africa	3
ACE 411	Environment and Development	3
ACE 435	Global Agribusiness Management	3
ACE 451	Agriculture in International Development	3
ACE 452	The Latin America Economies	3
ACE 453	Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia	3
ACE 454	Economic Development of Tropical Africa	3
ACE 455	International Trade in Food and Agriculture	3
AGCM 320	Educational Campaign Planning	4
ANSC 205	World Animal Resources	3
CPSC 116	The Global Food Production Web	3
CPSC 417	Crops and Society	3
CPSC 431/ NRES 431/ IB 440	Plants and Global Change	3
FSHN 145	Introduction to Hospitality Management	3
HDFS 220	Comparative Family Organization	3
HDFS 470	International Families	3
HORT 464	International Horticultural Products	3
NRES 100	Fundamentals of Environmental Science	3
NRES 109	Global Environmental Issues	3
NRES 287	Nature, Society, and Democracy	3
NRES 449	Science, Technology and Policy	3
PLPA 200	Plants, Pathogens and People	3
RSOC 443	Social Change in Developing Areas	3

## **Opportunities for Graduate and Professional Study**

Each year, many ACES students elect to begin graduate or professional study immediately after completing their undergraduate degrees. All of the undergraduate programs in the College can serve as excellent preparation for graduate programs, assuming that the student has maintained a strong academic record and has completed courses that are deemed appropriate for the desired area of graduate study. Graduate study in the College's disciplines and professional study in law, veterinary medicine, other health-related careers, and business administration are among the most common choices for ACES students and graduates.

### **Graduate (M.S./Ph.D.) Programs**

Admission requirements for graduate study vary greatly among the different fields of study, and there is no centralized admission process for applying to a graduate program within the College of ACES. Each academic unit handles its own application processing. Applications are usually for both admission and financial assistance in the form of fellowships or assistantships. Students are encouraged to contact the specific unit in which they are interested. Graduate admissions personnel within each unit are also an excellent source of information on graduate programs in that discipline at other institutions. Additional information is available from the UIUC Graduate College ([www.grad.uiuc.edu](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu)) and the Web sites for each UIUC department and program.

### **Law**

[www.law.uiuc.edu](http://www.law.uiuc.edu)

Most colleges of law require a bachelor's degree as a prerequisite for admission but do not specify a particular area of undergraduate study. Interested students in the College of ACES may complete the requirements for a degree in any approved curriculum of the College. ACES students who are interested in law school should ask to be assigned to a pre-law advisor. Information on the admission requirements for the University of Illinois College of Law may be obtained from [www.law.uiuc.edu](http://www.law.uiuc.edu).

### **Veterinary Medicine**

[www.cvm.uiuc.edu](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu)

A minimum of 60 semester hours of prescribed courses must be completed before a student is considered for admission to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine ([www.cvm.uiuc.edu](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu)). Because competition is great, few students are admitted with only the minimum requirements. All students are encouraged to make progress toward a bachelor's degree while they are completing the preprofessional requirements. Students should also consider selecting curricula that lead to viable career alternatives if they are not admitted to the professional college. Many students find the Science, Biotechnology, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine concentration within the Animal Sciences major ideal for this purpose. Information on admission requirements for the UIUC College of Veterinary Medicine can be obtained from the Office of the Associate Dean, 2271g Veterinary Medicine Basic Sciences Building, 333-1192, and at [www.cvm.uiuc.edu](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu).

### **Human Medicine and Other Health-Related Careers**

Minimum course requirements for admission consideration to the College of Veterinary Medicine are often similar to those required of candidates to medical schools and other health-related professions. Students in the College of ACES often find curricula in Food Science, Human Nutrition, and Human Development and Family Studies especially applicable to human medicine and related areas. Students are encouraged to contact the Career Center, 715 S. Wright, [www.careercenter.uiuc.edu](http://www.careercenter.uiuc.edu), to learn more about these professional school opportunities.

## **Student Development and Career Services**

[www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/SDCS/index.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Students/SDCS/index.cfm)

The ACES Academic Programs' Student Development and Career Services (SDCS) office is located in 115 ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center and is part of a much larger campus network of 27 Career Services offices. Undergraduates are urged to become familiar with all career service tools early in their academic career and to use the services throughout their tenure at the UIUC.

Staff in the ACES SDCS office can assist with career exploration, matching majors to potential employment opportunities, and facilitating development of valuable skills required by employers through workshops and one-on-one counseling. Staff also assist with writing resumes and cover letters.

The SDCS office sponsors the annual ACES Career Fair and hosts on-campus interviews. The Career Fair, held in early October, is an excellent networking event even for students not seeking employment. It is the kick-off for the on-campus recruiting season. On-campus recruitment is heaviest in October and November and from February until spring break; about 70% of all on-campus interviews for both internships and full-time positions occur in the fall.

On-campus interviewing and networking at the annual ACES Career Fair are only two of the resources available to students in their search for full-time employment and internships. The SDCS office contains brochures and contact information for many companies. The Web site also has links to other helpful resources, including ACES Alumni Profiles, Career Search database, Internships Online, Job Placement summaries, and many industry-specific professional organizations and online job listings.

Many of the other campus Career Services offices are affiliated with a college or an academic department; however, services are often available to all UIUC students. Students can find a list of all UIUC Career Services offices at [www.careerservices.uiuc.edu](http://www.careerservices.uiuc.edu). The Campus Career Center, located on Wright Street in the Arcade Student Services Building, assists students in all majors. Their Web site ([www.careercenter.uiuc.edu](http://www.careercenter.uiuc.edu)) details the services they offer.

## **Leadership Development**

[www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu](http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu)

Through the ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP initiative, all students on the UIUC campus are encouraged to include some aspect of leadership development in their undergraduate experience. The Campus Leadership Center, 290 Illini Union, 333-0604, offers workshops and programming throughout the year to help students with their leadership journeys. INSIGHT and INTERSECT are two programs especially relevant to freshmen and sophomores; IGNITE and IMPRINT are ideally suited to juniors and seniors. The 25 student organizations in the College of ACES offer many opportunities for students to utilize leadership skills. A Leadership Certificate of Completion is administered by the Leadership Center for students packaging a variety of leadership experiences into the requirements for the program.

