

MISSION

The mission of the Olivet Honors Program is to encourage and nurture academically talented students in the integration of Christian faith and learning, preparing them for servant leadership in the Church and the world.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- Olivet's honors students take four interdisciplinary, team-taught classes on novel topics during the first two years
- Students perform funded, one-on-one mentored research projects in the last two years. This project could be extensive research within their field of study, outside their field of study, or a study abroad experience
- Students attend various cultural events of their choice
- Students also perform an annual service to a non-profit organization

ADVANTAGES OF THE HONORS PROGRAM

- The University's only interdisciplinary classes taught by a team of experts
- Honors course design; the classes meet four general education requirements, offering a unique and challenging alternative.
- Cohort design; the same students and faculty progress together through four classes
- An intellectual and social community for academically talented students
- Study abroad opportunities during junior or senior year
- An annual, fully funded city tour to a regional city of interest
- Annual community service and cultural event opportunities
- Honors designation on transcript for use in job or graduate school application

APPLICATION PROCESS

For consideration, students should:

1. Apply and be admitted to Olivet Nazarene University
2. Verify a composite ACT score of at least 30 or Math and Verbal SAT score of at least 1330
3. Submit completed application form with **required essay** postmarked by January 27, 2014 for full consideration
4. Complete an Honors Program interview with ONU faculty after application to the program*

*Phone interviews are acceptable under special circumstances.

*Late applications will be considered, depending on cohort size.

After interview completion, students will be notified of their acceptance status by mid-March, 2014.

An official letter of acceptance into the Honors Program will follow the acceptance call.

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Katie Eccles '11
B.S. in Geology,
Alumna

"The independent research project completed in my final two years of the Honors Program played a direct role in shaping my future. My geology research project took me into the mountains for fieldwork, gave me access to a well-respected research lab in Michigan to collect data, generated the data for two published abstracts, and gave me the opportunity to present my findings at a national geology conference in Denver, Colo. It also served as my introduction to my Ph.D. advisor at Boston University, who received a firsthand look at my work as he waited to present his own research directly after me at the national conference."

"My favorite thing about the honors program is not what I have learned, but rather the people it has allowed me to cross paths with. The professors, who have become my friends, are very smart, compassionate people who challenge my thinking. Lasting friendships have been made with people I never would have met otherwise. For my capstone project, I am privileged to conduct interviews with Olivet students that have participated in the Spanish-speaking study abroad program. I will help create programs to facilitate the future study abroad process.

Overall, it has been an invaluable experience!"



Rachel Groters '13
Communication,
Alumna



Brian Ginn '14
Biology

"Olivet's Honors Program is unlike any other program or class of which I've been a part. Because the classes are taught by multiple professors of different academic disciplines, the class material is a blend of many subject areas. The program demands a high level of intellectual aptitude while maintaining a central focus on faith and spirituality."