Transfer Admissions Requirements

The Honors College accepts applications from students wishing to transfer from two-year or four-year institutions. Admission decisions will be based on an applicant’s qualifications and will be made on a space-available basis. An interview may be required. The submission of high school transcripts and standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) are optional for applicants with greater than 60 hours of college-level credit.

Internships and Study Abroad

Life in the world beyond campus provides students with invaluable experiences that complement their programs of study. All Wilkes Honors College students are required to participate in an experiential learning program which may be fulfilled through participation in a study-abroad program or through an internship experience.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

All students admitted to the Wilkes Honors College are awarded a merit-based scholarship. Financial aid is available to students who desire a college education but cannot pay the full cost. Students seeking need-based aid should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Honors College Highlights

- Located in Jupiter, Florida on the John D. MacArthur campus with easy access to internships at Scripps Florida and the Max Planck Florida Institute
- Excellent placement rate of alumni in prestigious graduate programs
- Small class sizes (average is 15 students) with low student/faculty ratio so that every professor in every class knows you by name
- All courses are honors courses and are taught by distinguished faculty
- State-of-the-art residence halls
- Abundant opportunities to conduct research alongside faculty members, publish or present your discoveries even before you graduate and get a head start on your future career
- An extensive array of study-abroad and internship opportunities
- All the advantages of a small selective liberal arts college with full access to a large research and teaching university
- All admitted students are awarded a merit scholarship
- Public university tuition rates, makes the Honors College a great value

Student Clubs and Activities

The Wilkes Honors College has a wide variety of exciting activities in which to be involved during your collegiate career. There are approximately 40 registered student organizations on campus, intramural leagues and on-campus tournaments. The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership sponsors various activities throughout the year.

Helpful Links

www.fau.edu/admissions
www.fau.edu/registrar
www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/financial.htm
www.fau.edu/housing/Jupiter/index.php
www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/student_activities.htm

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The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. The B.A. program is designed to develop the qualities of one who can reason clearly, read critically and analytically, argue persuasively in speech and in writing and contribute to society in fundamental and innovative ways. Students receive broad intellectual training in the liberal arts and sciences and also specialized training in an area of concentration. Students may pursue a traditional concentration, a major area of study or design their own program under the guidance of faculty. By providing a broad intellectual training in the arts and sciences, the Honors College prepares its students for graduate and professional schools in areas such as law and medicine, as well as for careers in education, business, sciences and government.

The Honors College is located on Florida Atlantic University’s John D. MacArthur campus in the Abacoa community in Jupiter, Fla. The campus includes residence halls, a cafeteria and recreational facilities. Adjoining the campus are the laboratories of Scripps Florida, a division of the world’s largest biomedical research organization, and the Max Planck Florida Institute, a branch of one of the most prestigious research institutions worldwide.

Academic Programs

The Honors College offers a four-year curriculum based on the traditional disciplines in liberal arts and sciences. The Honors College curriculum has two components: the Honors Core and the Concentration. In addition, students are expected to participate in an off-campus learning experience such as an internship or study abroad.

The Honors Core is devoted to obtaining a broad-based education in the liberal arts and sciences through courses that emphasize critical thinking and writing skills. In addition, each student chooses a concentration that allows them to obtain deep knowledge of a focused area of interest.

Another component of the Honors Curriculum is a series of interdisciplinary seminars, some of which introduce students to two of the areas of emphasis at the Honors College, international and environmental studies.

Majors/Concentrations include:
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art (Interdisciplinary Visual Arts)
- Biological Chemistry
- Biology/Pre-med
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- History (Interdisciplinary)
- Interdisciplinary
- Critical Theory
- International Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Law & Society
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Sciences (Interdisciplinary)
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Women’s Studies

Freshman Admissions Requirements

The Honors College is highly selective and will admit students whose scholastic performance and abilities demonstrate an active approach to learning and the potential for academic growth. Students may receive an invitation to join the Honors College based on the information provided at the time of admission to FAU. For students not receiving an invitation, we encourage you to apply. A holistic review of your application and supporting documents will be made. Most successful applicants will have weighted GPAs of 3.5 and SAT scores of 1250 (critical reading and mathematics) or ACT scores of 28. A résumé, writing sample and supplemental Honors College application form are required. Students must first be accepted to FAU before submitting the Honors College supplemental application.

Writing Sample: The writing sample should be a typed assignment written for a recent class that reveals a high level of communication and critical thinking. The original work with grade and teacher comments is preferred. The writing sample should be an academic paper, not a creative writing piece.

Résumé: Applicants are required to submit a résumé of their extracurricular activities, community involvement, honors and awards, and employment.

Wilkes Medical Scholars Program

The Wilkes Honors College and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine are excited to announce the new Wilkes Medical Scholars Program; an early admission program into Medical School for qualified high school seniors. Students will receive their Bachelor’s Degree and the M.D. degree in seven or eight years. Admission is open to highly qualified high school seniors who strongly desire to pursue medicine as a career. The program currently is limited to Florida residents.

Those accepted into the Wilkes Medical Scholars Program will enter the Wilkes Honors College assured of a spot in the Medical School, provided they successfully complete the program requirements.