

The Honors College



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UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES both inside and outside the classroom distinguish the **Honors College at Rutgers–Camden** as a comprehensive program for academically talented and highly motivated students. Through engaging seminars and special activities, you will learn within a collaborative and innovative environment—a close-knit community that enriches your undergraduate education. As one of America's most prestigious universities, Rutgers fully prepares you for the workplace and graduate or professional school through programs respected by employers and scholars alike. Whatever your goals, the Honors College at Rutgers–Camden offers the support you need to reach your full academic potential.



SARAH KATT | Senior, accounting and finance majors • Moorestown, New Jersey

When School of Business student Sarah Katt applied to the prestigious FBI Honors Internship Program, she knew that listing “Honors College member” among her attributes would help her application stand out. “I was confident I would be accepted,” Sarah says. “As a member of the Honors College, I knew I had an advantage over students from other colleges who applied to this internship.”

The finance and accounting double major spent her summer alongside special agents at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she gained hands-on experience and investigated careers within the bureau. This opportunity to apply what she learned in the classroom takes Sarah one step closer to achieving her ultimate goal: to become an FBI special agent and certified fraud examiner.

“The education I have received as an Honors College member and a School of Business student helped me tremendously as an FBI Honors Intern,” she says. “If you are looking for supportive, encouraging, and academically excellent surroundings, the Honors College at Rutgers–Camden is definitely the place to be.”



“Honors advisers will go out of their way to help you with direction, classes, and scheduling. They have great insight and can help you achieve whatever it is you dream up to do.”

Why should you become an Honors College member?

RECEIVE INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT

We pay close attention to your educational and personal goals at the Honors College. Through one-on-one academic advising, your adviser will support you in making informed choices about your education every step of the way to graduation day. Your adviser will:

- Help you choose courses that will build a strong academic transcript;
- Explore career and educational goals with you and make a plan to reach them;
- Monitor your progress and make sure you continue to meet your goals; and
- Direct you toward special programs; graduate or professional school; and scholarships and fellowships.

GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can choose from a number of clubs, organizations, sports, and recreational activities open to all Rutgers–Camden students (see activities.camden.rutgers.edu), and you can participate in student activities available to Honors College members.

The **Honors Student Organization** and the **Honors Advisory Board**, the student voice for Honors College members, brings the campus community together by coordinating events, trips, and community service initiatives.

LIVE ON CAMPUS AMONG PEERS

Rutgers–Camden offers special housing for honors members in the residence complex. The Honors Wing offers a

comfortable living environment for students who share the same academic goals. Each year, approximately one-third of our entering honors members take advantage of this opportunity. See housing.camden.rutgers.edu for information about living on campus.

HANG OUT AT THE HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College is not just an academic program for talented students. Within the Robeson Library on campus, you can study and meet in areas reserved for honors members. And if you have any questions or need support, Honors College professors and staff will be here for you.

See more at honors.camden.rutgers.edu

Your Honors College Experience

AT THE CORE OF THE HONORS CURRICULUM are seminars: small and informal group discussions led by outstanding Rutgers–Camden professors as well as visiting professionals who are leaders in such fields as law, government, art, and politics.

These in-depth courses will encourage you to exchange ideas and sharpen important intellectual skills that are necessary for your future, whether you begin a career after graduation or continue your

education at graduate or professional school. And because each seminar is limited to only 15 students, you will forge close connections with your professors and peers.

Honors College seminars also broaden your educational experience by extending learning beyond books. Films, museum visits, and other cultural events are key components of many honors seminars, as well as trips to U.S. and European cities such as New York, Washington, D.C., and London. Guest lecturers have included author Joanne Harris (*Chocolat*), screenwriter Robert Nelson Jacobs (*The Shipping News*), and film critic and journalist Carrie Rickey (*Philadelphia Inquirer*).

Rutgers–Camden offers a number of honors seminars each semester that examine topics across various subjects. Below is just a sample.

- **The Graphic Novel**
- **Approaches to Leadership**
- **Time and Technology: Examining Today's 24-7 World**
- **20th Century Music and Society**
- **Alternative Energy**
- **Heroes and Heartbreak: Sports in American Popular Culture**

The Honors Program

DURING YOUR FIRST TWO YEARS in the Honors College, you will take three honors seminars of your choice and two honors writing and composition courses, in addition to participating in a service initiative project.

The requirements below are for students entering the program from high school, but transfer students and current Rutgers–Camden students may participate on a modified schedule if accepted into the Honors College.

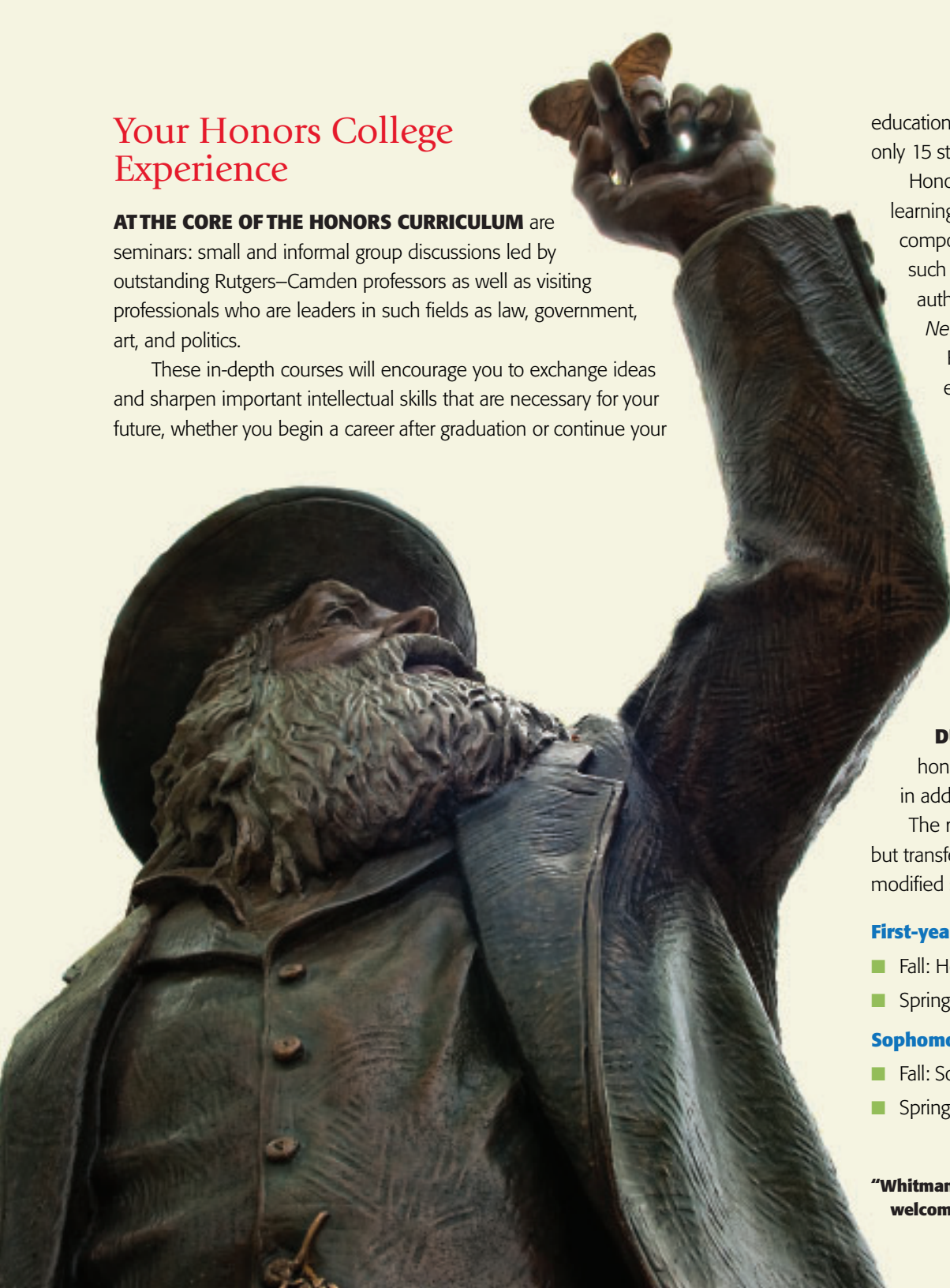
First-year Student

- Fall: Honors Seminar I and Honors English 101
- Spring: Honors Seminar II and Honors English 102

Sophomore

- Fall: Sophomore Service: Campus or Community Engagement
- Spring: Honors Seminar III

“Whitman with Butterfly” by professor emeritus of art John Giannotti welcomes students in front of the Campus Center.



JEFFREY JONES | Senior, political science and German majors • Mickleton, New Jersey

Can you imagine your life without technology? Jeffrey Jones can't. "People take Google searches for granted. Lives are navigated through computers today and Camden residents deserve that same opportunity," says Jeffrey, a political science and German major in the College of Arts and Sciences. "There are brilliant students living in Camden who just don't have the same tools as everyone else."

To connect Camden youth with today's technologies, Jeffrey started a student group called Miracles Global. "Our goal is to educate students in computer technology and close the digital divide," he says. Now a nonprofit, Miracles Global is working toward purchasing new and refurbished computers for the community.

Local television and newspapers have featured his group's efforts, and Jeffrey attributes this media attention to the guidance he received from Honors College professors, who helped him get the word out about his group. "When I started Miracles Global, the Honors College was immensely supportive," Jeffrey says. "This accessibility is why I love the Honors College. You can point to a goal, and they can provide the resources to help you achieve it."



"I joined the Honors College program to be challenged, and they did not disappoint. The seminars are fantastic, with limitless possibilities for intellectual growth."



Honors College Experiences

"The **study trip to England for the seminar British Pop Culture** has been my favorite Honors College experience so far. It was the first time I had ever left the country, and it was the best way to do it."

— **Susan Krisch, Sophomore, psychology major**

"**Dividing the Self: A Creative Writing Process** explored playwriting, and my professor made the class feel welcome and able to express ourselves. My honors seminars have been fantastic!"

— **Melissa Kendall, Senior, biology major**

"**Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House** has been my favorite experience. We make dinner for the families staying there, and it is a great way to socialize with fellow students while doing something worthwhile."

— **Arielle L'Esperance, Sophomore, history major**

"**My honors professors have been immensely helpful** in advising and mentoring me throughout my first year. Whenever I have ideas about getting involved on campus and in the community, they connect me with the right people."

— **Alex Jeria, First-year Student, pre-pharmacy major**

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Honors Experience Projects

THROUGHOUT YOUR STUDIES you can customize your honors program to meet your educational and career goals through the Honors Experience Projects.

A complete list of projects is available at honors.camden.rutgers.edu. Students can choose two projects, including the examples below.

■ **Independent Study or Research.** Design a course to meet your specific interests and conduct independent study or research under the guidance of a faculty adviser. This project develops important skills for study at graduate or professional school.

■ **International Studies Program.** An alternative to traditional study abroad programs, this unique learning experience combines classes on campus with short study trips that typically take place during spring break or between semesters and last for one to two weeks.

■ **Business Leader Development Program.** School of Business students can participate in special seminars and activities that develop their potential and can earn recognition for leadership initiative.

■ **Seminar Teacher Assistantship.** Aid an Honors College faculty member as a teaching assistant for an honors seminar.

■ **Graduate Courses.** With special permission, take two graduate level courses for undergraduate credit to prepare for graduate school or advance study.

■ **Dual and Joint Degree Program.** Qualified students can get a head start on their graduate or professional degrees—and save a year of time and tuition—through an accelerated schedule of classes beginning in the first year at Rutgers–Camden. For more information, see camden.rutgers.edu/academics/joint-degree-programs.



JOHN G. HORNEFF III | Class of 2006, B.S. biology with minor in ethics
Haddon Township, New Jersey

John “Gabe” Horneff expected there would be an adjustment period when he started medical school. But the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine student was surprised during that first year. “As my classmates struggled with the curriculum, I did not have the same issues because of how well Rutgers–Camden prepared me,” he says. “I take great pride in knowing that my education was on par with, if not better than, my current classmates who come from Ivy League educational backgrounds.”

As an Honors College member, Gabe participated in special opportunities to work closely with his professors in the lab, where he gained critical hands-on experience for his biology major. “The Honors College’s intimate learning environment ensures that you can take advantage of the best of what Rutgers–Camden offers. My laboratory bench and research experience helped me tremendously in medical school.”

Now completing his third year, Gabe hopes to continue at Penn Medicine for his residency. For this future orthopedic surgeon, the support he received at the Honors College helped to put him on the path to achieving his goals. “I received a top-notch education and had close interactions with my professors and fellow students. Everyone was very helpful in organizing my application for medical school and ensuring that the next step to graduate education was easy.”



“The Honors College was always there to offer support and help guide me through the process of continuing my education. They ensured that I reaped the greatest benefits from my college experience.”

Alumni Successes

Graduates of the Honors College at Rutgers–Camden are well-rounded individuals who continue to excel at top graduate schools and in a variety of careers.

Graduate and Professional Schools

Cornell University
Harvard Divinity School
Johns Hopkins University: Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
Loma Linda University School of Medicine
Mayo Clinic
New York University
Pennsylvania State University: Dickinson School of Law
Purdue University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey:
The Graduate School; School of Law
Temple University
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
University of Pennsylvania: School of Dental Medicine;
School of Medicine; School of Veterinary Medicine

Employment

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Cooper University Hospital
Archer & Greiner, P.C.
Lockheed Martin
Virtua Health System

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Dow Jones
Sauper Associates
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Group Melvin Design
John Hargrove and Associates
Teach for America
Canon Business Solutions
Baratz & Associates, P.A.
Alloy, Silverstein, Shapiro, Adams, Mulford, Cicalese, Wilson & Co.
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

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Join the Honors College

WE LOOK FOR DYNAMIC AND INQUISITIVE STUDENTS who are highly motivated and demonstrate the academic initiative necessary for a challenging yet rewarding program. Acceptance into the Honors College at Rutgers–Camden is very competitive, with approximately 90 new students admitted each year.

Incoming First-year Students

If you apply directly from high school to the College of Arts and Sciences, University College, or the School of Business, your application will be evaluated for admission to the Honors College as well as the university. A separate application is not necessary. Priority is given to students who demonstrate a broad range of activities and who rank in the top percentage of their high school class. Strong GPA and SAT scores are necessary but do not guarantee admission into the honors program.

Transfer and Current Students

Transfer students, particularly Phi Theta Kappa members, and currently enrolled Rutgers–Camden students interested in the honors program must apply directly to the Honors College. Applications are available at honors.camden.rutgers.edu/forms.

Merit-based Awards

First-year students who apply for admission by the priority deadline of December 1 are automatically considered for both university and Rutgers–Camden merit-based awards. Separate application forms are not required. For information on scholarships, grants, and other types of financial aid, see camden.rutgers.edu/financialaid.

Please contact us for more information about the Honors College at Rutgers–Camden.
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About Rutgers–Camden

LOCATED IN THE VIBRANT UNIVERSITY DISTRICT at the foot of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Rutgers–Camden is at the very heart of activity in the metro Philadelphia region. Students learn from and work alongside some of the world's top scholars, with opportunities for career-building internships and clinical programs. As one of America's most prestigious public research universities, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has earned prominence and recognition for its academic tradition, rigorous standards for faculty excellence, and respected undergraduate and graduate programs. Rutgers–Camden delivers the comprehensive, world-class Rutgers experience in a small, friendly campus environment, and at a competitive tuition rate.



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