

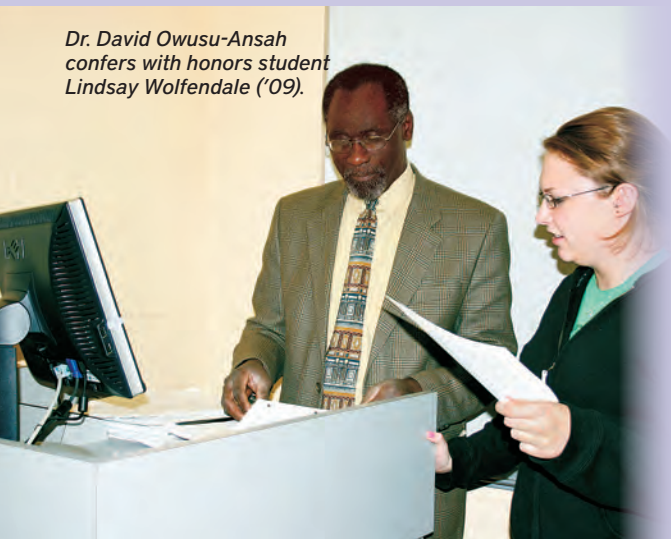
JMU Honors Program students win prestigious awards, including:

- an internship at the Hirshhorn Museum
- an internship at the National Institute of Health
- the Goldwater Award in science
- the Morris K. Udall Scholarship for environmental activism

Graduates of JMU's Honors Program continue on to leading graduate and professional schools, prestigious employers, nationally competitive fellowships, and innovative service leadership. Our alumni include doctors, lawyers, professors, accountants, filmmakers and more. Some recent successes include:

- Barbara Hall, Class of 1982, the writer and producer of *Joan of Arcadia*
- Mary Malo Cleary, Class of 1987, a diabetes scientist at Scripps Research Institute
- Kenneth Driver, Class of 1989, a partner with the Jones Day law firm
- Leslie A. Hammond, Class of 1990, a history professor at University of Pittsburgh
- Angela Drakulich Krum, Class of 1998, works for the United Nations
- Kai Degner, Class of 2003, founder of OrangeBand, the critical dialogue group

Dr. David Owusu-Ansah confers with honors student Lindsay Wolfendale ('09).



"Through our small classes, lecture and seminar series, individual faculty-student mentoring and experiential learning opportunities, JMU's Honors Program nurtures excellent students to advance their intellectual growth and become future leaders in a global society."

— *Dr. Barry Falk*
Director, Honors Program

JMU Honors Program and your future 2011-12



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Wanted:

Talented, motivated, committed students looking for challenging academic experiences

Do you want to be challenged? Are you looking for opportunities to cultivate and develop habits like critical thinking, independent analysis and creative expression? Do you believe that small classes and independent study under the guidance of teacher-scholars will help you achieve these goals?

That sounds like what I'm looking for! How should I apply?

Go to www.jmu.edu/honorsprog/ to find out more about the JMU Honors Program. Once you submit your online application to James Madison University, we will send you an e-mail with more information about the JMU Honors Program and give you the link to the Honors Program online application. You must submit your application and send a copy of your high school transcript to the JMU Honors Program office by Nov. 18 (Early Action Honors) or Jan. 31 (Regular Decision Honors).

Who gets admitted into the Honors Program? Admission into the Honors Program is highly competitive. Admission decisions are based upon high school grades, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership and the application essay. While the typical entering honors student will have at least a 1280 combined reading and math SAT (or ACT equivalent), all or mostly all A's in core courses including honors and AP courses, and significant extracurricular and leadership experiences, we will consider students who may fall short in one of these areas.

Was I accepted? Decisions and notifications will be made by early February (Early Action) and early April (Regular Decision)

Will Honors courses add to my JMU requirements? No. You are not required to take any more classes than anyone else. You will need to take 27 credit hours in Honors to complete the program by graduation. Most Honors classes also count for courses in your major or other JMU required courses.

Are Honors classes a lot more work and harder than other classes? No. Honors classes are "different" rather than "more" or "harder." They tend to be discussion-based and emphasize creative thinking. Honors students come from all of JMU's academic units and participate in the full range of curricular and extracurricular activities available at JMU. Being in the Honors Program should not limit your college experience while at JMU in any way.

How many freshmen will be selected to participate in the Honors Program? Approximately 200 students enter as freshman Honors Scholars each year.

Honors Professor Dave Pruett instructs his course on Great Questions in Science and Math.



Benefits

of participating in the JMU Honors Program:

- Small honors classes
- Priority registration
- Student lounge and computer laboratory
- Honors residential hall
- Undergraduate research in your major
- Mentorship by great professors
- Diploma and transcript designation
- Excellent preparation for graduate and professional school
- Unique study abroad options



Do you need my high school transcripts? Do they need to come directly from my high school? Yes, we need your transcripts but they may come either from you or the high school.

Do you have any scholarships? The Honors Program does not offer its own scholarships to entering students. However, in addition to the need-based awards provided through the university's financial aid office, many honors students receive four-year, merit-based scholarships offered by the university. You can learn more about these at www.jmu.edu/scholarships/propectstudents.shtml. Honors students can receive scholarship money from the Honors Program to support honors study abroad and, through the new Hillcrest Scholarships, up to \$7,500 to support an exceptional, off-campus experience in the summer following the junior year.

What are the requirements to stay in the Honors Program after my freshman year? To remain in good standing, students must achieve at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA.

What if I don't apply now? No problem! If you earn a 3.5 GPA at JMU, you can apply to the Honors Program any time before the second semester of your sophomore year. You may also enter as a junior to complete the Senior Honors Project only.

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