

HONORS PROGRAM

The Georgia Tech Honors Program (HP) is a living learning community (LLC) that seeks to foster curiosity, creativity, and connection—to the Honors Program, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, and communities beyond. In advancing its mission, the Honors Program enhances the capacity of our highly motivated students and future alumni to advance the Georgia Tech mission of “Progress and Service.”

All admitted first-year and transfer students are invited to apply to the Honors Program. The holistic application considers responses to essay prompts and information gathered from the Office of Admissions. Students are selected based on their fit with the HP mission of inclusive, interdisciplinary learning and commitment to contributing to the HP community. Students from all majors are welcome and the HP strives to build a community that represents the diverse perspectives and interests found on campus.

Those who are selected to participate live in the HP residence halls in Eighth Street Apartments their first year and have varying options to continue living in HP residence halls in subsequent years. Details about HP housing are available on the website.

The Honors Program offers a robust curriculum of 30 – 40 classes each fall and spring semester. To achieve the designation of “Completion of the Honors Program” at graduation, students are required to take 15 or more credit hours of HP coursework, which can also include select undergraduate research, music ensemble, graduate-level, and/or study-abroad classes. Students who complete the program will receive notation on their Georgia Tech transcript, a medal to be worn at graduation, a graduation regalia stole, an HP lapel pin, and a framed certificate of completion. Additional recognition for “Distinction in a Pathway” (Global Engagement, Research, or Service) is also available for interested students who complete the 15+ hour requirement.

Students who do not achieve the status of “Completion of the Honors Program” but, instead, complete 9 to 14 credits of Honors Program coursework will achieve the designation of “Participation in the Honors Program.” These students receive a framed certificate of participation, medal to be worn at graduation, and an HP lapel pin.

Led by the student leaders in the Honors Leadership Council, the HP offers a variety of social, volunteer, academic, and professional development events throughout the year. Students are welcomed to the HP during the annual Honors Program Retreat in August, have the option to attend near-weekly events throughout the fall and spring semester, and then culminate the year with celebrations like HProm and the Graduation Brunch. During the first year only, the HP charges a program fee of \$400 per semester (first-year students) or \$250 per semester (transfer students) to offset the costs of HP programming. The program fee is assessed only in the first year, but membership in the HP and access to HP programming and events continues throughout the student’s time in the program.

More information:

- Georgia Tech Honors Program
- Contact the Honors Program (honorsprogram@gatech.edu)