

The University Honors Program, open to students in all undergraduate divisions of the university, is administered by the Honors Council and the director of university honors. Minimum requirement for acceptance into the program is a composite score of 26 on the ACT or an 1180 on the SAT. The student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher to be inducted into the program in the spring of the freshman or sophomore year and must maintain a 3.25 to graduate as a University Honors Scholar.

The purpose of the University Honors Program is to offer the academically superior student a specially designed program, within a supportive community, that fosters critical thinking, intellectual development and social responsibility. This enhanced program is designed to provide a balance of common experience and flexibility addressed to individual achievement as well as a comprehensive framework on which to build disciplinary studies.

The Honors Program also has an honors house on campus which houses both male and female students. Students should consult with the director of the University Honors Program and the director of University Housing for availabilities and stipulations. The house serves as a residence and a focal point for meetings and

University Honors Program Requirements

I. Honors Versions of General Studies

Within the regular general studies requirements, the University Honors Scholar takes a minimum of seven honors versions of general studies courses distributed over at least four departments. These courses are not taken in addition to the general studies courses; rather, they are taken in place of regular general studies courses. When the minimum number of honors versions of general studies courses is difficult to attain, the student, with the permission of the honors director, may take upper level courses in the general studies sequence to replace and count toward the credit of the honors version of general studies course(s). Students who score a 5 on the AP exam in a subject area or a 5 on the IB exam will be awarded the appropriate honors credit to suffice the seven

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Troy University's English as a Second Language program offers intensive English language instruction for non-native speakers. This program addresses the needs of students who plan to pursue further university study in the United States or who wish to sharpen their language skills for personal or professional reasons. In addition to improving listening, speaking, reading, and writing ability, ESL classes also increase students' understanding of American culture and university life. Level I - V courses are offered for institutional credit; up to six credits of level VI courses can be used to fulfill the free elective course requirement towards

an undergraduate degree, pending evidence of proficiency. For further information contact the director of the English as a Second Language Program on the Troy Campus.

The ESL program is available on the Troy Campus and at the Troy Global Campus site in Atlanta. For more information, see the Academic Regulations section of this catalog. For information about the terms of instruction, contact the Center for International Programs at (334) 670-3335.

English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are described in the course descriptions chapter of this catalog.

Through these programs the university offers associate and baccalaureate degrees especially designed for individuals with skills and understanding obtained from accredited post secondary technical schools, community colleges, military schools and non-traditional sources. These programs require residence study (main campus or branch locations). Selected courses are offered through distance learning.

The applied science degrees were initiated after several years of study that involved faculty members, outside consultants and conferences with staff members of the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The unique feature of these degree programs is that credit may be awarded for completion of technical courses and/or learning acquired through experience. In assessment and recognition of experiential and other non-traditional education, the university follows the "Principles of Good Practice in Assessing Experiential Learning" recommended by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). All applied science degree programs are not offered at all locations.

Eligibility

Eligibility for enrollment in one of the applied science degree programs is dependent upon prior education and/or experience. Before enrollment in one of the programs, official documentation of prior learning must be submitted to determine eligibility. All post-secondary technical school transfer students must complete all courses required in the institution's curriculum and earn (if appropriate) a diploma or certificate before being granted admission into the resources management degree program. No additional credit will be awarded for the possession of a license. All credit from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), accredited post secondary technical schools, and/or American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations will be considered junior college credit except where specifically recommended by ACE for upper-division credit. No credit will be awarded until six semester hours of academic credit has been earned at Troy University. At least 50 percent of the degree program must be traditional academic credit at the 3300/4400 level. Curriculum: The academic curricula taught by the university have been developed to supplement, not duplicate, the vocational/technical training or other experiential learning the individual may possess in a manner designed to provide these individuals greater career opportunities.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CREDIT

CROSS DISCIPLINE COURSES (CDC)

3301 Portfolio Development (2)

This is a course in the preparation of an educational portfolio, a formal file or folder of information compiled by students on learning acquired through specific past experiences and accomplishments. Students are required to prepare a portfolio under the guidance of the instructor. The course is required of all students prior to

submission of a portfolio to the university for evaluation for experiential credit.

Experiential Learning Assessment (ELA) Credit

Experiential learning assessment (ELA) is a process used by Troy University to evaluate prior college-equivalent learning attained by students outside the classroom and not transferable through any of the standard methods of accepting non-traditional credit. Each student prepares a portfolio that is a carefully organized folder documenting learning outcomes (not learning activities) for the purpose of earning credit for a specific college course or courses. The procedure for students interested in requesting assessment of prior experiential learning is as follows:

a. The student enrolls in CDC 3301 Portfolio Development for two semester hours of credit. A student may enroll in CDC 3301 only once and should plan to develop all materials for receiving academic credit for experiential learning from this one-time enrollment. The instructor for this course

1. provides an overview of the experiential learning assessment program,
2. assists in determining whether or not prior learning is appropriate or adequate to request academic credit,
3. provides the guidance necessary to prepare an educational portfolio, and
4. evaluates the portfolio to determine if the content is sufficient to approve submission for faculty assessment.

NOTE: No more than 25 percent of the degree may be earned by using experiential learning assessment credit or portfolio-based credit. Academic credit earned through experiential learning will not count toward the University's residency requirement.

- b. The student prepares the portfolio, which includes
1. A statement of the student's educational goals;
 2. A chronological record, with external documentation, of the student's education and work experiences;
 3. A clear statement of the specific knowledge and skills not learned in college for which the student desires to receive academic credit;
 4. Information that links the specific knowledge and skills to the student's goals and educational degree program;
 5. Information that links the specific knowledge and skills of the student to specific

PRE-PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

Students who are interested in preparing for careers in the professions will find many such opportunities at Troy University. Considered among the best available, Troy's pre-professional programs feature small classes, special academic advisers, free

