

## Types of Honors Recognized at Graduation

- **University Honors** – fulfill requirements of the Honors program
- **Departmental Honors** – individuals who show excellence in their field fulfill departmental requirements for a project or thesis
- **Academic Distinction** - Cum Laude (3.25-3.49 cumulative GPA), Magna Cum Laude (3.50-3.74 GPA), and Summa Cum Laude (3.75-4.00 GPA)
- **Honor Societies** - Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, discipline specific societies



# UMW Honors Program – Mission

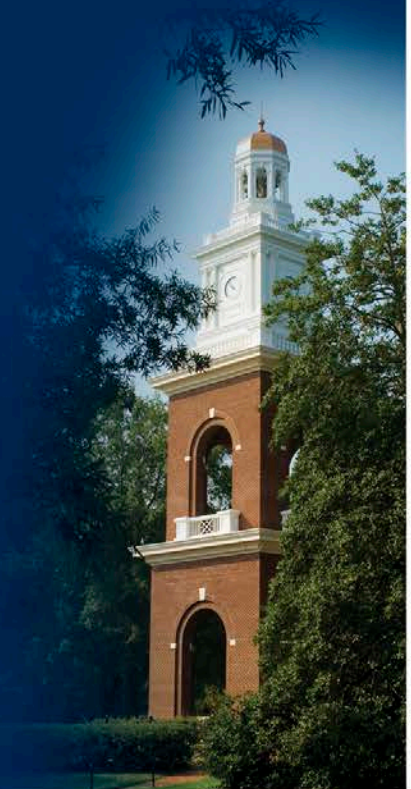
- **Enhance** students' intellectual growth by engaging them in rigorous **interdisciplinary** seminars
- Strong **experiential** experiences
- Extended **research and creative** projects
- **Community service** that enhances their development as **leaders**

The program will seek students whose performance and intellectual abilities demonstrate that they have the range of talents and skills to thrive in diverse communities.



## Size and Selection Criteria

- 50-100 students per graduating class
- If not offered admission, students with minimum UMW GPA of 3.2 can apply in February of first-year at UMW— recommend to complete an HN designated course in fall semester



Successfully complete a minimum of 6 Honors credits per year until all requirements are fulfilled:

- Honors designated first-year seminar (FSEM HN) – 3 credits
- Honors designated coursework – 9 credits beyond FSEM HN
- Honors Service Learning – HONR 201 – 1 credit
- Honors Program mentoring program and leadership requirement or the UMW Horizons program requirements
- Project/Research Design Seminar – fulfilled with an approved discipline-specific course or an approved experience (requires approval by the Honors Program Committee)
- A capstone research project – a minimum of 3 credits of independent study (491 or 492) completed during the last year of study at UMW, and presentation of the project at one of the two Honors Program Symposia



## Other Honors Program Requirements

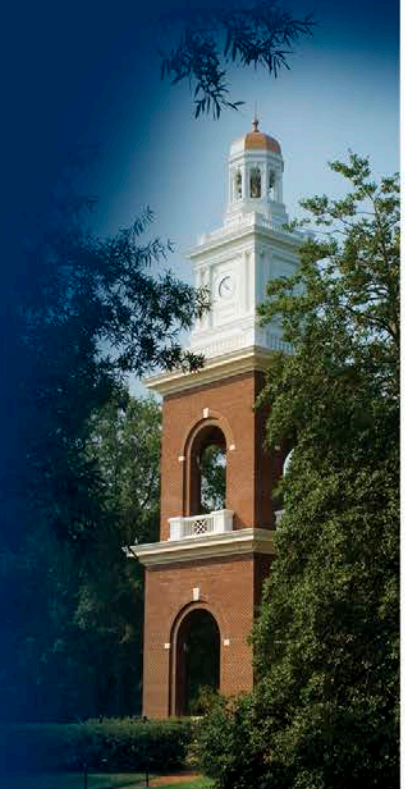
- Maintain a 3.2 overall UMW GPA
- Participate in a minimum of one Honors co-curricular event per semester (a minimum of 8 events prior to graduation)
- Complete a portfolio of honors program work and activities
- Attend meetings of the honors program



# Honors Program Benefits

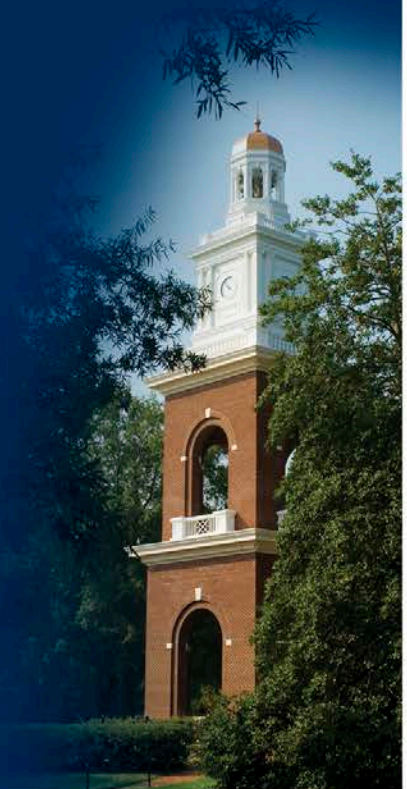
- Guaranteed some financial support for undergraduate research
- Preferential registration for courses, including non-honors courses
- Student lounge: DuPont Hall, 210
- Opportunities for special programs with campus visitors.

No preferential housing



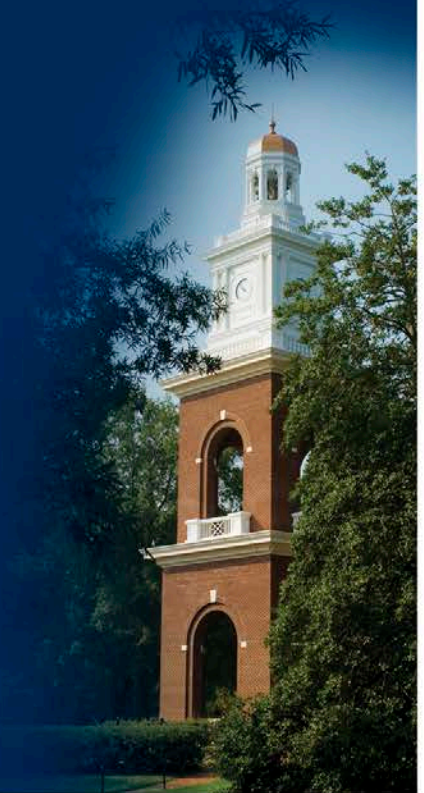
# Honors Designated Courses

- formulate an academic argument with appropriate research documentation.
- articulate the value of the goals of the honors program as it relates to the liberal arts as
  - a multidisciplinary, systematic approach to knowledge.
  - apply specific academic solutions to broader, interdisciplinary fields of study.
  - integrate multiple viewpoints involving different cultures and/or perspectives.



## Co-Curricular Events

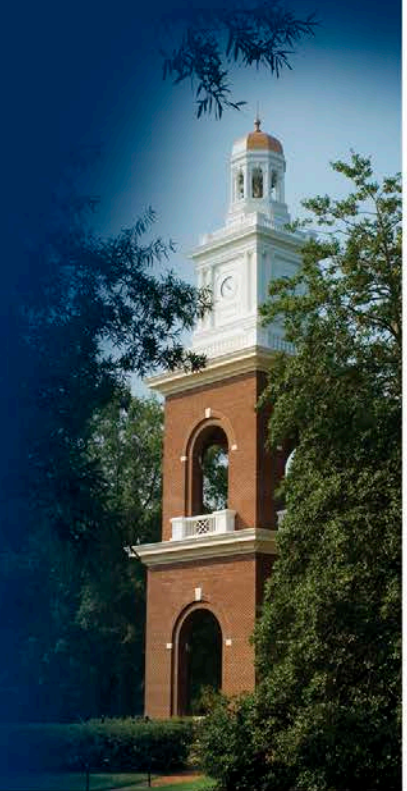
- Approved events will be announced on Canvas Honors Program workspace
- Examples include:
  - Seminars from outside speakers
  - Plenary Lectures
  - Plays
  - Musical performances
  - Art Exhibits





# Honors Program Events

- Field trips – one per semester
  - Examples:
    - Trip to Kennedy Center in DC to see *Swan Lake*
    - Guided Tour of Johns Hopkins and Turner Station (Common Read 2015-2016 – *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*)
    - Trip to Staunton VA to Shakespeare Theatre *Twelfth Night*



# Honors Service Learning: HONR201

- Mentored service learning project with local agencies
- Work with faculty mentor
- Minimum 20 hours community service
- Communicate progress to faculty mentor
- Attend reflection sessions – one a third of the way into the project and one 2/3rds of the way through
- Submit final reflection paper



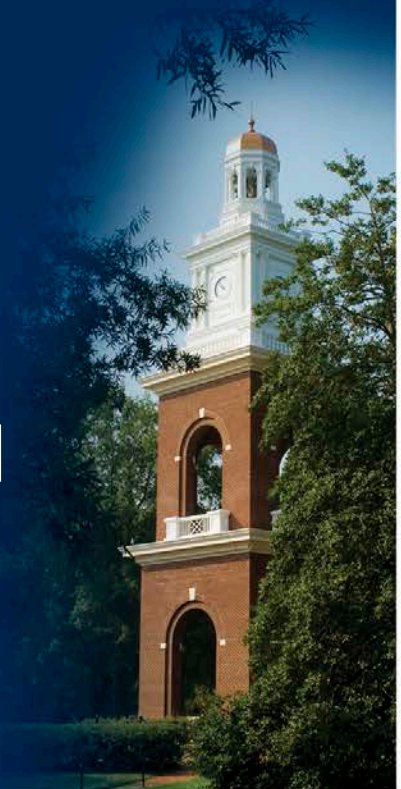
# Honors Program ePortfolio

- Electronic depository of sample work from the Honors Program
  - Co-curricular event summaries
  - Sample course work from Honors Courses
  - Yearly reflection essays



## Articulation Agreement with GWU Medical School

- Applications in March of sophomore year
- Minimal UMW GPA 3.5
- No MCAT
- Major or minor in humanities
- Complete the core pre-med core
- Active participate in medically related extracurriculars



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