

“The Honors Program has changed my life forever.”



Lauren Graham '10

“The program allows you the opportunity to surround yourself with a **diverse, highly-motivated group of students** and **study with intelligent, dedicated professors**, all of whom challenge you to stretch your intellectual boundaries. My trip to Italy with an honors course allowed me to **discover another part of the world** and a new part of myself.”

The Catawba College Honors Program cultivates a community of academically gifted students who pursue challenging educational experiences with outstanding faculty.

Through **interdisciplinary, provocative & intellectually demanding courses**, the Honors Program piques the curiosity of students, encouraging them to become **life-long learners** whose lives are enriched by their experiences.



“this program made me think about issues I never considered”

Catawba College applicants with high standardized test scores and grades will be invited to apply to the College Honors Program.

Continuing students are also welcome to apply to the Program and may do so by submitting an application essay to the Honors Board.

Interested students should contact the Director of the Honors Program for more information.

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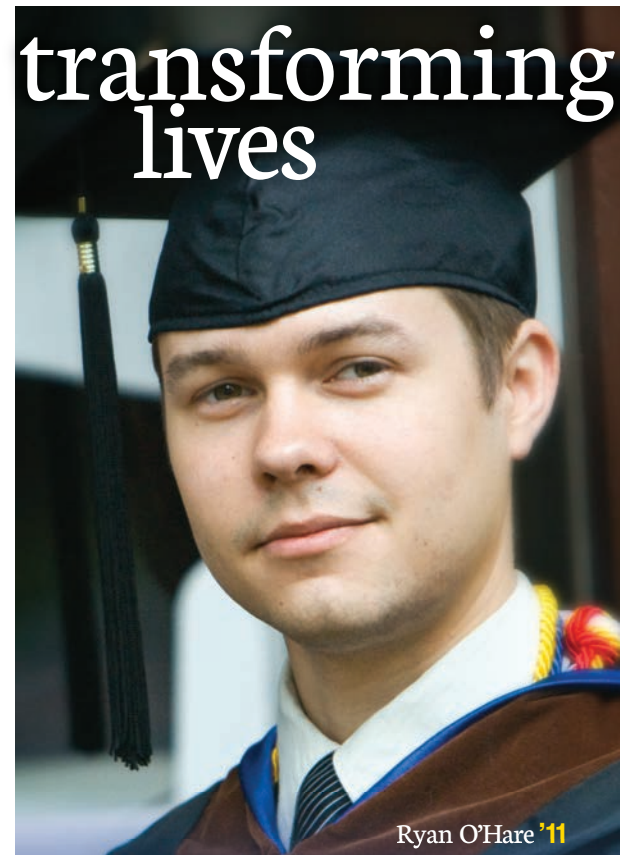


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Ryan O'Hare '11

“I have **grown exponentially** in my ability to **synthesize ideas**, to view the larger picture & develop connections between different disciplines. My ability to **communicate** these ideas both in writing and through oral communication has also grown greatly. Finally, the concepts I have developed about the **world I live in & my place** within this world have taken shape, and will continue to do so long after I leave Catawba and the Honors Program.”

Catawba's Honors Program seeks to foster a broader worldview in its students.

"I made the right choice in coming to Catawba for one reason and one reason alone: the Honors Program.

By expecting the highest level of scholarship, I learned valuable critical thinking skills, academic rigor, the importance of an interdisciplinary viewpoint, and the value of originality."

Cindy Cook '11

Honors students take a series of classes that are distinctive in content and quality -- and often team-taught -- along with other Honors students; they finish their Honors studies by completing a senior thesis, participating in community service, and providing samples of their work in a portfolio.

Honors courses also contribute to the broader educational program of Catawba College in that they meet both general distribution and major requirements. Off-campus study experiences complement the curriculum.

The College Honors Program also seeks to foster a broader worldview in its students, and Honors students are required to complete at least one College-sanctioned travel experience endorsed by the Faculty Honors Board. The experience may be an Honors seminar with a co-requisite trip after or during the semester.

Some examples are:

- A tour of Ireland in the Myth and Reality class
- A trip to Tuscany vineyards during the Food Science class
- A visit to Jamaica after studying islands from a biological and literary perspective
- Memphis, TN to experience the Delta Blues
- New York City to see art and architecture related to the Modernisms course
- Monticello to tour Jefferson's House
- Atlanta civil rights trek for the Civil Rights and Wrongs course

Pictured: Students traveled to Jamaica over Spring Break in 2011 to get first-hand field experiences as part of their course, Biogeography and Literature of Islands.

The College Honors Program offers several benefits to participants.

Students in the Program are eligible for **early registration** for classes, have special **travel-related opportunities**, and enjoy **dinners, speakers,** and **conference trips.**

Most importantly, students in Catawba's College Honors Program learn and study with other **exceptional students** and with **excellent faculty** who challenge them in an atmosphere that promotes **creativity & critical thinking.**

Students who complete the Program graduate with College Honors, an achievement highlighted at Investiture, in the commencement bulletin, and on their transcript.

They also wear distinctive honor cords at graduation.

Students in the College Honors Program begin their studies in the first year with a special section of First-Year Seminar, which will provide a transition into college study and the Honors Program. Honors students may then take a variety of challenging courses, exploring topics such as:

- Food, Science, and Society
- Mathematics Across Cultures
- Travel and Travel Writing
- Performing all our Lives
- Homer's American Odyssey
- Religion in Literature
- Re-Reading Harry Potter
- Appalachian Culture and Literature
- Reel Music
- Art in Film
- Birds in Evolution and the Imagination