

## Special Programs

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### Honors Program

Taylor University's Honors Program is a challenging academic experience for high ability, highly motivated students. Honors Program students may choose from all general offerings plus honors courses. Honors courses emphasize, to a greater extent than the curriculum in general, integration of faith and learning, ideas and values in content and discussion and student initiative in format.

All Honors Program students who complete a minimum of 18 hours of Honors Program courses and maintain an overall GPA of 3.40 earn the Honors Program designation on their official University transcript.

Incoming students who are eligible must apply by June 1, prior to their freshman year; current Taylor students may apply at any time after their first semester or during their sophomore year. Those students with tightly scheduled majors will want to enter the program as early as possible in order to enroll primarily in honors courses that substitute for general education requirements rather than in those serving only as electives.

Normally, an entering freshman wishing to begin the program should have earned a 3.70 high school GPA or a combined SAT score of 1200. Students applying after completing a semester at Taylor should have demonstrated an ability to perform college work at the Honors Program level (3.40 GPA). Further information including application procedures may be obtained by contacting the Honors Program Director.

### Culturally Relevant Academically Meaningful (CRAM) Program

Designed for students who have just completed their junior or senior year in high school, the Taylor University CRAM (*Culturally Relevant Academically Meaningful*) Program is a 3-week honors institute with a focus on cultural engagement. During the first two weeks, students will be involved in coursework designed to provide a deeper understanding of both the Christian faith and the larger culture within which the Church is called to live as salt and light. In the final week of the program, students will engage the culture in seminars and community service projects in central Indiana.

### Honor Societies

Each year, Taylor students who excel in academic pursuits are inducted into the various honor societies for specific disciplines. Appropriate ceremonies are held to give campus-wide recognition to students whose academic record earns induction into a national academic honorary society.

**Alpha Chi** is the scholastic honorary society of which Taylor University is a member. Up to 10% of the senior class and 5% of the junior class may be inducted into membership each year.

**Alpha Psi Omega** is a national honorary dramatic fraternity organized for the purpose of providing an honor society and wider fellowship for those doing a high standard of work in dramatics. Members are elected based on their participation in the Taylor Theatre program. They must earn 50 points acting and working backstage.

**Beta Alpha Epsilon** is a University honor society rewarding scholastic attainment to students who are candidates for any baccalaureate degree within the School of Business. Candidates for membership: (1) should be of good character as verified by faculty and Student Development; (2) have completed at least 32 hours of coursework at Taylor University; (3) have achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 with at least 75 credit hours or 3.60 with at least 60 credit hours; and (4) have completed at least twelve, in-class School of Business major hours.

**Chi Alpha Sigma** is a National College Athlete Honor Society recognizing student-athletes who are of junior and senior status and have earned cumulative GPAs of 3.40 or above. They must also meet character and citizenship standards established by the National Council. The mission of Chi Alpha Sigma is to bring honor and recognition to deserving student-athletes, their families, teams, athletic departments, and colleges.

**Kappa Delta Pi** is an international honor society in education. Candidates for membership should exhibit worthy educational ideals, demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to education, and manifest desirable personal qualities. A GPA of 3.20 or higher is required.

**Pi Delta Phi**, the national French honor society, recognizes outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature, increases the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and stimulates and encourages French cultural activities. Students are selected for membership in recognition of their achievement in at least one upper-division French literature course.

**Sigma Tau Delta** is an English honor society open to English majors and minors whose major/minor GPAs are 3.30 or higher.