

THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

The Schreyer Honors College provides students of superior academic ability an opportunity to enrich their educations through honors-level course work and independent study. To provide stimulating intellectual experiences outside the classroom, the program also sponsors regular seminars, field trips, social events, and other extracurricular activities. Atherton and Simmons Halls have been designated to provide a special on-campus living environment for Schreyer Scholars.

Students enrolled in the Schreyer Honors College are afforded several specific privileges: 1) admission to honors and graduate-level courses, 2) flexibility in fulfilling certain degree requirements, 3) registration priority for many courses, 4) graduate/faculty borrowing privileges at the University Libraries, and 5) the opportunity to pursue simultaneous undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Participants in the program must: 1) maintain a 3.33 (B+) G.P.A. each semester; 2) complete at least 3 honors courses each academic year (fall/spring/summer), for a minimum of 7 honors credits, in each of the first two years, and a minimum of 14 honors credits during the remainder of enrollment; and 3) complete an honors thesis or project. Students successfully completing the program will be awarded an honors diploma.

Participation in the Schreyer Honors College is by invitation. Entering students who are not admitted to the program may subsequently petition in the fourth semester for junior-gate admission if their cumulative and major grade-point averages are 3.7 or above. All fourth-semester music majors who meet the GPA requirements will be notified of their eligibility by the eighth week of the semester. Students in this group who wish to apply should submit a petition by the tenth week of the semester to the chair of the Undergraduate Committee, following the directions in the letter of notification. The committee, after soliciting input from the student's academic adviser and one other faculty referee chosen by the student, will forward successful petitions to one of the School of Music's honors advisers, who will submit it to the Honors College.

For further information about the honors college, please contact Dr. Rutkowski (music education) or Dr. Ballora (all other music degree programs). You may also visit the honors college web site at www.shc.psu.edu.

HONORS THESIS PROCEDURES FOR MUSIC STUDENTS

Preparation of your honor thesis could be one of the most rewarding experiences of your undergraduate study. On the other hand, if approached in a hurried and unorganized fashion, it could be one of your least rewarding experiences. The following guidelines were prepared to assist you with the successful preparation of your thesis. Failure to comply with these guidelines will delay your intended graduation date.

1. Select a thesis adviser during your fifth semester and identify a thesis topic.
2. Complete a proposal and file a thesis proposal form with The Schreyer Honors College Office by May 1 the year before graduation.
3. Work with your thesis adviser through several drafts of your thesis.

4. Deliver a draft of your complete thesis to your School of Music honors adviser, or second reader if your honors adviser is the thesis adviser, by the end of the eighth week of your last semester in residence prior to graduation.
5. Deliver the final draft of your complete thesis to your School of Music honors adviser and the director of the School of Music by the end of the thirteenth week of your last semester in residence prior to graduation.
6. Have all the materials in to the Honors College Office by their required deadline.