

## **Academic Honors in Writing 2018-2019**

Academic Honors in Writing (AHW) is a program designed to foster and reward excellence in undergraduate writing. At commencement, selected graduating seniors will be honored for their superior writing skills. Both the commencement program and the students' transcripts will acknowledge this prestigious achievement. Such an honor will be a matter of personal pride for the recipients and will also be of great interest to prospective employers. Academic Honors in Writing, then, reaffirms the central place of written expression in the undergraduate university experience.

### **Eligibility**

All seniors who will graduate in December 2018, May 2019, or July 2019 are eligible to apply. Applicants are not limited to members of the Honors College.

### **Selection**

Applicants should submit to their major departments—in **electronic format**—a portfolio of class-related writing consisting of 30-35 pages (roughly 8000 words), which demonstrates a sustained excellence in writing. This collection should include at least one sample which illustrates the student's ability to write and think about concepts central to his or her major field of study. Applicants should submit original papers from classes, in either WORD or pdf format. (In other words, the papers submitted must include instructors' comments and/or evaluations.) If applicants submit work other than originals, they must attach a note or email from the appropriate instructor verifying that the work was in fact submitted for class. Departments will then choose department finalists. From this pool, the university Academic Honors in Writing Committee will select university finalists, who will write a common essay on a topic of general interest. Based on the portfolios and the common essays, the AHW Committee will select students to receive the designation **Academic Honors in Writing**.

### **Timetable**

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| <b>12/7/2018</b>           | Deadline to submit portfolios ( <u>with required cover sheet</u> ) to the department liaison faculty representative. |
| <b>1/11/2019</b>           | Deadline for department liaisons to submit portfolios of department finalists to AHW Coordinator.                    |
| <b>Early February 2019</b> | Selection of university finalists and notification of common essay procedures.                                       |
| <b>Late February 2019</b>  | University finalists write the common essay.   |
| <b>Early March 2019</b>    | Selection of recipients for 2019 Academic Honors in Writing.   |

### **For further information, contact**

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