The Jack David Armold Honors Program (JDAHP)

The Jack David Armold Honors Program (JDAHP) is an array of academic courses officially recognized in 1991 by the President of the Dallas campus. From the first few General Education English courses that challenged the high achiever with rigorous assignments and enlightening discussions, the number of courses has grown as students responded to the faster pace with extended material taught by accomplished educators. Now, students may be eligible for honors candidacy through the innovative Contract Honors option. Following the tradition at other universities, the JDAHP students are asked to sign an honors code, a pledge to be honest and fair in academic pursuits.

JDAHP is nationally affiliated with the National Collegiate Honors Council, offers honors courses throughout the Liberal Arts core, and recognizes JDAHP students at an honors reception at the end of every session.

For career-minded students, the honors designator on the student's transcript indicates individual accomplishment that requires initiative and intelligence, characteristics sought after by employers. Inclusion in the select group of high achievers also alerts employers to the student's leadership potential for many of the honors courses require students to work on rigorous assignments that require collaboration and some that are aimed at community service. Employers know that with each honors designator on the transcript, the student has expressed willingness to accept challenge and commitment to finish.

Near the end of the session, JDAHP students enjoy an Honors Reception. At the end of each 8-week course, students receive either a satisfactory ranking or an outstanding ranking for their work in each honors course. Students in the bachelor program who complete four honors courses (standalone honors course or contract honors course) and receive outstanding rankings in three honors courses [without an honors code violation] qualify for the coveted honors medallion. Students in the associate programs who complete two honors course (standalone or contract) and receive outstanding in one honors course also qualify for the honors medallion. The bronze honors medallion is awarded to graduating seniors who have a distinguished record of accomplishment in their JDAHP courses.

Graduating seniors must apply for the medallion at the beginning of their last term. The Application for Honors Medallion is available by request from the Honors Council Chair and must be returned to the Honors Council Chair at least 4 weeks before graduation.