

Explore beyond the expected.

HONORS PROGRAM

University
of Portland



Explore beyond the *expected* with a diverse and compassionate community

The University of Portland Honors Program enhances the intellectual life of the University community by mentoring high-achieving and intrinsically motivated students to serve as public intellectuals at the University and beyond.

“The UP Honors Program is unique in its focus on challenging bright minds to engage their hearts and souls toward a greater good. As parents of two students who were part of the UP Honors Program, we felt this was the right balance of promoting academic rigor and encouraging thoughtful, civic engagement. It’s the kind of balance that we need in our communities more than ever.”

—Jan & Ann Hajnosz, parents



For the curious, answers are just the *beginning*

We nurture those who
seek deeper knowledge
of the world and the
whole self.



Be part of a small, diverse, supportive cohort of 30 students who will journey with you as you broaden your knowledge base and explore the core curriculum. At the same time, advanced courses and faculty mentors will help you deepen your expertise in your major. The Honors Program strives to cultivate both a compassionate heart and a curious mind, so graduates become experts, innovators, and thoughtful leaders who inspire others.

Benefits include:

- Faculty mentor
- Study abroad, research, and service opportunities
- Grants for conferences
- Funds to attend cultural events
- Need and merit-based scholarships available
- Early registration
- Early move-in for first-year students

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A rewarding career,
a meaningful *life*...
starts with embracing the challenging
questions

Diversity and cross-disciplinary engagement are crucial components to making a difference in a rapidly changing world. That's why students from all majors and backgrounds are welcome in the Honors Program, and we encourage and support them in studying abroad. Our graduates leave UP prepared to serve as engaged citizens in their community and the world.

Of the required 18 credits, 12 count toward core or major requirements. The remaining 6 credits are specialized courses available only to Honors Program participants.

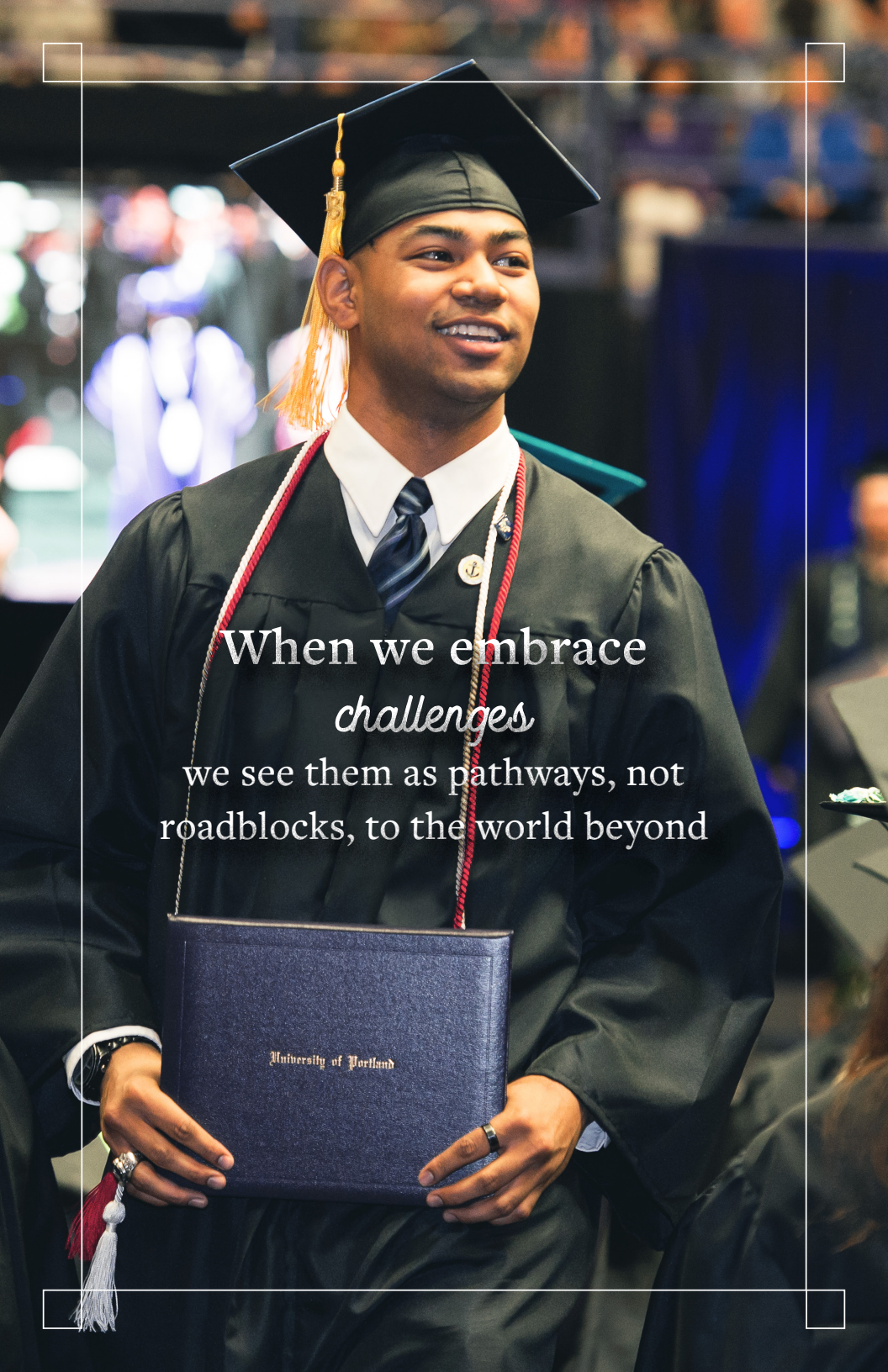
“The biggest benefit of participating in the Honors Program is learning how to interact with people who have vastly different interests from your own. For example, explaining environmental ethics to a physicist, or feminist interpretations of philosophy to a mathematician, forces you to clarify your own thoughts so that you can share them.”

—Molly Craft Johnson '13, *Environmental Ethics & Policy*



**7 HONORS ALUMNI AWARDED
FULBRIGHT STUDENT GRANTS
IN THE LAST 5 YEARS**





When we embrace
challenges
we see them as pathways, not
roadblocks, to the world beyond

“The Honors Program exposes you to a group of extremely bright and ambitious students that will become your peers, support system, friends, and future professional network. It pushes you to go out into the world, take initiative, and learn and grow beyond the extent of your major to be a present and engaged leader and change agent in the University as well as the greater community.”

— *Kiley Gersch '19, Mechanical Engineering*

- 6 valedictorians since 2010
- 15 states and 3 continents that students call home
- 30 majors represented, and students from all 5 schools participate in the program
- 22 students researched with a faculty member over the last year
- 57 percent of recent Honors graduates studied abroad
- 7 Honors alumni awarded Fulbright Student Grants in the last 5 years





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We acknowledge the land on which we sit and which we occupy at University of Portland. “The Portland Metro area rests on traditional village sites of the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla, and many other tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River creating communities and summer encampments to harvest and use the plentiful natural resources of the area” (Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable, 2018). We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers of this land.