

**Technical Colleges Transfer and Articulation Agreements** provide for the transfer of course credits from all 16 South Carolina technical colleges for students registered in a program leading to the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. In addition, the University has developed course-by-course transfer guides for programs and courses other than those included in the AA and AS degree programs offered by the technical colleges. Guidelines for the transfer of credits and courses are available online at <http://www.lander.edu/admissions> or through the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

## **THE EYE PROGRAM**

The Experience Your Education (EYE) Program is an experiential learning program at Lander University designed to provide students with the opportunity to use academic knowledge to address real world challenges in an authentic context. The program includes internships, co-ops, service learning, study abroad experiences, and course-embedded projects. Earning EYE Program credit is a great way for graduates to show a potential employer that they have real world skills and experience that may make them more competitive in the job market.

*Please Note: EYE credit is not a graduation requirement and does not affect a student's degree requirements for graduation. Students earning 120 EYE credits will receive the Golden EYE Award at graduation.*

**There are two ways to participate in the program.**

1. The approved EYE Program activities listed under Approved Activities on the EYE Program website, [www.lander.edu/eye](http://www.lander.edu/eye), may provide opportunities to earn EYE credit. Students interested in earning EYE credit should contact the faculty mentor for information about the EYE activity associated with the course. The Faculty Mentor will work with the student throughout the activity to see that the expectations of the EYE Program are met and the credit is earned. Students should check the EYE Program website periodically for additional activities that will be added as they are approved. *Note: Enrollment in these courses does not guarantee EYE credit. The student must work with the faculty mentor to earn the credit. Also, some of the activities are upper-level courses and may have prerequisites.*

2. Look at the courses you plan to take or other activities you plan to be involved in and discuss possibilities for EYE Program credit with your instructors or the Director of the EYE Program. Other activities might include internships, co-ops, service learning, and study abroad. The process of approving and adding activities to the approved activities list will continue as new activities are identified or created.

Questions about the EYE Program should be addressed to the Director of the EYE Program at Lander University.

## **THE LANDER UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE**

The Lander University Honors College is a community of academically gifted students who seek challenges beyond the typical classroom experience.

Lander University Honors College members

- Take specially designed Honors classes that explore topics in depth and encourage student interaction;
- Participate in faculty-led and independent research opportunities and present scholarly work at conferences and showcases;
- Enjoy a wealth of opportunities to participate in national and international study;
- Create a culture of academic excellence by taking part in cultural and social activities locally; and
- Upon completion of all Honors College requirements will receive special recognition upon graduation.

### **Admission and Enrollment**

Admission to the Lander University Honors College is competitive.

Incoming first-year Lander freshman who wish to apply for admission to the Honors College should:

- Have a combined Math/Critical Reading SAT score of at least 1170 or a composite ACT score of at least 24; and
- Complete an application form; and
- Provide sufficient evidence of promise of academic excellence based on:
  - An academic writing sample or creative portfolio;
  - Two letters of recommendations from mentors, including one from a person who can address the quality of the student's academic promise; or

- o An interview with the Honors Committee.

Currently enrolled Lander students and transfer students who wish to apply for admission to the Honors College should:

- Have an overall university GPA of 3.5 or above;
- Complete an application form; and
- Provide sufficient evidence of promise of academic excellence based on any one of the following:
  - o An academic writing sample or creative portfolio;
  - o Two letters of recommendation from university faculty; or
  - o An interview with the Honors Committee.

To continue enrollment in the Honors College, a student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and submit an annual report of their campus engagement to the director of the Honors Program.

If space is available, students who are not members of the Honors College may register for individual honors courses with permission of the instructor and Honors Director.

### Honors College Curriculum

To complete all Honors College requirements, students take at least 15 hours of honors-level coursework and complete some additional challenges, as outlined below. The honors curriculum is designed to promote active learning and global awareness. Honors courses emphasize student-driven discussion, depth of inquiry, and independent and small-group learning. Other honors experiences encourage academic travel and professionalization.

#### Gateway Courses (4 semester hours of required coursework)

**HONS 210.HONORS TRAVEL LABORATORY** ..... 1 semester hour

#### **HONS 211.HONORS TOPICS IN THE HUMANITIES**

(\*General Education – Humanities and Fine Arts) ..... 3 semester hours

#### Core Courses (at least 9 hours of coursework, selected from offerings below)

#### **HONS 291.HONORS TOPICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

(\*General Education - Behavioral and Social Perspectives) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 292.INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN LOGIC AND ANALYTICAL THOUGHT**

(\*General Education – Humanities and Fine Arts) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 293.HONORS TOPICS IN LABORATORY SCIENCE**

(\*General Education – Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning) ..... 4 semester hours

#### **HONS 294.HONORS TOPICS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

(\*General Education – Behavioral and Social Perspectives) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 295.HONORS TOPICS IN FINE ARTS**

(\*General Education - Humanities and Fine Arts) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 296.HONORS TOPICS IN HISTORY**

(\*General Education - Behavioral and Social Perspectives) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 297.HONORS TOPICS IN LITERATURE**

(\*General Education - Humanities and Fine Arts) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 298.HONORS TOPICS IN SCIENCE**

(\*General Education – Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning) ..... 3 semester hours

#### **HONS 299.TOPICS IN MATHEMATICS**

(\*General Education – Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning) ..... 3 semester hours

**HONS 389.DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY** ..... 1-3 semester hours

**HONS 390.SPECIAL TOPICS** ..... 1-4 semester hours

#### **HONS 393.HONORS TOPICS IN GLOBAL STUDIES**

(\*General Education – General Education Electives – Global Issues and Cultures)..... 3 semester hours

\*Some majors require students to take specific courses for certain General Education categories. Consult major advisor and major program requirements.

Students may pursue unique projects through individual or small group tutorials with the approval of the Honors Committee.

### **Break Away**

Students will spend a semester or summer going beyond the traditional classroom experience. Options include study abroad, study away, internships, and directed independent research. Break Away plans are proposed by the student; the proposal form and instructions are available on the Honors College webpage. Break Away Proposals must be approved by the Honors Advisors.

### **Capstone Experiences (2 hours of required coursework)**

**HONS 489.HONORS REFLECTION SEMINAR** ..... 1 semester hour

**HONS 499.HONORS CAPSTONE SEMINAR** ..... 1 semester hour

### **STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES**

Lander encourages its students to experience another culture first hand by living and studying abroad. Students who study abroad can maintain steady progress toward graduation by taking courses abroad that count toward their Lander curriculum requirements. Lander has spent years developing and building relationships with numerous universities and organizations to allow qualified Lander students to spend a fall and/or spring and/or summer abroad for about the cost of attending Lander. Many Lander students study abroad in Europe, South America and Asia; however, Lander has the ability to provide such experiences throughout the world.

In England, Lander University has an agreement with the University of Winchester that allows qualified Lander students to spend a fall or spring semester there for about the cost of attending Lander. This small university is located about 60 miles south of London in a small and very historic city. Students who have a GPA of 3.0 or above and who have completed at least two semesters of college-level study are eligible to apply to study at Winchester.

Lander students who choose to major in Spanish are required to include travel and/or study in a Spanish-speaking culture in their curriculum. Spanish majors should consult their faculty advisors regarding this requirement. Students who minor in Spanish are also encouraged to study in Spain or South America.

In China, Korea, and Thailand, Lander has cooperative agreements with several universities. These agreements encourage Lander students to consider studying in Asia and also encourage Asian students to study at Lander. Lander provides opportunities for graduates and current students to teach conversational English language in Korea and Thailand, regardless of major. Only the command of English language is required in any Asian study abroad programs.

Lander's "one-to-one exchange" program allows students to pay Lander tuition but study and live at one of Lander's sister universities in China or Korea. From time to time, Lander has the ability to facilitate *Global Korean Scholarships* which allow for a Lander student to study at one of the sister universities while the Korean government pays for their tuition, room, board, round-trip air fare, and a monthly stipend. Both of these programs provide instruction in English so there is no need to have prior knowledge of the language.

Members of the Lander faculty lead spring break and summer study tours focusing upon particular academic topics such as The Culture of Spain, World Wars I and II, European Art and Architecture, British Literature, and World Educational Issues. Students who have a GPA of 2.5 or above and who have completed at least 15 credit hours of college-level study are eligible to participate in these Lander-sponsored study abroad programs.

Additionally Lander also offers a month long "Asia Summer Study Program to Korea and China" which usually falls in the month of May. This allows students the opportunity to experience the history, culture, customs, values, viewpoints and economy of both nations. Students have the option of earning up to six credit hours for additional tuition.

Honors College students are encouraged to consider study abroad. Each Honors College student spends a semester or summer going beyond the traditional classroom experience; options include study abroad, study away,

internships, and directed independent research. Honors students are eligible to apply to the Global Scholars Program, a competitive study abroad scholarship for Lander's high-achieving students.

Students who plan to spend a semester abroad should confer with their advisors in order to plan their academic program two or three semesters in advance. The Global Issues/Nonwestern Studies requirement will be waived for students who spend a regular semester at an approved study abroad site, but each student must still earn the minimum number of hours required for a degree in their major. In addition, each student who participates in a one-semester study abroad program will receive four FALS credits for the first semester.

Students who wish to participate in a study abroad program should contact the Director of Study Abroad Programs through the Office of Academic Affairs or by email to [studyabroad@lander.edu](mailto:studyabroad@lander.edu). For further information see <http://www.lander.edu/studyabroad>. Students interested in opportunities in Asia should contact the Office of International Programs, 2nd Floor, Jackson Library or by emailing to [international@lander.edu](mailto:international@lander.edu) or visiting <http://www.lander.edu/sites/international-programs>.

NOTE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Lander University assumes that students who wish to study abroad are responsible individuals who can conduct themselves appropriately and manage their own affairs while studying at an institution in another country. Lander will not recommend student travel to countries that are listed by the US Department of State as unsafe for American travelers. Study at institutions that do not provide special services and support for visiting international students will also not be recommended.

Study abroad may involve expenses in addition to the regular expenses associated with attending Lander University. Students will need to provide their own airfare and ground transportation in their host countries. Additional personal travel or touring will incur additional expense. Some special scholarship support for study abroad is available.