SCHOLARS PROGRAM FAQ’S

Can I apply to the Scholars Program before admittance to the Coles College of Business?
No, you do not need to be admitted to Coles to apply. However, you must complete your lower division core classes with a 3.5 GPA (ACCT 2100, ACCT 2200, BLAW 2200, ECON 2100, ECON 2200, ECON 2300, IS 2200, MATH Requirement) and be accepted into the Coles College of Business prior to starting the Scholars Program courses.

Can I start the Scholars program in the spring semester?
No. The program is cohort-based; therefore each cohort starts the program in the fall semester.

I have already started my upper division courses, is it too late to apply?
No, as you are able to honor the two-year commitment to complete the program. There are multiple ways to approach this depending on your individual circumstances. You could take fewer courses each semester, take on an additional major/minor, add internships, or work full-time while completing the program. We can help you determine what the best route might be for you.

Can I take on multiple courses to finish the program early?
No. The five courses for the Scholars Minor are taught in sequence and offered once each year. Scholars students must complete all of the courses in order to fulfill the requirements of the program.

Does the Scholars program integrate with the Honors Program?
Our Program is separate from the University Honors program. However, our courses have been pre-approved to substitute for Honors requirements. We can also assist honors students in identifying a faculty advisor for the honors thesis. Applicants need not be in the Honors Program to be eligible.

Can I add the Scholars minor if I already one minor?
Yes, you are able to have two minors.

Will I be required to partake in the offsite kick-off retreat and study abroad?
Yes. Both of these events are mandatory. The retreat provides the foundation for the cohort to start bonding and learning together – plus it is a ton of fun! The study abroad is an international immersion that cannot be replicated in the classroom; it constitutes one of the five required courses of the program. Note: There have been special exceptions due to critical medical reasons.

Where is the Study Abroad/International Immersion? How many credit hours will I earn?
International Immersion (CSCH 4030) is a three credit hour course, currently in Guatemala, Central America. It occurs during the Maymester between the first and second year of the program. In the current design of the course, students visit Antigua, San Juan La Laguna, and Panajachel during their two-week visit. Preparations for the trip begin as early as your first semester.

If the Study Abroad/International Immersion is sponsored, is it free?
Every scholar typically gets the Global Learning Scholarship through Kennesaw State. The Scholars Program supplements the airfare, room, and board. In addition to the tuition cost and fees of the three-credit course, students are responsible for: vaccinations (if applicable), passport costs, cost of ground transport to and from Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, incidental expenses, souvenirs, or drinks that are not a part of regular meals. Note: Funding for the International Immersion is expected each year. However, it is not guaranteed and contingent on budget approvals.
When do the Scholars courses take place? How will it fit with my schedule?
The time and day can change each semester, but this is set well in advance to provide ample planning for class schedules and work. The class duration will always be 2 hours and 45 minutes once per week.

How many students are accepted each year?
Though we can accept up to 25 students, generally there are 16-20 students for each cohort.

Does the Scholars Program affect my major requirements?
The Scholars program is a supplement to your major in the form of a minor. All of the major requirements for your degree must still be met to graduate with your BBA. Scholars courses can be used for business electives in your major if you have not already consumed those hours with other courses.

How much does the program cost?
The goal of the program is to minimize the financial costs for students. You must cover the tuition and fee costs of additional courses (personally or through scholarships), potential costs for the International Immersion (see above), and other incidental expenses. Currently, the program is able to cover the cost of the books and materials required for the Scholars courses. In your senior year, depending on availability, there are scholarship opportunities available to help offset additional costs.

Still have questions? Contact us at colesscholars@kennesaw.edu.