SCHOLARS PROGRAM FAQ’S

Can I apply to the Scholars Program before admittance to the Coles College of Business?
Yes, you can apply to the Scholars Program prior to admittance into the Coles College. In fact, most students apply before completing their lower division core classes. Please note – before beginning the program, 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.

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 long 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?
Yes. The offsite retreat is mandatory. The retreat provides the foundation for the cohort to start bonding and learning together – plus it is a ton of fun!

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), 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.**