

Orientation Video 2018-1

[00:00:00.61] Welcome to the University of Connecticut. Your educational experience complete with engaging academics and new opportunities starts right here at Orientation. In the Honors Program you have found a community of scholars who explore, create and lead.

[00:00:19.93] We are so excited that you are here. It's such an exciting and transformative time in your life. You will be a very different version of yourself when you finish in four years at UConn. You'll still be you, mind you. You'll just be a better version of you. You'll be a you with more skills and more understanding, more knowledge and having spent a great four years in community with other people,

[00:00:47.14] making friends, developing ideas, being creative, all kinds of things that will help you just turn into the you you were meant to be. And we're here to help guide you through that process along the way. One of the things that we concentrate a lot on is how your experiences will evolve in the Honors Program. We focus on three areas; exploration, creativity and leadership. So explore, create, lead.

[00:01:14.11] In terms of exploration you're going to have lots of opportunities to take amazing classes with wonderful faculty, classes that have been designed specifically for you as an Honors student to be interacting with knowledge and topics that are cutting edge with your peers and with some of our best faculty on campus. You'll also have the opportunity to create something, to move from a consumer of knowledge to a producer of knowledge as you share something that you have created from your own genesis of ideas with the rest of the world in the Honors thesis or scholarly research process.

[00:01:49.09] And finally, leadership. It's something that we feel particularly strongly about here. We want you to spend time thinking about your whole development as a scholar. So not just the academic side of you, but the other sides of you that care about issues, about interactions with other people. And how that process happens is really leadership. So congratulations on your acceptance again. We are thrilled to meet with you and to get to know you and to hear about your hopes and dreams and can't wait to help you explore the great world that is UConn.

[00:02:24.65] Explore. As an Honors student at UConn you'll find your passion through exploration of Honors courses, attending events across campus and participating in interdisciplinary work.

[00:02:38.26] Create. You'll move from a consumer of knowledge to a producer of knowledge. You'll forge your own path as you work with faculty on their research, contribute to creative projects motivated by your interests, and ultimately, write your thesis and contribute to the scholarly literature.

[00:02:58.56] Lead. Here at UConn you'll be an active member of your communities of interest and make an impact by providing solutions, being involved in clubs, service projects and sports, or leading the way in your scholarly pursuits.

[00:03:14.26] I founded this club called Sanskriti. So there was a lot of fusion dance teams at UConn, but really nothing for classical music or classical dance within Indian culture. So I sing and play violin. So I really wanted to be able to do that too when I came to UConn. I didn't want to lose sight of that, and maybe join a dance team, but also have the ability to practice classical music.

[00:03:36.10] Today, we'll help you become familiar with the requirements to graduate as an Honors Scholar and University Honors Laureate and give you a preview of what to expect when registering for classes tomorrow. We're thrilled that you're here for the next step of your journey and we can't wait to see what's next.