

Stephens Scholars Honors Program

An innovative program for an inquisitive mind

Stephens Scholars is a selective program that challenges academically talented students. Surround yourself with like-minded thinkers who share your desire to succeed and excel. The Scholars let you make the most of your college experience while fostering in you a lifelong love of learning.

Rigorous courses

As a Stephens Scholar, you will enroll in the Scholars Seminar in the spring semester of your freshman, sophomore and junior years (1 cr. hr. per semester; 3 cr. hrs. total). This is a lively, interdisciplinary course that focuses on a different topic every year. You will learn from full-time faculty members who are dedicated to advising and mentoring you throughout your college career.

A supportive network

By belonging to Stephens Scholars, you're joining a network of peers who respect your knowledge, leadership skills, curiosity and love of academics. Through the Scholars, we'll challenge you to build on the skills and interests you already have.

Experiential learning

The Stephens Scholars program has an experiential learning component, too. Through field trips and guest speakers, you'll have the opportunity to explore careers and meet women who are excelling in their fields. Experience art at local galleries, see sustainability in action at the Columbia farmer's market or explore nature through a field trip to a local conservation area.

Celebrating your achievements

By belonging to Stephens Scholars, you'll be eligible for special endowed scholarships covering the sophomore, junior and senior years. You'll receive a transcribed record of your membership and special recognition at Commencement.

The program is open to first-year students who have at least a 3.5 GPA and an ACT composite of 25 or higher (or SAT 1220 composite or higher).

“Stephens Scholars has given me access to higher level courses that challenge me and better prepare me for my future. It has also helped me be a part of the Columbia community by introducing me to local business owners at their businesses.”

—Karrie Armstrong '22

“It goes back to a more rigorous education, getting that extra bit out of college. If you're here, you might as well learn as much as you can. Why not join and have that opportunity?”

—Autumn Brown '17

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