The James Scholar Program in the Division of General Studies encourages academically gifted students to develop their skills in leadership, research, service-learning, and creativity as they explore majors and career fields that fascinate them. The program challenges students to understand the world from new and different perspectives, whether globally or in the community in which they live. The honors experience creates a unique and meaningful education, allows for academic enrichment, and facilitates the development of close relationships with faculty and field professionals.

James Scholar Requirements

FALL 2016

⇒ Enroll in a James Scholar GS 101 (2 credits, see back of handout for options)
⇒ Enroll in and complete at least 12 credits in the semester
⇒ Achieve at least a 3.5 semester GPA

SPRING 2017

⇒ Enroll in and complete an Honors Course, which includes the following:
  - Choose one of 5-6 DGS James Scholars only courses
  - Participate in the Chem REACT program
  - Enroll in an Honors Course offered by another unit on campus
  - Complete an Honors Course Learning Agreement in a regular course
⇒ Enroll in and complete at least 12 credit hours in the semester
⇒ Achieve an Illinois cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 (Fall and Spring grades combined)

SOPHOMORE YEAR*

⇒ Enroll in and complete an Honors Course (similar to above options)
⇒ Enroll in and complete at least 12 credits in the semester
⇒ Achieve at least a 3.5 semester GPA

* If you are admitted to your major for your Sophomore year, you will adhere to the James Scholar requirements of your degree-granting college.
The University of Illinois requires all students to complete an Introduction to the University course. For Division of General Studies students, this class is General Studies (GS) 101. This is a 2 credit hour course that will count as your Honors course for Fall 2016. The James Scholar sections of GS 101 include:

- **SJ1 CRN: 52301**
  - Tuesday
  - 9:30am—10:45am
  - 1027 Lincoln Hall

- **SJ2 CRN: 52793**
  - Tuesday
  - 3:30pm—4:45pm
  - 156 Henry Admin Bldg

- **SJ3 CRN: 52376**
  - Thursday
  - 11:00am—12:15pm
  - 259 English Bldg

- **SJ4 CRN: 52794**
  - Thursday
  - 2:00—3:15pm
  - 160 English Bldg

**BENEFITS OF THE DGS HONORS EXPERIENCE**

- Enjoy priority registration, allowing relative ease in selecting next semester’s courses
- Connect with like-minded Freshmen through the GS 101 James Scholar sections
- Form close professional and personal connections with DGS staff, fellow James Scholar students, distinguished faculty, and campus partners
- Relish the experience of taking exclusive courses for James Scholars
- Take advantage of optional James Scholar experiential learning opportunities focused on strengthening individual skills sets and learning about majors and careers that match your interests.
- Financial support for programs such as LeaderShape and the Undergraduate Research Symposium
- James Scholar status transfers to the degree-granting college when major is declared. Many colleges have additional resources for their upperclassmen
- Transcript notation for each honors course taken, and also for completion of the James Scholar program