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In 1966 Andrews University determined to offer undergraduate students greater opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, and social development. To reach this goal, it created the honors program to foster an atmosphere that is both intellectually challenging and distinctively Christian.

Starting in '01-'02, the program offered a completely new curriculum. SAGES is a text-based alternative to the standard General Education requirements. It involves 37 semester hours of honors courses and leads to the designation "John Nevins Andrews Scholar" at graduation.

### SAGES SCHOLARS' ALTERNATIVE GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES

Reflecting suggestions from students, faculty and alumni for a curriculum based on the study of original texts, independent research, and writing, SAGES provides a series of interdisciplinary courses that REPLACE General Education requirements for the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees. Following a year-long introduction to Western civilization and culture, students pursue a series of thematically-organized seminars similar to a "Great Books" approach, though broader in sources and subjects. The track concludes with independent research resulting in a senior project.

Because SAGES replaces many lower-division courses, admission at the beginning of a college career is advisable. However, transfer and currently enrolled students with demonstrated academic achievement (GPA>3.50) may apply to SAGES and receive individual waivers for some—but not necessarily all—specific courses based on previous academic study. Those admitted as juniors and seniors must complete at least five seminars plus the Research Pro-Seminar and the senior project.

Students wishing to transfer out of SAGES should do so at the end of the first year and apply the courses taken towards a standard General Education track. In the sophomore and junior years, SAGES involves significantly different categories of courses than the standard General Education track. These will not replace many of the freshman and sophomore courses required at most universities.

**Progress in SAGES.** Students in SAGES who fail to enroll in honors courses, or whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.33, will be asked to withdraw from the program at the end of the academic year.

### GRADUATION AS A JOHN NEVINS ANDREWS HONORS SCHOLAR

At graduation, the university confers the distinction "John Nevins Andrews Scholar" on students recommended by the Honors Council who display outstanding scholarship, achieve a minimum overall college and honors GPA of 3.50, and complete SAGES. Titles of the senior thesis or project are listed in the graduation bulletin.

### GE Requirements: SAGES Honors Track

Required Registrations		Credits
HONS105	Western Heritage I	5
HONS106	Western Heritage II	5
HONS115	Transcribing the Self: Honors Composition	3
HONS215	Scripture	3
HONS265	Literature and the Arts	3
HONS345	What Is "Other"? The Non-Western World	3
HONS365	Cosmos	3
HONS398	Research Pro-Seminar	1
HONS415	Thinking Theologically: Christian Life and Faith	3
HONS497	Senior Honors Project	min. of 2
<b>Plus two courses selected from the following:</b>		<b>6</b>
HONS225	Materialism and Idealism (3)	
HONS245	Meanings of America (3)	
HONS325	Justice (3)	
HONS380	Topics in _____ (as offered)	
Additional Science (science major courses or IDSC321/2)		6
Math (minimum acceptable level: College Algebra)		3
Physical Activity Courses (2)		<u>2</u>
<b>Total Requirements, Bachelor of Science</b>		<b>48</b>
<b>Total Requirements, Bachelor of Arts</b>		<b>48 + 4</b>
		(Intermediate Language)

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## **REPLACING GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Because of the integrated and interdisciplinary courses, students completing General Honors will satisfy their General Education requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with 37 credits of honors courses and 11 credits of mathematics, science, and physical education. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires the identical courses for foreign language proficiency. In each case, the normal requirements are significantly reduced, which frees students' schedules for cognate courses and electives.

## **ADMISSION TO THE HONORS PROGRAM**

Each summer the honors program admits a limited number of prospective freshmen whose interests and achievements—as portrayed in part by the application essay and letter of recommendation—suggest they will benefit from participation in SAGES.

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