

# Internationalizing Honors

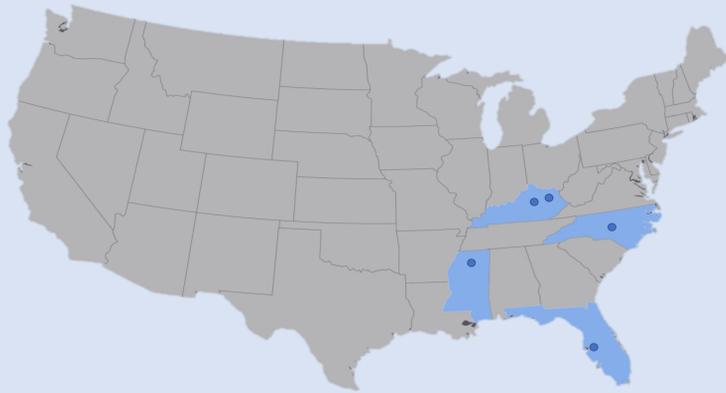
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## Research Question

Does providing different options for international experiences strengthen Honors programs?

## Introduction



Five Universities in the Southeastern Region:

1. University of Kentucky
2. Morehead State University
3. University of South Florida
4. Elon University
5. University of Mississippi

## Methods

Gathered Research from Websites

Interviewed Directors from Honors Programs

Read the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council

Compared information from the Different Sources

Merged the Information into an Accurate and Simple Depiction

## Common International Approaches

- Global Coursework
  - Good introductory approach
  - Cost-effective
- Study Abroad
  - Short-term, summer abroad, or semester abroad programs
  - International experience
- Exchange Programs
  - Partnership between universities in different countries
  - Culture immersion

## Global Coursework

Elon University

- Global Experience Course—4 credits
- Global Neighborhood

University of South Florida

- Upper level foreign languages, 75+ hours in global focused research or in a globally focused internship

University of Mississippi

- Courses on the cultures of different nations are offered



Global neighborhood layout at Elon University.

## Study Abroad

University of Kentucky

- HON 352: Study and Travel Abroad
- Study abroad can fulfill up to 6 “Honors Experience” credits

Elon University

- \$1,000 stipend for any study abroad experience

Morehead State University

- Study abroad fulfills the overseas experience requirement
- \$1,500 allotted for each honors student to travel abroad

University of South Florida

- Competitive \$10,000 scholarship for study abroad

University of Mississippi

- Scholarships offered to those who take part in a specific program or go to a designated country



Festival at the University of South Florida to promote globalization.

## Exchange Programs

Elon University

- Exchange program partnerships (from Chile to Asia to Australia)

University of Mississippi

- 90 different exchange partners abroad
- Students may participate in exchange programs over the summer
- Barksdale Award (\$5,000) for exchange trips



Student from the University of Mississippi in the middle of an exchange program, sporting his school flag.

## Future Goals

Continuing with my research, I plan to build off of the information I currently have in order to continue to determine the best ways in which an Honors program may effectively and efficiently integrate international experiences in a program-enhancing way. This research could also point to ways in which universities or colleges as a whole might benefit from these international approaches.

## Conclusion

After evaluating these five Honors programs and their correlating emphasis in regard to international efforts, it is evident from my research that providing different options for international experiences does, in fact, strengthen Honors programs.

1. Global awareness enhances students' world view
2. Culture immersion leads to enlarged perspectives
3. Language learning grows mental capacity
4. Global communities increase diversity acceptance
5. Life perspectives are gained through international experiences

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