

# CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

**SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY  
HONORS PROGRAM**



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Nakia Gelin knew an injustice when she saw one. She witnessed her sister—who has Down Syndrome and is nonverbal—being treated differently. And that’s when Nakia found her professional calling.

“I can **be the advocate for anybody who doesn’t have a voice**,” she remembers thinking. That sense of justice led Nakia, Class of 2023, to **declare her law major** when she was accepted to Suffolk University and offered a **place in the Honors Program**.

Her honors status gives her **early access to course registration** and to **special honors sections of requirements** like Creativity & Innovation (CI). In her Justice and Social Change CI class, Nakia researched how communities and organizations in Boston effect change. She also **connected with a local lawyer** for a project and learned how the immigration process works. “That was really cool to hear as a freshman,” she says.

She’s also taken as many courses as she can with **Associate Professor of Political Science & Legal Studies Eric Bellone**. In his classroom, Nakia says, “You’re going to learn about the law but also **what you can do to expand the law**.”

It wasn’t until her junior year that she **got involved in campus life** by joining the Black Student Union (BSU). She’s now vice president of the Caribbean Student Network; a resident assistant; and an active member of the BSU, African Student Association, and Suffolk’s chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

“I really like this community and I’m **proud to represent it**,” she says.

On top of her student leadership roles, she’s interning at Drago & Toscano LLP, a **law firm just around the corner from campus**.

She aspires to practice family law—an enduring interest sparked by her sister. Once Nakia spoke up for her, her sibling was given the chance to connect with other children. “She’s like a little celebrity in town,” Nakia says.

She’s excited to advocate for others in the future. “I did find a voice here. That’s what Suffolk taught me: talk a lot.”

At Suffolk University, how you apply your academic passion is up to you. Maybe you'll conduct market research for an international corporation. Perhaps you'll run cutting-edge lab experiments. Your opportunities here are as boundless as your talent.

You're motivated. You're ready to advance your studies. And you're in luck: in our Honors

Program, you'll be immersed in top-notch educational experiences and supported by a fantastic community. Your professors will challenge you to flex your analytical, presentation, and communication skills in whole new ways. You'll also learn while working closely with your peers, gaining essential interpersonal and collaborative skills.

**And employers will notice.**

## LEARN WITH HONORS

Suffolk offers courses especially for honors students like you. Honors advisors will help you build your course schedule. And thanks to priority registration, you'll be ahead of your class when it comes to getting into the courses you most want to take.

At Suffolk, you can give pretty much everything you study an honors spin. Learn in special honors sections of general education courses like Creativity & Innovation, the First-Year Seminar, and Business Foundations. Challenge Courses can further advance your education. You can even earn honors credit for your special academic interests or experiential learning opportunities.

Boston is steeped in boundless possibilities. A whole world of opportunity is waiting for you, too. Grab your passport and fulfill your honors requirements at Suffolk's campus in Madrid, Spain.

## DIVE INTO RESEARCH

As an honors student at Suffolk, you won't just study your favorite subjects. You'll dive into them wholeheartedly. You can even present your research at national and regional conferences. It's a great way to stand out from your peers and prepare to succeed in grad school and the workplace.

## LIVE WITH HONORS

Can't get enough of the honors experience? We've got special on-campus housing for you. If you join the Honors Living Learning Community, you'll room with classmates who will become your close friends and study group partners.

## FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

Whether you live with your fellow honors students or not, you'll bond with them at academic events (including special access to authors and speakers), social events (think trips to theaters and local landmarks), networking and career development events, and service-learning projects. Plus, peer mentors will welcome you to campus and give you tips on academic and campus life at Suffolk.

## PREPARE FOR YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE

Your career as an honors student is just the beginning. Our dedicated honors mentors will give you invaluable advice and insights on applying to prestigious scholarships and graduate school. Suffolk honors graduates advance their studies in master's, JD, and doctoral programs across the country. Where will the Honors Program take you?



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