



COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Jackson Family Center
for Ethics and Values

Jackson Scholar Program

Handbook

Introduction

This handbook is designed to give a more comprehensive overview of all expectations for prospective and new scholars. Please read it carefully, as the application to become a scholar will ask you to confirm that you have read this document and acknowledge that you understand all that it contains.

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The Jackson Scholar Program

The Jackson Scholar program is one of the four cornerstones of The Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values. Students from all backgrounds and fields of study are invited to apply to this selective, two-year program designed to develop strong leaders who are committed to living lives of integrity and ethical reflection.

Each spring, a group of Jackson Scholars is selected to begin their program the upcoming Fall semester. The program engages Scholars in four, consecutive semesters of ethics courses, participation in events and programs hosted by The Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values, reading and discussion, problem solving, and mentoring incoming Jackson Scholars as well as Jackson Junior Scholars in the After School Ethics Academy. The primary focus of the program is

to provide Jackson Scholars with a foundation in ethics and values which develops their potential for sound decision-making and reflective leadership.

The Jackson Scholar program is an opportunity for growth and development which requires a serious time commitment. Jackson Scholars must complete a course in ethics each semester, participate in all Jackson Center events, serve as mentors in the After School Ethics Academy each spring, and be ambassadors for Jackson Center programs. Jackson Scholars must make a solid commitment to the program and all that it entails.

Scholars receive a stipend of five-hundred dollars a semester for four semesters (two thousand dollars) to defray personal costs associated with the program. Jackson Scholars may also apply for the Joseph Kenyon East Endowed Ethics Scholarship, which is awarded annually. Recognition for completion of the Jackson Scholar program includes a certificate, an honor stole at graduation, and recognition at the Honors Convocation and in the Commencement Ceremony program.

Curriculum

Each semester scholars will register for 3 credit hours following from the outlined curriculum for the program. The required philosophy courses are listed below.

First Semester Philosophy 102: Introduction to Ethics

This course introduces students to the three main areas of philosophical ethics, meta-ethics, normative ethics and applied ethics. Students will explore meta-ethical issues such as ethical subjectivism and objectivism, moral skepticism, free will and responsibility; major normative theories such as consequentialism and deontology; and applied ethical issues such as animal rights, war, and cloning. The overarching goal will be for students to develop the skills necessary for thinking, writing, and speaking about ethical theories and problems while acquiring a basic understanding of these theories and problems.

Second Semester Philosophy 311: Ethical Theory

(Writing Intensive) A study of moral principles and the basic concepts underlying these principles such as good, evil, right, wrong, justice, value, duty and obligation. Using original course readings from both classical and contemporary moral philosophy, this course develops an understanding of the philosophical foundations of various ethical theories.

Third Semester Philosophy 305: Contemporary Moral Issues

This course helps students to apply what they learn in PHIL 102 to real world problems. Built into the course objectives and learning outcomes is preparation for the Regional Ethics Bowl.

Fourth Semester Philosophy 399: Ethics-focused Internship and/or Service-Learning Project

In consultation with the Jackson Center Director, Assistant Director, and Fellow, each Jackson Scholar develops a project or participates in an internship which provides an opportunity to apply the principles of ethics-based leadership learned during the program.

Duties

Here is a list of the specific duties of a Jackson Scholar:

- Complete the ethics courses as stated in the Jackson Scholar Curriculum
- Attend Jackson Scholar meetings with fellow Scholars, the Director, Assistant Director, and Ethics Fellow.
- Attend all Jackson Center sponsored events as outlined in the Schedule of Events. Attendance is required unless other arrangements are made in advance.
- Help in marketing and advertising all Jackson Center events, including but not limited to:
 - Announcing them in classes and other clubs/organizations
 - Creating a banner (for select events) to hang on the Prince Lawn
 - Posting flyers around campus
 - Using social media to spread the word (Facebook, Twitter, ect.)
- Speak about the Center and its programs and activities to your classes
- Participate in and attend any of the Center's public engagements
- Attend Jackson Center Board of Directors meetings (as required)
- Serve as counselor for the After-School Ethics & Leadership Academy (each Spring)
- Maintain all the qualifications for being a Jackson Scholar, as outlined in the Jackson Scholar Application
 - Registering and completing, with at least a B, each class outlined by the Scholars Manual
 - Fulfill all duties outlined above
 - Maintain full-time student status at CCU for the duration of the program with a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25
- Participate in the selection of Jackson Scholars

A Year in the Life

After being selected as a Jackson Scholar in the spring, you begin your first semester as a scholar in August. In addition to your obligations to your course of study, you will take an Introduction to Ethics course. As the semester progresses, your time will be needed to publicize upcoming events both in class and on campus, as well as to help set those events up and break them down. An average semester for the Jackson Center has several events; you will have some part in each of them. The After – School Ethics & Leadership Academy meets once a week for four weeks in the first half of the semester. For two hours you will be a counselor and mentor to approximately 30 local sixth grade students. At the end of the semester, we spend time evaluating our individual and group efforts and break for the winter.

Things pick right back up in the spring; several events will take place early in the semester to generate some interest among the student body, and you will be instrumental in disseminating all the information about the Center and the Scholar program. You will be taking an ethics course that is more demanding of your time and attention, and you will be a part of the process of selecting the new class of Jackson Scholars who will begin the following semester. Of course, there are still Jackson Center events that will require your participation as well as your other classes. Before you know it, your second semester is done and you're halfway through the program.

To Wrap Up

This document is designed to explain in detail exactly what the Jackson Scholar program entails. As with everything that is worth anything, it may be difficult at times, but the rewards are great, and the experience is well worth the time and effort it requires. Many scholars go on to pursue higher education, and some scholars have become the Assistant Director of The Jackson Center after graduation.

If you are interested in applying for the Jackson Scholar Program, please download and complete your application online at <https://www.coastal.edu/jacksoncenter/jacksonscholarprogram/apply/>. Then, email the application to the Assistant Director at jsthorne@coastal.edu.