



Augustana University Honors Program
Application for Admission
Priority Deadline: March 10, 2017

The Latin word “Civitas” means, in its broadest sense, “citizenship:” exercising the inherent rights, privileges and responsibilities of a given place. The Augustana University Civitas Honors Program invites students of exceptional quality to consider the values central to responsible citizenship at Augustana, in the United States, and in the global community. Founded on Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s essay *The Structure of Responsible Life*, Civitas provides students with a rigorous intellectual exploration of the intersections between vocation, citizenship, and local, national, and global service.

Applicants should hold a minimum 3.5 high school GPA and 27 ACT/1290 New SAT/1210 Old SAT to qualify for admission. International students must hold a minimum score of 600 on the SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing test or sub-scores of 27 or higher for the ACT English and Reading tests in order to be considered for Civitas Admission. The freshman cohort is limited to 40 students, and preference will be given to applications received by the priority deadline of March 10, 2017. Please direct questions to Dr. William Swart, Civitas Director (swart@augie.edu).

Your high school transcript, and ACT/SAT scores are already on file with the Office of Admission and will be made available to the Civitas committee for evaluation. In addition, please address the following questions in order to apply for candidacy in the Civitas Honors Program. Applications may be submitted electronically to civitas@augie.edu or mailed in hard copy to:

Augustana University
Civitas Committee
Office of Admission
2001 S. Summit Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

In approximately 200 words, tell us how your participation in these activities demonstrates responsible citizenship to your school and/or community.

In approximately 200 words, tell us why you think service is important to responsible citizenship in your community.

The Civitas committee asks applicants to submit a piece of work that best exemplifies their ability as a student. Your submission might include a piece of art, a written work (research paper, essay, poem, etc.), a science project, a musical composition, or a video. It may be something you submitted for a grade or any original academic work you deem appropriate. This requirement is intentionally flexible; our goal is to gain a more holistic sense of you and your abilities. Physical objects submitted for consideration will be returned to the students after their application is considered.

On the next page, please provide a brief statement of approximately 500 words explaining how the work you've chosen to submit is relevant to your admission to the Civitas program. The committee is especially interested in hearing how your submission demonstrates your intellectual ability and your potential to contribute to the Civitas program.

