HONOR SOCIETIES

Canisius College has chapters of a number of national and international honor societies. These societies have established specific academic requirements for students who wish to join the society, and most also have additional requirements that may include service, participation, recommendations, or academic standing guidelines.

Honor Societies Open to Students in Any Major

Alpha Sigma Nu is the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher education, including all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, Regis College of the University of Toronto, Campion College in Regina, Saskatchewan, and Sogang University in Seoul, South Korea. Juniors, seniors, and students in graduate and professional schools who rank in the top 15 percent of their classes may be considered for membership. The college’s chapter may nominate no more than four percent of the junior and senior classes for membership. In addition to scholarship, loyalty to the college and the Jesuit ideals of higher education, and service to the college and larger community are the criteria for admission.

Chi Alpha Sigma is the national college athlete honor society.

Di Gamma is the Canisius Honor Society that recognizes those who have rendered outstanding service to Canisius College.

Major-Specific Honor Societies

Alpha Kappa Delta is an international sociology honor society. It promotes human welfare through the association of a fellowship group interested in developing scientific knowledge that may be applied to the solution of social problems.

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national criminal justice honor society.

Beta Beta Beta is the national honor society for students majoring in the biological sciences. Students must demonstrate academic achievement as well as be involved in service, scholarship, and social activities to be inducted as a national member.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the premier honor society recognizing business excellence, and only recognizes students in AACSB accredited programs. The Wehle School of Business established its chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma (https://www.betagammasigma.org/) in 1978. Lifetime members of the Society have earned the right to be considered the “Best in Business.” Students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their class are eligible for membership.

Eta Sigma Phi is the honorary society for classical studies.

Iota Tau Alpha is the athletic training education honor society.

Kappa Delta Pi is the international honor society in education.

Lambda Pi Eta recognizes, fosters and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. Lambda Pi Eta’s ideal is to stimulate interest, promote and encourage professional development, and to provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication. This society is the national communication association’s honor society.

Phi Delta Pi is the national history honor society. The local chapter’s events include speakers, lectures, an annual induction ceremony and participation in a convention. Prospective members must have taken a minimum of four history courses with a 3.25 GPA and a minimum 3.06 QPA.