

## Gonzaga Program

Our Gonzaga Program, named for St. Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron saint of students, is part of the supportive community at The University of Scranton that shares the more than 450-year-old heritage of Jesuit education. Students in the Gonzaga Program are prepared not just for a career, but for life, as we promote "magis," a culture of excellence. The Gonzaga Program is designed to support students' transition from high school to college. Our Gonzaga Program will strengthen critical thinking, reading, writing and verbal skills that are essential for academic achievement at the collegiate level.

Gonzaga students are part of a cohort group for the required Gonzaga coursework which provides smaller class sizes for personalized attention from professors and a collaborative peer support network. In this setting, students can grow their knowledge and skills while working as part of a community and developing leadership skills. The Gonzaga Program is conducted over the course of the freshman year and provides students with courses in research and study skills, as well as writing support, coordinated instruction, academic advising, tutoring and mentoring. Students who successfully complete the courses, including those required in the Gonzaga Program, will have earned sophomore status.

The Gonzaga Program core of courses consists of EDUC 113 - Reading-Research , First Year Seminars, COMM 100 - (FYOC) Public Speaking, WRTG 105 - College Writing I, and WRTG 106 - (FYW) College Writing II. Members of the Gonzaga Program will be assigned to the same sections for all five of these courses. You will become a member of a community of students with the same goal: to use these courses to improve and sharpen the skills you will need for your college career. The faculty members assigned to these courses also work as a community. Faculty collaborates so that the curriculum emphasizes the connections among the courses and provides the best opportunity to improve verbal and written skills. Students in the Gonzaga Program may be subject to dismissal if they do not successfully complete the core courses with a grade of C or better. For more information, please visit <https://admissions.scranton.edu/academic-programs/gonzaga-program.shtml> or contact the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence or at (570) 941-4038.