

# Jeffrey S. Raikes School Fact Sheet



World-class business leadership through honors education

The Jeffrey S. Raikes School is a leading educational honors program integrating computer science and management for high-ability students. This program targets the development of leaders for information technology driven industries.

## All students in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School live in the Kauffman Center

- Suite-style rooms
- Technology-enabled classrooms and faculty/staff offices on first floor
- Offers advantage of community atmosphere within a large university setting



## Students selected for the Jeffrey S. Raikes School:

- Receive Room & Board (for Kauffman Center) for 8 semesters
- Receive a Book Scholarship through the Honors Program Textbook Scholarship
- Are encouraged to apply for tuition scholarships. Typical tuition scholarships include National Merit, Regent, or other tuition granting scholarship.

## Students take Jeffrey S. Raikes School courses each semester for four years:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year courses introduce students to important business and computer science topics
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year students participate in Design Studio

## Design Studio is:

The capstone educational experience of the Jeffrey S. Raikes School. Student teams partner with a regional or national business on year long project. The project involves design, implementation and testing phases. The result is an innovative software-based solution that satisfies the business's requirements.

## The Design Studio allows students to:

- Create innovative applications and business processes to solve real-world problems
- Gain valuable experience working with companies through self-governing teams
- Gain a more accurate view of a corporate structure
- Develop project management skills prior to graduation
- Form key networking contacts with top executives from local and national companies
- Earn college credit for completing software development projects
- Develop teamwork, leadership, and communication skills
- Design Studio clients include USDA, IBM, Microsoft, Mutual of Omaha, and PayPal

## The average admitted student into Jeffrey S. Raikes School:

- Scores 30 or above on the ACT or a 1340 or above on the SAT
- Graduates in the top 5% of their class
- Applies to be a National Merit Scholar
- Shows initiative by pursuing a rigorous education and proving the Jeffrey S. Raikes School is the right place for them

## To-Do List for Interested Students



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Take at least a year of calculus from your high school, a university or a community college.

**Reason:** You will be well prepared for advanced mathematics when you start at UNL.

Take an object-oriented programming class.

**Reason:** You can find out if you enjoy computer programming. Programming experience is very important in your application to the Jeffrey S. Raikes School.

Take business courses from your high school, a university or a community college.

**Reason:** Understanding basic business concepts covered by accounting and economics courses will help you determine your interest level in business.

Pursue a challenging senior year by taking advanced or honors classes, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or courses from a community college.

**Reason:** A challenging schedule shows your commitment to academics. Challenging courses prepare you for the rigor of the Jeffrey S. Raikes School and college in general.

Seek out leadership roles in student organizations.

**Reason:** Learn more about your own strengths for leading. The Jeffrey S. Raikes School looks for students who understand the value of leadership skills.

Look for opportunities, like employment, clubs or school organizations, that will enhance your technical and/or business skills.

**Reason:** You'll have the chance to put your skills to test in a real-world work environment. The Jeffrey S. Raikes School looks for demonstrated experience in computer science and/or business. Work experience or involvement in organizations is a great way to show it.

## Application and Selection Timeline

### Application - November

Completion of application for admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln <http://admissions.unl.edu/apply/>

Completion of Jeffrey S. Raikes School application (Mandatory Online) including application form, transcripts, and 2 letters of recommendation

You must complete the University of Nebraska-Lincoln admissions application to obtain an NU ID and pin number. With an NU ID and pin number you may access the Jeffrey S. Raikes School application through What About Me? (WAM) at <http://wam.unl.edu>. The application for 2009-10 will be available on September 1, 2008 and must be submitted by November 24, 2008.

### Review - December through January

Applications are reviewed based on the following areas:

Academics: Test scores, GPA, Class rank, Transcript (high school and any completed college courses)

Oral and written communication

Business and/or Computer programming experience (specifically in JAVA or C++)

Interests

Involvement and related (technical and/or business) work experience

Recommendations

### Interviews - January through March

Interviews are conducted with selected candidates.

### Selection - March through April

Selected students receive offers from the Jeffrey S. Raikes School

Current and detailed information can be found on the Jeffrey S. Raikes School Website:

<http://raikes.unl.edu>