

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

What is the SBCC Honors Program?

The Santa Barbara City College Honor's Program better prepares the highly motivated student to transfer to a university and complete a bachelor's degree than non-Honors courses by contributing breadth to students' majors in both humanities and sciences and by showing connections and interrelationships between disciplines. These courses are developed to meet the needs of students whose academic goals and interests are not satisfied by regular courses. Students who enroll in the Honors curriculum will gain the opportunity to become independent learners, to participate actively in the shaping of their education and to exercise their talents at their highest levels of excellence. The Honors Program provides a unique learning environment which stresses scholastic excellence and develops the academic awareness necessary to achieve this goal by enhancing writing, reading, and study skills.

Why should I consider the Honors Program?

The Honors program provides close academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students. Honors classes are smaller than non-Honors courses and are taught by outstanding faculty who support students' educational endeavors. Students have the opportunity to participate in the SBCC Honor's Guild, a student-run organization for Honors Students interested in enhancing their college experience. Some universities have an honors transfer agreement giving preferential consideration to SBCC students who have completed the honors program. All honors courses taken are designated on the transcript.

Are scholarships Available?

Santa Barbara County high school students who are accepted in a fall semester to the program directly from high school with a GPA of at least 3.75 are automatically considered for a \$1,000 scholarship.

How do I know if I am eligible?

To be eligible for the honors program you must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA from high school with no grade lower than a "C" in any academic subject. Continuing, returning and transfer students who have completed 12 units or more must have a 3.0 cumulative college GPA, with no grade below a "C" in an academic subject. Students must be eligible for or have completed English 110 and at least Math 107. English and Mathematics placement examinations are part of the SBCC enrollment procedure. Mathematics eligibility for the program may also be met with three years of high school math, including two years of algebra, with grades of "C" or better. It is expected that some potential Honors students will have tested into English 110, Math 117, or Math 150 by earning a qualifying score on the AP or IB test or completed the courses while in high school. These students should contact the Assessment Office for placement. (Conditional admission may be granted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Director).

How do I apply?

Applications for the Honors Program and a list of courses offered may be obtained from the Welcome Center in the Student Services Building or online at: <http://www.sbcc.edu/honors/website/honorsapp.pdf>

Official high school or college transcripts must be submitted with the applications. (Continuing students do NOT need to provide an SBCC transcript). Applications will not be accepted unless they are complete. The application, transcripts, AP/IB scores, if necessary and writing sample must be submitted to the Director. Once admitted, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete Honors 100 - Colloquium to continue in the program.

How do I earn the Honors Certificate?

The Honors Certificate of Achievement is a state approved program of study. To earn the Honors Certificate of Achievement you must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in honors courses and a minimum grade of B in each honors course (a maximum of one honors course may be completed with a 'C' grade). For the Honors: Humanities/Social Sciences Certificate you must complete six honors, not including HNRS 100, (16.5-24 units). For the Honors: Sciences/Mathematics Certificate you must complete a minimum of four honors courses, not including HNRS 100, (10.5-16 units), and four specified Science/Math courses (12-20.5 units). You must submit a certificate application, and upon completion of the program your SBCC transcript will have the designation of *Completed Honors Program*. You will also earn a parchment quality certificate for the SBCC Certificate of Achievement of the Honors Program (Highest Honors with 3.5 GPA in all course work completed at SBCC). Upon petition and subject to verification, up to two honors courses may be accepted from another accredited college.

Are there Transfer Agreements with Universities for the Honors Program?

UCLA and UCI offer priority admission consideration for students who complete the honors certificate at SBCC. For UCLA that priority is limited to all majors (except Communication) in the College of Letters and Science. If a student completes the honors certificate at SBCC and is admitted to UCLA, s/he can then apply for admission to UCLA's College Honors and will be admitted. UCSB guarantees admission to its honors program to students who complete the SBCC Honors Certificate with an

overall GPA of 3.6. If students fall short of the selection criteria for UCSC, completion of our honors certificate MAY allow them to be considered for admission as an exception. SBCC is a member of the Honors Transfer Council of California, the HTCC, which has agreements with other universities, such as Mills College.

Honors Courses: (for detailed course outlines see: <http://curr.sbcc.net/Curriculum/HONORS.htm>)

To access Honors courses in the online schedule of classes choose “Honors” as the “instructional method”.

- ART 104H--History of Art, Renaissance to Modern, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- ART 280ABC H--Topics in Art History, Honors (0.5, 1, 2) — CSU, UC
- ART 281BC H--Topics in Studio Art, Honors (1, 2) — CSU, UC
- BIOL 110H--Natural Science, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- COMM 121H--Interpersonal Communication, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- COMM 131H--Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- EARTH 101H--Introductory Astronomy, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- EARTH 111H--Dynamic Earth, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- ENG 110H--Composition and Reading, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- ENG 111H--Critical Thinking and Composition through Literature, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- ENG 111HG--Critical Thinking and Composition through Literature, Honors –Great Books (3) — CSU, UC
- ENG 226H--American Literature, Honors (3) CSU, UC
- ENG 282ABCD H--Topics in Literature, Honors (0.5-2) — CSU transferrable only
- FILMST 101H--Introduction to Film, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- HIST 102H--History of the United States, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- HIST 113H--History of Western Civilization: 1600 to Present, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- HIST 114H/ETHST 101H--The Immigrant Experience in the U.S., Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- HONORS 100--Honors Colloquium (.5) –non transferable
- MATH 117H--Elementary Statistics, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- (*UC Transfer Limit: MATH 117, 117H and PSYCH 150 combined: maximum credit, one course)
- MUS 110H--Music Appreciation, Honors (4) — CSU,UC
- PHIL 101H-- Introduction to Ethics, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- PHIL 102H--Comparative World Religions, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- PHYS 101H--Conceptual Physics, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- POLSC 106H--The Presidency and American Institutions, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- POLSC 134H--Political Violence, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- POLSC 151H--Law and Society, Honors (3) — CSU, UC
- PSYCH 100H--General Psychology, Honors (4) — CSU, UC
- SOC 101H--Introduction to Sociology, Honors (3) — CSU, UC

NOTE: All honors courses are limited with non honors courses at the UC. Credit is only given once.

Honors Courses TENTATIVE Schedule (Subject to Change)			
Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Fall 2013
Honors 100* (.5)	Honors 100* (.5)	Honors 100* (.5)	Honors 100* (.5)
Comm 131H (3)	Art 104H (4)	Comm 131H (3)	Art 104H (4)
Earth 101H (4)	Comm 121H (3)	Earth 101H (4)	Comm 121H (3)
English 110H (3) +120 (1)	Earth 111H (4)	English 110H (3) +120 (1)	Earth 111H (4)
English 111H (3)	English 110H (3) +120 (1)	English 111H (3)	English 110H (3) +120 (1)
English 226H (3)	English 111H (3)	English 226H (3)	English 111H (3)
English 282CH* (1.5)	English 282CH* (1.5)	English 282CH* (1.5)	English 282CH* (1.5)
Film 101H (4)	Film 101H (4)	Film 101H (4)	Film 101H (4)
History 102H (4)	History 113H (4)	History 102H (4)	History 113H (4)
Philosophy 101H (4)		Philosophy 101H (4)	
NOTES: Take Honors 100 first semester in program (required to continue). English 282H can only be used once for the certificate.			
*Honors 100 and English 282CH are not UC transferable. Wcp9.21.11			

For further information please contact:

Mr. Michael Medel, Admissions Outreach Director, Email: Medel@sbcc.edu 805-965-0581 x2201
 Dr. Melanie Eckford-Prossor, Director, Honors Program, Email: Prossor@sbcc.edu 805-965-0581 x3014 Office: IDC 311

Honors Website: www.sbcc.edu/honors