

# 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. (Honors Website: [www.sbcc.edu/honors](http://www.sbcc.edu/honors))

## **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. AP or IB test may also be used for placement; contact the Assessment Center.

## **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: [sbcc.edu/honors](http://sbcc.edu/honors). 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. (Conditional admission to the honors program may be granted at the discretion of the Director).

## **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. 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 <http://htcca.org/> which has agreements with CSU Fullerton, Stanislaus, SDSU, San Jose State (Engineering), Azusa Pacific, Chapman, La Sierra University, Loyola Marymount University, Mills College, Occidental College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, University of

San Diego and Whitman College. Some agreements are for priority consideration to the University, others are agreements from our Honors Program to theirs.

**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”.

ANTH 101H—Physical Anthropology, Honors (4)—CSU, UC  
ANTH 102H—Introduction to Archaeology, Honors (4)—CSU, UC  
ART 103H—History of Art, Prehistoric to Gothic, Honors (3)—CSU, UC  
ART 104H--History of Art, Renaissance to Modern, Honors (3) — CSU, UC  
BIOL 110H--Natural Science, Honors (4) — CSU, UC  
BLST 102H—The African-American in U.S. History from Civil Rights Movement to Present, 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 222H—Survey of British Literature, Honors (4)—CSU, UC  
ENG 226H--American Literature, Honors (3)--- CSU, UC  
ENG 282ABCD H--Topics in Literature, Honors (0.5-2) — CSU transferrable only  
ENG 292 H—Advanced Literary Analysis, Honors (2)---CSU, UC  
FILMST 101H--Introduction to Film, Honors (4) — CSU, UC  
GLST 101H—Introduction to Global Studies, Honors---PENDING approval  
HIST 102H--History of the United States, Honors (4) — CSU, UC  
HIST 110H—History of American Women, 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 Limit: MATH 117, 117H and PSYCH 150 combined: maximum credit, one course)  
MUS 110H--Music Appreciation, Honors (4) — CSU,UC  
PHIL 100H—Introduction to Philosophy, Honors (4) CSU, UC  
PHIL 101H-- Introduction to Ethics, Honors (4) — CSU, UC  
PHIL 102H--Comparative World Religions, Honors (3) — 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: Duplicate credit will not be awarded for both the honors and regular versions of a course at the UC.  
Credit will only be awarded to the first course completed with a grade of C or better.

**Tentative Honors Courses for SPRING 2018-only 9-10 courses will be offered (as of 6/14/17)**

ART 103H—History of Art, Prehistoric to Gothic (3)  
COMM 121H--Interpersonal Communication, Honors (3)  
EARTH 101H--Introductory Astronomy, Honors (4)  
ENG 110H Composition and Reading, Honors (3) + ENG 120 (1)  
ENG 111H--Critical Thinking and Comp. through Literature, Honors (3)  
ENG 222H—Survey of British Literature, Honors (4)  
ENG 292H—Seminar in English (2)  
FILMST 101H--Introduction to Film, Honors (4)  
HIST 102H--History of the US, 1865 to present, Honors (4)  
PHIL 101H-- Introduction to Ethics, Honors (4)  
PSY 100H—General Psychology, Honors(4)

NOTES: Take Honors 100 first semester in program (required to continue). If Honors 100 is full then take it second semester in program.

\*Honors 100 is not UC transferable.

**For further information please contact:** Admissions Outreach Services 805-730-4450 or  
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