

Santiago Canyon College Honors Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am an Honors Student in my current school. Does that status guarantee my admission to the Honors Program?
No, students from other Honors Programs are not guaranteed admissions to our program. Students need to meet the criteria of the Santiago Canyon College's Honors Program.
2. Do honors courses taken at other colleges count for the SCC honors program requirement?
A maximum of two Honors courses completed at another institution may be used toward completion of the SCC Honors Program
3. Is the weighted or non-weighted high school GPA used when determining eligibility?
We will use the overall or cumulative weighted GPA for grade 10-12.
4. Can I do an Honors contract?
No, not at this time
5. Does participation in the Honors Program guarantee admission to any universities?
Students who successfully complete the Honors Program at Santiago Canyon College are eligible for the Transfer Agreements with a variety of four-year institutions. These agreements vary from institution to institution. Click on The Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) transfer agreement page below to view and compare the guaranteed or preferential considerations offered by four year institutions: <http://htcca.org/directors-counselors-faculty/transfer-agreements/>
6. Am I likely to get a lower grade in an Honors course than in a regular course?
An honors course covers the same material as the non-honors version. The method of instruction is just more student driven and discussion oriented. You will have more interaction with your instructor and your peers which might actually improve your grade.
7. Are Honors course grades "weighted" like AP classes in high school?
No
8. What is Pre-selection?
This is an event held twice a year for Honors Program students to select and reserve their Honors classes for the following term. Procedures, dates and times are listed on the website.
9. Can I take more than one Honors course per semester?
The Honors Program does not limit the number of Honors classes that can be taken in one semester. However, students must take Honors classes in a minimum of two semesters to complete the program. In other words, students cannot complete the program in one semester.
10. If I have already successfully completed the non-honors version of a course, can I now take the honors version?
No. An honors course covers the same material as the non-honors version, so you have already received credit for that course.
11. Do I lose my credits if I decide to discontinue my participation in the Honors Program?
No. You will still receive credit for any honors courses that you completed and they will still show up on your transcript as honors courses.
12. What happens when my GPA falls below 3.0 or if I receive a D or an F in an Honors course?
Students with a cumulative GPA below a 3.0 or who receive a D or an F in an Honors class will be disqualified from the program.

Student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 anytime during their enrollment at SCC, or who receive a D or F in an Honors class will be disqualified from the Honors Program for the duration of their enrollment at SCC. Students may appeal disqualification from the Honors Program to the Honors Program Committee. Contact the Honors Program Counselor.

Students who earn a D or F in an Honors class may repeat the non-Honors version, but they will not be allowed to complete the Honors Program.
13. Are there opportunities in the Honors Program for presentations or publications?
The Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) holds an annual student research conference which gives students in community college honors programs the opportunity to present the results of their work. The annual conference is hosted at the University of California Irvine and takes place each spring.

14. How will my Honors courses be noted on my transcript?
Honors classes are identified on the transcript with an "H" after the course number.

15. What does "Semester Academic Honors" on a transcript mean?
An honors list is issued each semester from the Admissions and Records Office. Students are eligible by completing twelve or more units that semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or better. The students overall GPA must also be a 3.5 or better. This is not part of the Honors Program.

16. How can I prove that I have completed the Honors Program?
Students need to file the "Honors Program Completion Petition" with Admissions and Records. The petition and directions are available on the Honors Program website. After the petition has been received and all program requirements satisfied, "Honors Program Completion" will be posted on the student's transcript.

17. What is the difference between the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa
*Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honors Society with membership based mostly on GPA. Its purpose is to recognize academic excellence and achievement of students enrolled in two year colleges.
The SCC Honors Program is an academic program that has specific requirements to complete and has negotiated transfer agreements with certain universities.*

18. What academic honors might I receive at graduation?
Students who are completing the Honors Program and who are graduating from SCC (petitions needed for both of these) will have their names listed in a special section of the graduation program, will have an Honors Program completion designation posted on their transcript, and will receive an Honors gold cord to wear at graduation. In addition, students who are completing the program and who are graduating with a 3.5 GPA or higher will receive the President Scholar designation on their transcript, will be sited as a President Scholar in the graduation program, and will receive a stole to wear at graduation.

Questions already asked and answered on our website

- Why Honors?
- Are Honors classes more work?
- What is the mindset of Honors students?
- Who can enroll in Honors Courses?
- What re the benefits to students taking Honors classes?
- Why should I enroll in the Honors Program rather than just take Honors courses?
- What are the requirements to complete the Honors Program?