

What is a college Honors program?



- Academic enrichment program which may include:
 - Small seminar classes
 - Top faculty
 - Research and internship opportunities
 - Study abroad experiences
- Typically consists of a sequence of courses that supplement or substitutes general education or distribution requirements, including a capstone or thesis project.
- Found at community colleges, public & private colleges

How do students join an Honors program?

- At some colleges, students must complete an additional application
- At some colleges, admission applications are screened and then students are invited to participate in the program (typical of the UCs)
- At some colleges, students who aren't selected or invited to participate in the program may apply after matriculating and completing a semester or more of coursework at the college

What are the benefits of a college Honors program?



- Student-centered classes
- Specialized advising
- Priority registration
- Residential college or a special living-learning community
- Honors designation on transcript and/or diploma
- Transfer agreement guarantees
- Scholarships
- Sense of community

What is the difference between an Honors program and an Honors College?

- An Honors College usually represents one college in a multicollegiate institution
- “Best of both worlds” – liberal arts college experience with access to resources of a research university
- Sometimes the terms Honors Program and Honors College describe the same thing! You need to research.

Resources



- National Collegiate Honors Council:
<http://www.nchchonors.org/>
- *Peterson's Honor Programs and Colleges*, 4th ed. , 2005
- *The College Finder: Choose the School That's Right for You!* by Steven R Antonoff, Ph.D., 3rd ed., 2008 (Honors colleges listed under the section entitled “Academic Calendars, Consortiums, and More: What Kind of Learning Environment Do I Want?”)