University Honors

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The University Honors Program at California State University, San Bernardino offers a curriculum designed to meet the needs of highly motivated students who seek an exceptional, intellectually challenging experience. This program will add breadth, depth, and rigor to the student’s undergraduate course of study. Honors students are encouraged to take an active role in their own learning process, to think about problems they will face in creating the future, and to explore their roles in addressing these problems. Integration of subject material across the curriculum and interdisciplinary approaches to learning are essential goals of the program, as is emphasis on the cognitive development of the student. The curriculum challenges students to develop thinking skills and to use these skills in analyzing and evaluating problems of contemporary society. In doing so, the curriculum fosters a learning community that promotes student research, creativity, and innovation. Honors students will have:

- Personalized advising;
- Priority registration;
- The opportunity to participate in honors activities such as excursions, performances, and art exhibits;
- Honors courses in basic skills such as expository writing, oral communication, and critical thinking;
- Honors seminars which promote interaction among students and faculty;
- Honors courses in specific academic disciplines and interdisciplinary areas.

Admission to the Program

Incoming first-year and rising juniors or transfer students who have shown scholastic ability, intellectual promise, and creativity are encouraged to apply for the University Honors Program. Incoming first-year students will be given written invitation to apply to the University Honors Program based on strong performance in high school.

Rising juniors and transfer students who have remained consistently on the Dean’s List and/or have maintained a 3.5 overall grade point average in previous course work may apply to the program. These students should contact the University Honors Program for the application.

In addition, any faculty member identifying a student as one who has the potential to profit from the challenge of the program may sponsor a student into the program, with the approval of the Honors Committee.

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Requirements of the Program

To remain in good standing in the Honors Program, students are expected to maintain a grade point average of 3.3 ("B+") overall.

**Requirements for students completing Lower Division Honors (12)**

- HON 1000 Constructing Knowledge 3
- HON 1100 Writing Rhetorically 3

**Optional Honors GE Courses**

- HIST 1460H Honors History of the United States: Pre-Colonization to Present
- PSCI 2030H Government of the United States—Honors

**Requirements for students completing Upper Division Honors (11)**

- Six units from the following: 6
  - HON 3100 Natural Sciences and the Humanities
  - HON 3150 Natural Sciences and the Humanities Praxis
  - HON 3200 Social Sciences and Natural Sciences Seminar
  - HON 3250 Social Sciences and Natural Sciences Praxis
  - HON 3300 Social Science and the Humanities Seminar
  - HON 3350 Social Science and the Humanities Praxis

Students enroll concurrently in one pair of courses.

A senior project in a department 3

One unit from the following: 1

- HON 4100 Senior Research Workshop
- HON 4200 Collaborative Project Workshop
- HON 4500 Senior Research Symposium

Students earn University Honors by completing both Lower Division Honors and Upper Division Honors

**Total Units** 23