

Examples of Honors Program Courses

The following courses, run between Fall 2002 and Spring 2004, are typical of the Honors Program offerings over a two-year period:

Art 106H, History of Western Art II – Honors
Biology C105H, Concepts of Biology I – Honors
Biology C111H, General Biology I – Honors
Chemistry C111H, General Inorganic Chemistry I – Honors
Chemistry C113H, General Inorganic Chemistry II – Honors
English C101H, Freshman Composition – Honors
English C102H, Critical Thinking Through Literature – Honors
English C232H, Survey of British Literature II – Honors
History C103H, Western Civilization I – Honors
History C104H, Western Civilization II – Honors
History C131H, History of the United States I – Honors
History C132H, History of the United States II – Honors
Psychology C101H, General Psychology – Honors

Note: Not all courses are available every semester. At a minimum, the Honors Program offers four courses a semester, one each in the major subject areas of humanities, social science, science, and English.

“My real college experience started with Cerro Coso Honors program. It is within the small setting and friendly atmosphere of Honors discussions that I’ve discovered new and interesting points of view of my fellow students. I found out that I was looking forward to those weekly class sessions – engaging controversial discussions in Mr. Girardot’s class or fascinating experience of in-depth conversation with Dr. Rosenberg.”

–Ally Kroytor, graduated with Honors 2000, transferred to American University of Paris

“The increased intensity of the Honors courses stimulates and challenges my perspective on things. Along with other Honors students, together you delve deeper into the subject.”

– Christina Vega, graduated with Honors 2001

Scholarship Opportunities

Faculty Honors Scholarships for Continuing Students

The Faculty Honors Scholarship for a Continuing Student is awarded in the spring for a student continuing in the Honors Program for the fall and spring semesters of the following year or for a student who has completed the Honors Program and has been accepted at a four-year college or university. The scholarship awards \$500 in the fall semester.

Faculty Honors Scholarship for New Students

The scholarship is an award of \$500 to an excellent local high school graduating senior who has been accepted to the Cerro Coso Community College Honors Program and who attends Cerro Coso in the fall semester. To receive the scholarship, the recipient must remain eligible for acceptance into the program after awarding of spring grades.

For scholarship applications, please contact the Honors Coordinator at honors@cerrocoso.edu

For More Information

Visit our website at: <http://academic.cerrocoso.edu/honors>

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“Coming from UC Davis, I initially had low expectations for Cerro Coso. But when I joined the Honors Program, the personal attention that the professors gave and the intelligence that they displayed made me feel like I was attending a top-rate university with just 15 students.”

– Jeff Peoples, graduated with Honors 2002, transferred to Pomona College

Who is the Program For?

Students who have high educational goals and are interested in courses designed to appeal to the imagination and challenge the intellect will find the Cerro Coso Community College Honors Program the place to be. Students should apply to the Honors Program if they are stimulated by ideas, tend to be skeptical of definite answers or easy solutions, and are in pursuit of an education and not just a degree.

Benefits for Honors Students

- Priority admissions, extra scholarships, or other benefits because of transfer agreements signed with the Transfer Alliance Program at UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, San Diego State University (with priority registration for classes), Chapman University, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA), and Pacific University (Forest Grove, OR)
- Scholarship opportunities through the Cerro Coso Community College Program, the Honors Transfer Council of California, Whitman College, and other private universities.
- Priority registration at CCCC
- Small honors seminars, where students take a more active role in their learning and work closely with instructors to pursue topics of independent study.
- Close academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students
- Honors designation on the Associate Degree and all college transcripts
- Opportunity for letters of recommendation from Honors Program faculty for scholarships, transfer applications, and employment
- Honors receptions, special lectures, cultural events, tours of universities, and awards ceremonies

Eligibility For Honors Program

New Students

To be eligible for the Honors Program, a student must do one of the following:

- attain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average in all high school college prep and AP courses, with AP courses weighted according to UC standards.
- achieve an ACT score of 25 or a SAT score of 1150
- score well enough on the English placement test to enter English 101.

All new students must have two letters of recommendation from high school instructors or, in the case of home schooling, a letter from two persons knowledgeable about the student's ability.

Continuing College Students

To be eligible for the Honors Program, a continuing student must

- attain a 3.5 GPA or higher in transfer courses in at least 12 units of transferable courses at Cerro Coso or transfer school.

Note: a student may enroll in honors courses prior to acceptance into the Honors Program.

Completion Requirements

To be certified as an Honors transfer student or graduate, one must

- take a total of 16 or more units of Honors courses
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 in transfer-level courses
- meet the Cerro Coso graduation requirements or the transfer requirements to a four-year college. Note that Honors students intending to complete a major or IGETC package should discuss their plans with the Honors Program Counselor to make sure all requirements are met.

Application

To apply to the Honors Program, students must submit a completed application form to the Honors Coordinator or the Honors Program Counselor. If coursework was completed at another institution, transcripts must be provided.

High school students applying before their first year at Cerro Coso must submit a copy of their high school transcripts.

For further information and application forms, please contact the Honors Coordinator via email at honors@cerrococo.edu

"Coming from a country with a completely different system of university education, I have found the Honors Program at Cerro Coso intellectually exciting. By placing me among other students who bring passion and imagination to everything they do, who are inspired by ideas, and who are in pursuit of an education and not just the acquisition of a degree, the Honors Program has further stimulated my eagerness to embrace opportunities and challenges as well as utilize knowledge to explore the thoughts and ideas of others who were also not afraid to ask the question 'Why?'"

— Ana Petrovic, graduated with Honors 2001, winner of an HTCC Scholarship to Whitman College