

# Long Beach City College **Honors Program**

## FAQ

### What classes does the Honors Program offer?

Honors classes are general education classes that fulfill requirements for Plans A, B, and C.

### Do all of the General Education classes have an Honors section?

No, only selected classes. Most Honors classes transfer to UC and all fulfill requirements for Plans A, B, and C.

### I see an Honors class listed on Plan C (or B), but I don't see it in the schedule, when will it be offered?

Use the online schedule of classes rather than lists on the plans to set up your educational plan. There are a few Honors classes listed on Plans A, B, and C that have never been offered.

### Is every class offered every semester?

No, not all Honors classes are offered every semester. But most Honors classes are offered on a regular cycle. Here is the link to our previous schedules: <https://www.lbcc.edu/pod/honors-courses>. Honors classes offered during the fall semester one year are likely to be offered the next fall semester, and Honors classes offered during the spring semester are likely to be offered the next spring semester. Refer to the Schedule of Classes for current offerings.

### Are there any evening classes?

Each semester, at least one Honors class is offered in the evening.

### Are there any classes at PCC?

Sometimes a class is offered at PCC.

### Are there any online classes?

No, the Honors Program emphasizes the community and friendships that result from interacting with other students in small, traditional classes on campus.

### Are there any summer or winter classes?

There are no winter classes. In recent years, MUSIC 40H has been offered in the summer.

### Do I have to be a full-time student?

No, you don't need to be a full-time student to enroll in Honors.

## Can I take the Honors version of a class if I already completed the regular version?

According to state law, you may not repeat a course that you have already completed successfully. For example, if you already took English 1 before you joined the Honors Program, then you may not take English 1H.

## What is the class size of Honors classes?

An Honors class has between 13 and 24 students. Some Honors classes are offered in combination with regular sections of the same class; these classes will have a larger enrollment.

## Do you cap the number of students you admit to the Honors Program?

No, we don't. The Honors Program is becoming more popular, but so far we have been able to add additional classes in order to make this opportunity available for all students who are qualified and interested in joining us.

## If I decide that the Honors Program is not for me, can I change my mind without being penalized?

Yes. Just let us know. The only "penalty" is that you will not be enrolled in Honors courses.

## What if I can't complete five Honors courses?

You must complete five Honors courses with a GPA of 3.25 in order to complete the Honors Program, but if you are unable to complete five Honors courses, you will still have Honors designation on your transcript for each Honors course that you complete. You have access to all Honors privileges as long as you remain in good standing in the program.

## Can I skip a semester and not take an Honors class?

It is a program requirement that you take an Honors class each fall and spring semester. If for some reason you can't, then you must consult with the Honors Program Coordinator in order to qualify for a one-time waiver. Only students who are enrolled in an Honors class will have priority registration privileges.

## How many Honors classes may I take each semester?

All students take at least one Honors class each semester (fall and spring). Most students will have at least one semester with two Honors courses. We recommend no more than two Honors classes, but you may take as many as you want.

## Once I complete my five classes, am I still in the Honors Program?

As long as you are attending LBCC and maintaining a GPA of at least 3.25, you are considered part of the Honors Program, but you will only have Priority Registration during semesters when you are enrolled in at least one Honors course.

## Can I take more than five Honors classes?

Yes, you can take as many Honors classes as you want. The current record is 11 Honors classes.

## What is the difference between AGS, PTK, and the Honors Program?

AGS and PTK are honors societies. To find out more about either club, contact Student Life. The Honors Program is an academic program.

## Do I need to apply each semester?

No, once you are accepted into the program, you don't need to apply each semester to stay part of the program. As long as you take at least one Honors course each semester and maintain a GPA of at least 3.25, you remain in good standing with the Honors Program. If you ever feel that you might fail to meet these standards, please contact the Honors Program Coordinator to discuss your options for regaining your good status.

## What are the requirements for priority registration?

One of the benefits of the Honors Program is that Honors students who have completed at least one Honors course are eligible for priority registration. Students must be enrolled in an Honors course during the semester immediately before the semester in which they are registering. Priority registration is available in the fall and spring semesters only.

In order to be eligible, students must be in good standing with the Honors Program:

- Must maintain a GPA of at least 3.25 (courses taken C/NC are calculated as a C grade)
- Must enroll in at least one Honors course each fall and each spring semester
- Must be enrolled in an Honors course for the semester immediately before the current semester (spring enrollment to be eligible for fall priority registration and fall enrollment to be eligible for spring priority registration)
- Must complete English 1H and English 3H during first two semesters in the Honors Program
- May not withdraw from or fail (D or lower) Honors courses
- Must attend the Honors Program orientation session each year
- Must fill out and update Honors Program paperwork each year
- Must meet with an Honors counselor at least once each semester
- Must maintain standards of academic integrity and collegiality

In addition, Honors students must meet the college's requirements:

- Must have completed online orientation
- Must have an electronic Student Educational Plan (SEP) on file
- May not have completed 100+ units