

Long Beach City College Honors Program
Student Handbook



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HONORS PROGRAM

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The Honors Program

The Long Beach City College Honors Program consists of specialized General Education courses designed to develop academic ability and intellectual curiosity in highly motivated students as they prepare to transfer. Honors courses provide intensive instruction and challenging course work through close interaction with faculty to provide students with an enriched educational experience. The Honors Program also offers opportunities for cultural enrichment and participation in undergraduate research conferences.

Honors Classes

Honors classes are smaller than the traditional class. With no more than 24 students, students interact closely with Honors faculty who have created specialized curriculum to develop strong “high-level” cognitive skills such as problem solving, evaluation, synthesis, and independent thinking. These classes emphasize the writing and research that enables students to excel in upper division classes after they transfer. When students join the Honors Program, they become members of a community of scholars.



Benefits of the Honors Program

- Specialized Honors classes with low enrollment
- Priority registration (You are not eligible your first semester in the Honors Program—see the Priority Registration section below for eligibility requirements.)
- Access to Honors faculty and Honors Program staff
- Access to Honors study lounge and computers in the LAC library
- Personalized Honors academic counseling
- Regular Honors updates to keep you informed of campus events
- Enhanced preparation for upper division work
- Invitations to participate in workshops and transfer events
- Eligibility to participate in Honors research conferences
- Eligibility to submit to Honors publications
- Eligibility for scholarships
- Eligibility for priority consideration and other transfer agreements for transfer applications at select colleges and universities
- Honors designation on transcripts for Honors courses
- Honors transcript designation for those completing the program

Honors Counseling

LBCC Honors counselors provide specialized Honors counseling during the fall and spring semesters. Honors counseling is offered at the LAC counseling facilities in Building A. Students may make appointments in person in Room A-1111 or by calling (562) 938-4561.

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.

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

- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (courses taken C/NC are calculated as a C grade) in transfer-level classes
- Must maintain a GPA of at least 3.25 in all Honors classes taken
- Must enroll in at least one Honors course each fall and spring semester
- Must be enrolled in an Honors course for the semester immediately before the enrollment 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
- 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
- May not withdraw from or fail (grade D or lower) Honors courses

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

Honors Research Conference

Students in the Honors Program are eligible to submit proposals to the Honors Transfer Council of California Research Conference. Students present original research that they have carried out in LBCC Honors classes. Some students choose to make oral presentations. Others present posters that they have prepared.



The conference takes place each spring at UCI. Abstracts are due to the Honors Coordinator at the end of November.

Maintaining Honors Status

To remain in “good standing” with the Honors Program, a student must:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (courses taken C/NC are calculated as a C grade) in transfer-level classes.
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.25 in all Honors classes taken.
- Complete at least one Honors course each semester (fall and spring) with a grade of A, B, or C.
- Not withdraw from any Honors courses.
- Complete English 1H during your first semester in the program (unless you passed English 1 or equivalent before admission to Honors) and English 3H the semester immediately after you complete English 1H.
- Complete five Honors classes with at least a 3.25 GPA within three years of admission to the program.
- Maintain all standards of student conduct as specified in the Long Beach City College Catalog, especially those regarding academic integrity. Academic dishonesty (such as cheating or plagiarism) will result in dismissal from the Honors Program.
- Meet with an Honors Counselor at least once each semester. To make an appointment, call (562) 938-4561 or go to A-1111 (LAC).
- Attend one Honors orientation session each academic year.
- Maintain contact with the Honors Program office. This includes maintaining email contact, updating your email address, checking email, and responding to email requests in a timely manner.
- If you cannot meet any one of these requirements, contact the Honors Program Coordinator.

Probation

Students who fall out of good standing will be placed on “probation” for one semester so that they may have a chance to regain their good standing. Students who are on probation may enroll in Honors classes but are not eligible for priority registration.

Applying for Honors Certification

Honors Scholar

To earn Honors Certification, and “Honors Student” transcript designation, a student must complete each of the following requirements the spring before transfer and submit an application to the Honors Program by April 1:

- Complete at least five Honors classes.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 in transfer-level classes.
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.25 in all Honors classes taken.
- Obtain Honors Counselor certification that you have completed the lower division requirements stipulated by your transfer institution for general education and your major.

President’s Scholar

President’s Scholar is an additional honor given at graduation and noted on the transcript of students who exceed the “Honors Certification” standards in the following areas:

Students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 and an Honors GPA of at least 3.75 may apply for the President’s Scholar designation by April 1 of the spring semester of their final year before transfer.

