

**Long Beach City College Honors Program**  
**Student Handbook**



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**CITY COLLEGE**

**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.



## Admission

To be admitted to the Honors Program, a student must complete the following:

- Submit an application (available online <http://www.lbcc.edu/honors/>).
- Obtain two recommendations from instructors or counselors (Recommenders should fill out the recommendation form online <http://www.lbcc.edu/honors/>).
- Submit evidence of eligibility for English 1.
- Submit evidence of a GPA of at least 3.0. Please submit transcripts from all institutions attended. High school students with fewer than 9 units may submit high school transcripts. Unofficial copies are acceptable.

## Benefits of the Honors Program

- Specialized Honors classes with low enrollment
- Priority registration
- 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 newsletter 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

## Maintaining Honors Status

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

- Earn a GPA of at least 3.0 each semester.
- Complete at least one Honors course each semester.
- Complete English 1H during your first semester in the program (unless you passed English 1 or equivalent before admission) and English 3H the semester immediately after you complete English 1H.
- Complete five Honors classes with at least a 3.0 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) 938-4560/4561 or go to A-1111 (LAC).
- Attend one Honors Orientation 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.

## Honors Certification

To earn Honors Certification, and “Honors Student” transcript designation, a student must complete each of the following requirements the spring before transfer:

- Complete at least five Honors classes.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in transfer-level classes.
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 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:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 in transfer-level classes.
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 in all Honors classes taken.



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