



EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

HONORS CERTIFICATION PROCESS

FALL 2023

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

WHAT IS ELAC HONORS CERTIFICATION?

- STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE HONORS PROGRAM MAY QUALIFY FOR ELAC CERTIFICATION. STUDENTS WHO ARE HONORS CERTIFIED ARE GIVEN **PRIORITY ADMISSION CONSIDERATION** TO THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES:
- **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:** LOS ANGELES, RIVERSIDE, SANTA CRUZ AND IRVINE
- **PRIVATE CAMPUSES:** OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, PITZER COLLEGE, POMONA COLLEGE, CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, WHITMAN COLLEGE, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, AND MILLS COLLEGE, SMITH, GONZAGA, SCRIPPS, AND MORE.

PROGRAM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE CERTIFIED IN THE HONORS PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
 1. FIVE HONORS COURSES WITH A 3.0 AVERAGE GPA* OVERALL IN HONORS COURSEWORK.
 2. **LIB SCI 101 COLLEGE RESEARCH SKILLS, 1 UNIT (UC:CSU).** HONORS SECTIONS WILL BE OFFERED EVERY SEMESTER. (THIS IS A SEPARATE REQUIREMENT AND DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE FIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION).
 3. 3.0 AVERAGE GPA IN ALL LACCD AND EXTERNAL COLLEGE COURSEWORK COMPLETED.

***NOTE:** ONLY HONORS COURSES PASSED WITH A "C" OR HIGHER COUNT TOWARDS CERTIFICATION. HOWEVER, COURSES WITH A "D" OR "F" WILL FACTOR INTO THE HONORS GPA. (EXCEPTION: IF A COURSE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE GPA DUE TO COURSE REPETITION OR ACADEMIC RENEWAL, IT WILL NOT FACTOR INTO THE GPA).

PROGRAM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- IF HONORS DESIGNATED COURSES WERE TAKEN AT OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WE WILL COUNT TWO MAXIMUM TOWARDS HONORS CERTIFICATION AT ELAC.
- VERIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED THROUGH TRANSCRIPTS OR A LETTER OR EMAIL FROM THAT COLLEGE'S HONORS DIRECTOR.

WHEN DOES HONORS CERTIFICATION OCCUR?

- THE PROGRAM TYPICALLY CERTIFIES STUDENTS IN THE SEMESTER THEY ARE COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS. STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION IN ANY TERM. (NOTE: SEPARATE CERTIFICATIONS FOR UCI AND UCLA OCCUR ONLY IN THE SPRING SEMESTER)
- STUDENTS MAY REQUEST ELAC CERTIFICATION USING THE **HONORS CERTIFICATION REQUEST** FORM. THE FORM IS POSTED ON THE HONORS PROGRAM WEBSITE OR SEE A COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE FILLED-OUT FORM MAY BE DIRECTLY SENT TO CATHLEEN ROZADILLA, COUNSELOR AT ROZADICO@ELAC.EDU.
- ELAC HONORS CERTIFICATION IS FINALIZED AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER AFTER GRADES ARE POSTED.
- “HONORS PROGRAM CERTIFIED” WITH THE TERM WILL BE NOTED ON THE LACCD TRANSCRIPT. THIS NOTATION PROVIDES PROOF TO MOST COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES OF COMPLETION OF THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM.
- STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN HONORS PROGRAM CORD TO WEAR AT GRADUATION.

ADDITIONAL PROCESS FOR UC IRVINE TRANSFER HONORS (TH) AND HONORS TO HONORS (H2H)

- STUDENTS WHO APPLY TO UCI AND SEEK CREDIT FOR ELAC HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION WILL BE SENT A LINK TO AN ELECTRONIC FORM CALLED **“THE HTCC INTENT TO TRANSFER IN FALL 2024”**. *ONLY FILL OUT THE FORM IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO UCI FOR FALL 2024.*
- A LINK WILL BE SENT BY THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM IN THE FALL SEMESTER. YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
 - STUDENT NAME
 - EMAIL USED ON THE UC APPLICATION
 - UC APPLICATION ID (NOT UCI ID) AND
 - BIRTHDATE

THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO UCI BY THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM IN EARLY DECEMBER.

ADDITIONAL PROCESS FOR UC IRVINE HONORS TO HONORS (H2H):

- UCI HONORS TO HONORS IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH A GROUP OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WHERE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM MAY NOMINATE OUTSTANDING HONORS STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO UCI FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION FOR CAMPUSWIDE HONORS AND FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS. STUDENTS MUST BE ON TRACK TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE END OF SPRING PRIOR TO UCI ADMISSION AND HAVE A 3.7 OR HIGHER UC TRANSFERABLE GPA IN COURSES TAKEN AT ALL OTHER COLLEGES.
- ART, NURSING, AND MAJORS THAT REQUIRE AN AUDITION DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE H2H PARTNERSHIP.
- THIS ADDITIONAL PROCESS BEGINS IN JANUARY. **UCI** GIVES US ACCESS TO THE LIST OF QUALIFIED ELAC STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING FALL TERM. THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM WILL IDENTIFY APPLICANTS WHO ARE ON TRACK TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE END OF SPRING PRIOR TO ADMISSION.
- STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ANYTHING ADDITIONAL BEYOND THE ELECTRONIC HTCC INTENT TO TRANSFER FORM AS NOTED IN THE PREVIOUS SLIDE.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR UCLA TRANSFERS TRANSFER ALLIANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

- TAP HONORS CERTIFICATION GIVES A STUDENT PRIORITY **CONSIDERATION** FOR ADMISSION TO MAJORS AND ALTERNATIVE MAJORS IN UCLA'S COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ONLY. IF YOU CANNOT BE ADMITTED TO YOUR FIRST CHOICE MAJOR, UCLA WILL SCREEN FOR ELIGIBLE ALTERNATE MAJORS IF LISTED ON YOUR UC APPLICATION.
- UCLA SPECIALTY SCHOOLS **DO NOT** PARTICIPATE IN TAP (I.E., THE SAMUELI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE, THE HERB ALPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THE SCHOOL OF NURSING, AND THE SCHOOL OF THEATER, FILM AND TELEVISION).
- STUDENTS WHO APPLY TO **UCLA** AND ARE ON TRACK TO COMPLETE THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM BY THE END OF SPRING PRIOR TO FALL ADMISSION, WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY OUR PROGRAM. UCLA TAP CERTIFICATION OCCURS IN FEBRUARY/MARCH.
- THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM WILL SEND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AN EMAIL IN FEBRUARY WITH A LINK TO THE **UCLA APPLICANT AGREEMENT** FORM. THIS ELECTRONIC FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED BEFORE THE CERTIFICATION CAN BE FINALIZED BY THE PROGRAM.
- STUDENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE UCLA TAP PROGRAM.
- THE FALL 2023 ADMIT RATE FOR TAP CERTIFIED STUDENTS WAS **81%**. FOR NON-TAP STUDENTS: **26%**.

TRANSCRIPTS/AP SCORES

PLEASE SEND OFFICIAL COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE
ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

- OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS (TO VERIFY IGETC 6A LOTE AREA)
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FOR ALL NON-LACCD COLLEGES ATTENDED.
- COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORE REPORT

HAVING ALL TRANSCRIPTS ON FILE WILL MAKE THE PROCESS OF
APPLYING FOR HONORS CERTIFICATION, GRADUATION, ADVANCED
PLACEMENT CREDIT, AND CSU GE/IGETC CERTIFICATION EASIER!

COUNSELING

FOR GENERAL ADVISEMENT, GRADUATION/TRANSFER AND
CERTIFICATION CHECKS, STUDENT EDUCATIONAL PLANS, ETC.,
HONORS STUDENTS MAY SEE ANY COUNSELOR AT ELAC.

EMAIL CONTACT

- WE WILL USE YOUR DISTRICT ISSUED EMAIL TO CONTACT YOU.
- EXAMPLE: **HUSKYJ1301@STUDENT.LACCD.EDU**
- YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL WILL BE ONLY USED IF WE CANNOT GET IN CONTACT WITH YOU.
- **REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR LACCD EMAIL ADDRESS!!**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WILL I BE DROPPED FROM THE PROGRAM IF I DON'T TAKE A COURSE MY FIRST SEMESTER? **NO. MANY NEW STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR COURSES AND ARE NOT ABLE TO FIT IN AN HONORS COURSE THEIR FIRST SEMESTER.**
2. DO I NEED TO BE ENROLLED IN AN HONORS COURSE EVERY SEMESTER? **NO. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD ENROLL IN AT LEAST ONE HONORS COURSE PER ACADEMIC YEAR. IF YOU DO NOT ENROLL IN AN HONORS COURSE FOR TWO-THREE CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS, YOU MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE PROGRAM.**
3. DO I HAVE TO TAKE LIB SCI 101 MY FIRST SEMESTER? **NO, BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED TO TAKE THE COURSE YOUR FIRST YEAR.**
4. IF I ALREADY COMPLETED THE NON-HONORS SECTIONS OF LIB SCI 101, WILL I NEED TO REPEAT THE COURSE AGAIN AS AN HONORS SECTION? **NO. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RETAKE A PASSED COURSE. ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, WE WILL ACCEPT THE NON-HONORS COURSE SECTION AS MEETING THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

5. HOW DO I REFLECT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM ON MY UNIVERSITY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS?

CSU APPLICATION: CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FIELD IN THE CSU APPLICATION TO INDICATE PARTICIPATE ON ON ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS.

UC APPLICATION: PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE INDICATED WITHIN THE SECTION A CALLED “ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS”. HONORS COURSE SECTIONS MAY ALSO BE LISTED UNDER “ADDITIONAL COMMENTS” SECTION.

COMMON APPLICATION: PARTICIPATION CAN BE LISTED UNDER THE “EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT” SECTION.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION ABOUT HONORS GRADUATION CORDS

6. DOES THE ELAC HONORS PROGRAM PROVIDE THE DEAN'S AND PRESIDENT'S HONORS LIST CORDS FOR GRADUATION? **NO. THE HONORS PROGRAM ONLY PROVIDES A CORD FOR HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM. "ACTIVE" IS DEFINED AS HAVING COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE HONORS COURSE WITH A "B" AND HAVE MAINTAINED A 3.0 GPA. THE HONORS PROGRAM CORDS ARE GIVEN THROUGH THE HONORS PROGRAM CENTER IN E3.**

THE DEAN'S AND PRESIDENT'S HONORS LIST ARE SCHOLASTIC AWARDS GIVEN BY THE COLLEGE. GRADUATION CORDS FOR THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN BY THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE (F5-212). STUDENTS MUST SHOW A COPY OF UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AS PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE THE DEAN'S/PRESIDENT'S HONORS CORD.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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- FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING HONORS CERTIFICATION:
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