

HONORS STUDENT TRANSFER ALLIANCE (HSTA)

San Diego State University Honors Program and Honors Transfer Council of California

Expectations and Goals

1. Strengthen ties between Honors/Scholars Programs at SDSU and the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) colleges
2. Serve the needs of academically motivated students
3. Increase the transfer rate of well-prepared students
4. Support cooperation between San Diego State University and HTCC colleges

Implementation

The SDSU Honors Program will:

1. Extend SDSU Honors Program privileges for HTCC college honors transfer students who have been accepted into SDSU, who have a minimum of nine units of community college Honors/Scholars Program credit with a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA, and who meet the published application deadlines for the SDSU Honors Program (Specific deadlines are available on the SDSU Honors Program Web page).
2. Recognize and apply Honors/Scholars Program course credit from HTCC colleges toward the SDSU Honors Program requirements. Honors transfer students must take a minimum of ten honors units at SDSU. HTCC college transfer students can apply up to 9 units of honors credit upon approval from the Honors Advisor.
3. Confer credit for the SDSU Honors Program study abroad requirement for HTCC college honors transfer students who have completed an international study abroad experience at the community colleges.
4. Provide pre-transfer honors advising to eligible Honors/Scholars Program students seeking admission to the SDSU Honors Program.
5. Disseminate information about the HSTA alliance to the HTCC Vice President of Transfer Affairs and participate in information meetings at HTCC colleges when feasible.
6. Disseminate information and application instructions concerning scholarships for which transferring Honors/Scholars students may be eligible.
7. Facilitate contact, when feasible, between Honors/Scholars Program students at the community colleges and Honors Program students at SDSU.

HTCC colleges will:

1. Identify and contact a potential transfer student population that satisfies the Honors/Scholars Program criteria of the community college and the SDSU Honors Program criteria: admission to SDSU, a minimum of nine units of Honors Program credit and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
2. Offer enriched general education Honors courses. Enrichment is understood to include challenging writing assignments and enhanced critical thinking and research skills in an intellectually stimulating classroom environment.
3. Assure that the class size of Honors/Scholars Program courses fosters the enrichment expected in such a program.
4. Provide timely and regular counseling to students in the Honors/Scholars program and monitor their progress toward transfer.
5. Disseminate current information on requirements for admission to the SDSU Honors Program and facilitate the application process for Honors/Scholars students.

Inter-institutional Activities:

1. Participating institutions will encourage inter-institutional student participation in transfer orientation, Honors Program student events and HTCC college and SDSU academic, cultural, and athletic events.
2. To continue developing the HSTA alliance, the SDSU Honors Program Director and the HTCC Vice President of Transfer Affairs will maintain contact to re-evaluate the agreement, and to address mutual concerns such as articulation, student selection and assessment, and policy development.

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