

HONORS PROGRAM

General Information:

A student must complete either eight courses or twenty-four units of Honors work with a minimum 3.3 GPA in all University of California transfer courses in order to obtain transcript certification for the Pierce College Honors Program and for the UCLA College of Letters and Science Transfer Alliance Program (TAP). In addition, ***THE TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TO WHICH THE STUDENT IS TRANSFERRING MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED.***

We strongly advise all Honors Program students to meet with a counselor and formulate an Education Plan the first semester they attend Pierce as well as meet with a counselor regularly. This can ensure a timely and successful transfer to the college or university of your choice.

The twenty-four unit requirement can be completed by a combination of the following options; however, **four formal Honors courses must be included:**

a) *Honors Courses*

Honors students must complete at least four (4) formal Honors courses in order to be certified as having completed the Pierce College Honors Program requirements. Because of their value, it is strongly suggested that students take additional Honors courses.

Once you have been admitted to the Pierce College Honors Program, only Honors courses taken at Pierce College will be counted for credit towards the twenty-four unit requirement.

b) *Honors Contracts*

In addition, courses can be taken by "Honors Contract." ***Honors Contracts are due in the Honors office no later than the Friday of the FIFTH week of class for semester classes, the first Friday of winter and summer classes. No exceptions will be made to this deadline. It is your responsibility to be sure the contract arrives by the deadline.*** These courses must be transferable to the University of California and listed on the IGETC (with noted exceptions) and the consent of the instructor is required. The student must achieve at least a "B" grade in the course in order to receive Honors credit, as well as complete the assignment to the minimum standards of the professor as well as those outlined and attached to the Honors contract. ***Credit should appear on your transcript within approximately eight weeks after your grade has been posted and a copy of the assignments, where appropriate, are submitted to the Honors Program Office.***

THESE COURSES CAN BE TAKEN ONLY AT PIERCE COLLEGE

c) *Business, Math and Science Courses*

Up to twelve (12) units of the twenty-four unit requirement may be met by the following business, science and math courses:

Accounting 2	Biology 6	Chemistry 101	Math 261	Physics 101
	Biology 7	Chemistry 102	Math 262	Physics 102
		Chemistry 211	Math 263	Physics 103
		Chemistry 212	Math 270	
		Chemistry 221	Math 275	

The science and math courses listed above are **NOT** Honors courses and will not be designated as Honors courses on transcripts or records, but they can fulfill up to twelve of the twenty-four unit certification requirement. A minimum grade of "B" is required for certification credit. Because these courses automatically *qualify* for unit certification, ***they may NOT be taken as "Honors Contracts."*** *These courses can be taken only at Pierce College. CERTIFICATION does not happen automatically.* For details about the certification process, please contact Honors Program staff early in the semester in which you are applying to transfer.

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