



Leon S. Peters Honors Program

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History and Background

The Honors Program was founded by the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District in 1987, and was named in honor of Leon S. Peters, who endowed a trust to assist in funding the enrichment activities and other special features of the program. Peters was a local entrepreneur and industrialist, who owned and operated several local enterprises, most notably Valley Foundry. Peters was famous for his philanthropy and his efforts to sponsor talented local students. Peters had a vision of a community college program that would prepare local students to gain admission and transfer to the most selective universities. Since 1987, the Leon S. Peters Honors Program has prepared local students for successful admission to many of the most selective and prestigious institutions in the state and nation. Graduating Honors students have also qualified for numerous competitive transfer scholarships. The program and its students have received state, regional, and national awards, such as the All U.S.A. Academic Team Awards and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's Five Star and Hallmark Awards.

Your Invitation to Excellence

Students who qualify and are accepted to enter the Honors Program benefit from the experience, regardless of major, because of a specially selected curriculum that is set within the framework of the transfer program of all University of California and California State University campuses. Honors courses are innovative and reflect the instructors' interest in and commitment to students' academic, intellectual, cultural, and social development.

Considerations for Acceptance

Entrance Requirements:

- High school G.P.A. of 3.5 (4.00 scale), **or**
- Graduation from high school in the top 25th G.P.A. percentile, **or**
- Combined scores of 1200 on the SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT.
- *[Or 3.3 college G.P.A. for current college students who have completed at least 12 transfer-level college units]*
- **and** Eligibility for English 1A

Application requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation, **and**
- Superior performance on an essay.

Special Features That Enrich Honors Study

- **Honors Colloquium Courses**
Honors colloquium courses are special interdisciplinary classes designed to bring Honors Program students together to explore topics or themes that allow students the opportunity to integrate the knowledge obtained from Honors courses. Current colloquia include the following emphases: Science, Humanities, Business/Economics/Accounting, Social Science, and Phi Theta Kappa Study Topics and leadership.
- **Phi Theta Kappa**
Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. The organization stresses scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. The national organization supports local chapters and develops an annual study topic. Renowned scholars prepare the course outline and study topic materials.
- **Alpha Gamma Sigma**
Alpha Gamma Sigma is the California Community College Scholastic Honors Society. The purposes of AGS are to promote scholastic excellence and cultivate civic responsibility. Applications are available on the Fresno City College Honors website and in the Social Science Division office.

Program Benefits for Honors Students

- Earn a Certificate of Honors at graduation and recognition of Honors courses on transcripts
- Study with experienced and highly-qualified faculty
- Receive educational counseling and transfer assistance from specially trained Honors counselors
- Faculty mentors
- Receive priority for early registration of classes
- Obtain advice on scholarships and other financial opportunities
- Participate in cultural, social, and intellectually stimulating educational activities
- Qualify for priority acceptance at a University of California or California State University campus
- Eligible to apply for the Leon S. Peters Honors Scholarship

The Honors Program Curriculum (subject to change)

A Certificate of Honors will be awarded to students who successfully complete a minimum of 17 Honors course credits, including two colloquia units, with an overall G.P.A. of 3.2.

First Semester Required Course		Units
English 1AH	Honors Reading and Composition	4

Elective Courses: Select 11 Units		Units
Accounting 4AH	Honors Financial Accounting	4
Anthropology 2H	Honors Cultural Anthropology	3
Art 5H	Honors Art History I	3
Art 6H	Honors Art History II	3
Biology 3H	Honors Principles of Biology	4
Biology 11AH	Honors Biology For Science Majors	5
Business Administration 10H	Honors Introduction to Business	3
Economics 40H	Honors Introduction to Microeconomics	3
Economics 50H	Honors Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
English 3H	Honors Critical Reading and Writing	3
History 1H	Honors Western Civilization to 1648	3
History 2H	Honors Western Civilization since 1648	3
History 12H	History of the United States since 1877	3
Humanities 10H	Honors Classical Humanities	3
Humanities 11H	Honors Modern Humanities	3
Philosophy 1AH	Honors Theories of Knowledge and Reality	3
Political Science 2H	Honors American Government	3
Psychology 2H	Honors General Psychology	3
Sociology 1AH	Honors Introduction to Sociology	3

Honors Colloquia: Select 2 Units		Units
Honors 1A	Science Colloquium	1
Honors 1C	Modern Humanities Colloquium	1
Honors 1D	Business, Economics, and Accounting Colloquium	1
Honors 1E	Social Science Colloquium	1
Honors 1F	Phi Theta Kappa Colloquium	1

Requirements to Remain in Good Standing in the Honors Program

- Enroll in at least one Honors course each semester
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.2