

LEON S. PETERS HONORS PROGRAM

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 the students' academic, intellectual, cultural, and social development.

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

- G.P.A. of 3.50 (4.00 scale), or
- G.P.A. ranking within the top 25th percentile of your high school class, or
- Score of 1200 on the revised SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- Complete at least 3 transfer-level college units, and
- College G.P.A. of 3.30

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

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

REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING IN THE HONORS PROGRAM:

- Enroll in at least 3 units of Honors courses each semester
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average 3.20





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
- Improved opportunities for 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 15 Honors course credits, including at least one colloquium unit, with an overall GPA of 3.2.

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

Students who have completed ENGL 1A or equivalent should choose 15 units from elective courses.

Elective Courses		Units
ANTHRO 2H	Honors Cultural Anthropology	3
ART 5H	Honors Art History I	3
ART 6H	Honors Art History II	3
BIOL 11AH	Honors Biology for Science Majors	5
COMM 8H	Honors Group Communication	3
ECON 40H	Honors Introduction to Microeconomics	3
ECON 50H	Honors Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
ENGL 3H	Honors Critical Reading and Writing	3
HIST 12H	History of the United States since 1877	3
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
MATH 11H	Honors Elementary Statistics	4
PHIL 1AH	Honors Theories of Knowledge and Reality	3
PHIL 1CH	Honors Ethics	3
PHIL 2H	Honors Critical Reasoning and Analytic Writing	3
POLSCI 2H	Honors American Government	3
PSY 2H	Honors General Psychology	3
SOC 1AH	Honors Introduction to Sociology	3