



# HONORS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### PROGRAM IS BY SPECIAL APPLICATION ONLY

To complete the Honors Enrichment Program, students must complete a minimum of 15 credits in 5 honors courses that stress in-depth study, research, and challenging exploration of various areas of study. The 15 honors credits also count toward a student's credits leading to the Associate in Arts degree or the Associate in Science degree and are transferable as students continue their education toward a higher degree at a senior university. Honors courses are listed alphabetically by subject.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Students need to complete an Honors Enrichment Program application to apply to become a member of the program. The application must be accompanied by the following information:**

1. Transcripts (Unofficial college or official High School)
2. Personal statement
3. Education Plan or list of several classes that the student can take as honors
4. Evidence of enrollment in or completion of English 101 (via transcript), or signed pledge indicating planned enrollment in English 101 during first semester in the program (included at end of application).

**Students will select one of the following options listed on the application to apply to Honors:**

### **Recommendation and Meeting Option:**

- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or principal familiar with your academic work. The letter should specifically reference the student's critical thinking skills.
- Brief meeting with one of the Honors Co-Directors.

### **Portfolio and Meeting Option:**

- Portfolio of work that includes a minimum of 3 items that demonstrate their academic potential. Items in the portfolio may include (but are not limited to) writing samples, artwork, performance pieces, news reports, and multimedia presentations.
- Brief meeting with one of the Honors Co-Directors.

### **Qualifying GPA and Contact Names:**

- Transcript must indicate qualifying GPA (3.5 unweighted GPA for high school, or 3.3 GPA for college-level coursework), or SAT 1890 (out of 2400), or SAT 1260 (out of 1600) or ACT 28 (out of 36).
- Names and contact information of two MSJC faculty members who will comment on behalf of the student's application to the program, or a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or principal familiar with the student's academic performance.

### **Veteran Status:**

- Veteran or Active Duty in the US Military.
- Signature of MSJC Veterans Center Staff on the Honors application.

## Completion Requirements

- Completion of Honors Enrichment Seminar with a letter grade of "C" or better
- Completion of 4 additional courses in a minimum of 3 disciplines with a letter grade of "C" or better
- Completion of English 101 or 101H by the first semester in the program
- Completion of Math 96 by the second semester in the program
- Maintenance of a 3.0 GPA in all honors course work
- Maintenance of the qualifying GPA
- Completion of 200 Honors points for participation in recognized honors events (see website for details)

Benefits for the honors students include close interactions between students in the program and professors, challenging courses with fellow honors students, the exploration of current issues in the interdisciplinary seminar, and specific guidance from counselors and faculty advisers concerning the course of studies most suitable for transferring to a four-year university and for achieving professional objectives. Upon completion of the program, honors students are actively recruited by public and private universities, often offered scholarships, and frequently given special university-admissions consideration because of



Mt. San Jacinto College's honors transfer alliances with major universities. Honors students also attend and participate in honors conferences, and have publication opportunities in *Scribendi*, the Western Regional Honors Council publication dedicated to student work as well as the annual edition of *Building Bridges: Selected Abstracts of the HTCC Student Research Conference*.

### To Apply To The Program

Complete the Honors Enrichment Program application available at stands in the Counseling Offices, Learning Resource Centers and directly from the Honors Enrichment Program Coordinators as well as online from the program website ([www.msjc.edu/honors](http://www.msjc.edu/honors)). Submit application and required documentation to either Honors Enrichment Program Coordinator or drop off at either Learning Resource Center. Applications are accepted year-round. (Please see page heading for contact information).

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Improve transfer opportunities for student members.
- Develop lifelong skills that can be used both inside and outside the classroom, including such skills as critical thinking, scholarly writing, research and presentation skills.
- Foster a community of scholars, both faculty and students, who support the educational endeavors of Honors students.

