

## Academic Transfer Awards

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Recognize students who have demonstrated scholarship in particular fields of study. Many community college students in academic transfer programs do not declare majors. However, El Centro College realizes that it is fortunate to have a number of students who take twelve or more hours in one field of study or in related fields. The El Centro faculty believes these students should be recognized for their hard work. Perhaps when transferring to a four year college or university, many of them will major or minor in the fields in which they have earned twelve or more hours of credit at El Centro. There are TWO categories of Academic Transfer Awards.

### Discipline Studies Awards Discipline

Studies Awards focus on one particular subject and may include English, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, Speech, Sociology, and History.

### Interdisciplinary Studies Awards

Interdisciplinary Studies Awards include several sub-topics within major fields of study including Performance Arts (Drama, Music, and Dance Performance Courses); Physical Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or approved others); Social Sciences (Sociology, History, Government, plus a second course in one of these)

### How do I apply?

When you are in your final course required for an award, ask your instructor or the division secretary for an "Academic Transfer Awards Application."

You may also obtain an application from Wanda Downing Jones, office A542. Complete the application and return it to your instructor, the division secretary, or Mrs. Jones.

What do I have to do to qualify for one or more of these awards?

- Complete a total of twelve (12) credit hours of selected academic courses with a minimum grade of a "C" in each course.
- Complete all courses for the award with a five (5) year time span.
- Complete at least nine (9) credit hours of the required courses at El Centro with the final course in the series taken at El Centro the semester the degree is awarded.
- Understand that no course may be counted more than once for an El Centro Academic Transfer Award.
- For an Interdisciplinary Award:
  - Take at least one (1) course in each of the areas listed under the award on the reverse side of this flyer.
  - The fourth course is a second semester of study in any of the listed courses.

What are the benefits to me for earning such an award?

- You will receive a certificate, suitable for framing and signed by college officials recognizing your achievement.
- You will be recognized during our Student Recognition Day assembly.
- You will be well on your way to a major or minor when you transfer.
- You will have the opportunity to explore a field of some interest to you in some depth before you transfer.
- You will study with classmates with like interests and educational goals.

## HONORS & AWARDS

If you have any questions, contact

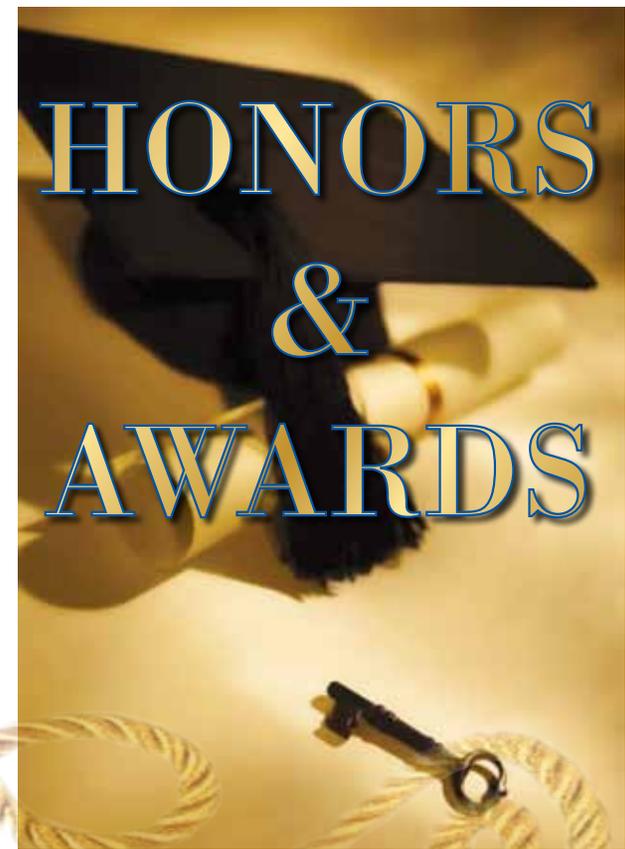
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## Honors at El Centro College

**Honors Program** - The Honors Program has been in existence at El Centro College since 1986, providing the outstanding student with special challenges and opportunities for intellectual and personal growth. Students have the opportunity to earn honors credit in almost any non-developmental course. The program offers additional, in-depth study in a particular field and encourages participants to establish frequent interaction with instructors and other students with similar interests. The Honors Program includes classes in which students may receive Honors credit that is annotated on transcripts. In addition, Honors Scholars receive special acknowledgement at graduation.

**Honors Credit** - When a student is awarded "honors credit" in a class, that class is annotated on the student's permanent academic transcript with a pound sign (#). In addition, the student is awarded an honors certificate, signed by the college president and the instructor. The certificate is suitable for framing.

**Honors Scholars** - Honors Scholars must take at least four Honors courses in at least two divisions in addition to the Honors Capstone Humanities 1302 class. Honors Scholars must also maintain a B average in all work done at the college. Honors Scholars receive a plaque and special recognition at commencement. A notation is made on transcripts to attest to graduation as Honors Scholars. Honors Scholars must inform the Honors Director at least three months prior to graduation.

**Honors Courses** - contain ONLY honors students. They have a section number of 5050 or 5051, and are marked in the schedule as Honors ONLY or Honors class. Additional test scores or GPA levels are required.

**Honors Option Courses** - include both honors and non-honors students in the same class sections. The honors students work independently with the instructor on honors projects. Classes

with established honors options may indicate this in the class schedules, but almost any non-developmental studies course may have an honors option component with permission of the instructor. If interested in an Honors Option, please consult with your instructor. The instructor can contact Mr. Bob Chambers or Dr. Mark Thames for contracts and suggestions about offering Honors Options in their classes.

### In what disciplines are honors/honors option courses offered?

Instructors of art, English, philosophy, religion, humanities, sociology, government, history, speech, and sonography generally offer honors options on a regular basis. In addition, accounting, anatomy and physiology, biology, invasive cardiovascular technology, nursing, radiography, Spanish, psychology, and statistics instructors have offered honors options. El Centro College and the Honors Committee are dedicated to expanding the Honors Option opportunities. Ask your instructor if they are willing to offer an Honors Option on a student by student basis.

**How do I apply for Honors Option?** The Honors Committee chairs will provide the Honors Option contract to the instructor. The instructor and the student decide on the work needed to fulfill the Honors Option. The contract describes the work to be done and when the work should be completed, and is signed by both student and instructor. Copies of the contract are given to the instructor, student and the Honors chair. If the work is not completed, the student will receive a non-honors grade in this class but no penalty.

### What advantages are there to being in the Honors Program?

The Honors Program usually has a special program and/or luncheon during the semester. Students have also reported that participation in the Honors Program has been an asset to them on resumes, scholarship opportunities, and admission into highly competitive university programs.

### What are the criteria for a student to be an Honors student or qualify for Honors option?

A student must meet ONE requirement in any TWO of the following categories to qualify for the program:

#### CATEGORY A

- 3.5 overall final GPA from high school (must be supported by a high school transcript)
- 3.5 GPA on college level work attempted so far (with less than 30 hours)
- 3.25 GPA earned on all collegiate work attempted to date (with more than 30 hours)
- Be in the top 10% of high school class (entering students only)

#### CATEGORY B

- 85 score on Accuplacer reading plus 8 on the writing sample
- 1177 score (combined) on the SAT (no older than 5 years)
- 27 score (enhanced) on the ACT (no older than 5 years)
- 1894 score on the TAAS writing test and 95 on the TLI reading test

#### CATEGORY C

- Recommendation from an El Centro instructor.
- Demonstration of other special abilities or completion of exemplary projects
- Participation in other collegiate honors programs

