

Agreement for an Academic Partnership between  
The Honors Transfer Council of California and  
The University Honors Program at  
La Sierra University

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the academic ties between California community colleges in the HTCC and the La Sierra University Honors Program in an effort to develop greater curricular continuity, encourage more community college honors students to transfer to La Sierra University and alleviate student concerns about course transferability as they prepare to enroll at the University. This agreement will be effective as of the date of signing.

**The La Sierra University Honors Program Will:**

1. Provide transfer honors students with an academically enriched program that includes a special opportunity to work closely with some of the university's most distinguished professors, smaller class sizes, special advising and mentoring support, participation in a community involvement project, an international experience, and an opportunity to participate in a culminating senior project and presentation of that academic work.
2. Provide priority admission to transfer Honors Students who apply by the preferred deadline, paying special attention to honors courses taken at HTCC member schools, and guaranteed admission to the Honors Program for transfer Honors students who have a GPA of 3.75 or higher who are admitted to La Sierra University.
3. Provide priority consideration for admission to the Honors Residence Hall for those who apply by the preferred deadline, in which single occupancy rooms are provided for the price of double-occupancy rooms.
4. Cooperate on an ongoing basis with the Honors Transfer Program to provide its eligible students with beneficial services such as campus tours of La Sierra University, information workshops, financial aid and scholarship information, transfer counseling, pre-admission advising, faculty guest lectures, library privileges and invitations to cultural events.
5. Disseminate information about the HTCC agreement and participate in informational meetings at participating community colleges whenever feasible.
6. Provide La Sierra University on-site library privileges to Honors Students participating in a community college Honors/Scholars Programs (some paperwork but no fees will be required)
7. Distribute to community colleges, in a timely manner, updated applications and candidate requirements each year, including recommended courses to facilitate transfer to the La Sierra University Honors Program.
8. Provide institutional research on the success of the Honors Transfer Program students in order to facilitate program evaluation
9. Provide GPA-based scholarships (starting at \$1500 for the 2002-03 academic year) and Program based scholarships such that students are counted as having been in the Honors Program from the term they first took an Honors course at the HTCC member college (for example, a transferring Junior from the HTCC in the 2002-2003 academic year would be eligible for \$990 in scholarships instead of \$330). It is intended that the amount of these scholarships will gradually increase, see "La Sierra University Honors Student Scholarships" for details.

**Participating Community Colleges Will:**

1. Provide students in the honors transfer program with information about the La Sierra University Honors Program, so that interested students may select courses with the objective of transferring in mind
2. Provide La Sierra University with the names, contact information, and majors or career interests of those students who are expected to complete the Honors Transfer Program and who meet minimum qualifications at participating community colleges so that La Sierra University may contact them and provide them with information on the program and an application to the University Honors Program
3. Explore, on an ongoing basis, ways that the Honors Transfer Program at participating community colleges and the La Sierra University Honors Program can cooperate to the mutual benefit of all programs
4. Offer enriched general education honors courses open to students who meet the admissions criteria. Enrichment is understood to include challenging writing assignments and enhanced critical thinking and research skills in an intellectual stimulating classroom environment.
5. Assure that the class size of Honors/Scholars program courses are small enough to foster the enrichment expected in such a program
6. Provide timely and regular counseling to students in the Honors/Scholars programs and monitor their progress toward transferring each semester
7. Facilitate visits by La Sierra University Honors Program students, faculty, and staff to explain and promote their program to Honors/Scholars students.

**Inter-Institutional Activities:**

1. Program Directors at La Sierra University and the participating community colleges will develop informational workshops to address mutual concerns such as articulation, student selection and assessment, and policy development.
2. Participating institutions will encourage inter-institutional student participation in transfer orientation, Honors Program student events and appropriate La Sierra University campus academic, cultural and athletic events.
3. In the interest of continuing to develop and improve this agreement, program directors at La Sierra University and the participating community colleges will meet up at regular intervals to re-evaluate the agreement.

For Honors Transfer Council of California:

President

Vice President, Transfer Affairs

Date

For La Sierra University:

Director, University Honors Program

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date