

Two options for Honors at Sierra College

(Students can choose to participate in either one or both)

- 1) Honors Course Contracts, which can lead to participation in and completion of the Honors Program
- 2) The Sierra College Honor Society

1a) Honors Course Contracts

Students interested in a more challenging classroom experience may contract with a willing instructor to complete the course with Honors credit. These are not separate Honors classes, but rather standard classes* for which a contract is created detailing higher-level assignments, projects, or other activities that qualify as Honors-level coursework to be completed by the student. The student and instructor create the contract together, and its requirements must be completed by the end of the semester. Instructors are not required to engage in Honors contracts, so it is a good idea to e-mail or call instructors prior to registering for classes to ask if they would be willing to enter into Honors Contracts. Completion by a student of the Honors course contract stipulations along with an earned course grade of A or B will result in a notation on the student's transcript indicating that the course was "Completed with Honors." Please note that Honors FRXUVHV do not affect the student's GPA and there is no minimum GPA UHTXLUH to participate in Honors Contracts.

Honors course contract information and forms can be found at

www.sierracollege.edu/1P0PST.

Completed contract proposals must be

turned in to WKH + RQRUV & RPP LWWH DW the 4th week of either the fall or spring semester.) ROORZSUWKH + RQRUV FRQWUDFW SURMHFW FRPPHOFHV POWKH WK ZHHN DQG PXVVEWKHQLOV of. - DVRO) LOH 916-660-8 WKH VHPHVWHU LQ ZKLFK WKH MLOH@sierracollege.edu, Room 201 DSSURYHG + RQBUM & RQWUDFWY get the application materials. There is an official admission process that must be followed with the exception of Developmental Education courses, may be taken for Honors credit.

1b) The Honors Program

The Honors Program provides eligible students with a holistic Honors education at Sierra College. To join the Honors Program the student must have:

- 1) Successfully completed at least 6 units of Honors FRXUVHV
- 2) Earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher based on a minimum of 12 units of transferable college course work

Once a student has been admitted into the Honors Program, he or she continues to enter into Honors Course Contracts with willing instructors. The Honors Program concludes once the student completes a minimum of 15 units of Honors Course Contracts and graduates from Sierra College with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. The student's transcript will be noted "Honors Program Completed." Please note that a student must apply for admission to the

Honors Program in order to be considered. Simply completing 15 units of Honors Course Contracts will not automatically qualify as completion of the Honors Program.

Admission to the Honors Program Once a student has fulfilled the aforementioned requirements to join the Honors Program, the student must contact the chair of the Honors Advisory Board of. - DVRO) LOH 916-660-8 MLOH@sierracollege.edu, Room 201 get the application materials. There is an official admission process that must be followed

2) The Sierra College Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, The International Honor Society of the Two-Year College.

Students who have completed at least 12 units of coursework (with the exception of Developmental Education courses) at Sierra College with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in courses taken at Sierra are eligible to join the college's Beta Mu Zeta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. Phi Theta Kappa membership includes the following benefits (See www.ptk.org for more information):

participation in service activities on campus and in the community

the development of leadership skills x fellowship with other students at Sierra College, other local colleges, and around the world

access to a giant database of \$37 million in Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships (some are given simply for being a member while others are competitive)

free enrollment and special Honor Society designation in 11J 5IFUB, BQ IUUQT XXX QUL PSH, used by senior colleges and un



invitations, Honor Society membership applications can be picked up LQ WKH 6WXGHQW 7LH 2111PH - %XLOGLQJ. You must submit the application and a copy of your transcripts to the Phi Theta Kappa Society. If approved, you will get a code to pay your \$75 lifetime membership fee online with a credit or debit card. Fee scholarships are available for active members who demonstrate financial need.

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Why participate in Honors
Contracts?

- x To better develop your intellectual interests and creativity
- x To hone your academic skills so you are better prepared for future educational challenges
- x To work more closely with Sierra College faculty and other extremely motivated and talented students
- x To receive recognition for the enhanced challenges of Honors work including transcript notation of successful Honors courses, program participation, and

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