
What are the key features of SLCC Honors?

Built on a cohort model, SLCC's Honors program is a personalized, engaging, and transformative initiative open to all AA/AS students, and is especially concerned to increase opportunities for underserved students and students with as-yet-untapped potential to succeed. It has the following key features:

Inclusive Excellence

SLCC's Honors program answers the call from the Association for American Colleges and Universities to make excellence inclusive by integrating diversity, equity and quality into a transformational experience open to students regardless of their major.

High Impact Practices

Scholar George Kuh has identified eleven High Impact Practices (HIPs) ranging from service-learning to undergraduate research that evidence indicates are highly beneficial for college students. SLCC Honors ensures that students experience three of these HIPs in their time here.

Enrichment Experiences

Students participate in two Enrichment Experiences of their choice per semester, ranging from Faculty Film Night to attending the Tanner Forum on Social Ethics. These experiences build community, a sense of belonging, and enrich student learning. Students will document and reflect on these experiences in their ePortfolio.

Cohorts and Connections

Students are admitted to the program in cohorts following an application and admission process. The cohorts are small enough that the students can get to know one another, and the program fosters connections between students and their faculty. Because each cohort has students from a variety of disciplines, students benefit by interacting with colleagues who are pursuing different majors. Advanced Honors students peer mentor incoming Honors students.

Reflective ePortfolios

All Honors students showcase their learning and reflect on their experiences in their ePortfolio. Strong ePortfolio pedagogy has been recognized as a High Impact Practice. Because they are curated, evidence-rich websites, Honors ePortfolios document academic transformation and help students compete for scholarships and places in Bachelors degree programs.

Honors Seminars

Honors seminars challenge students with critical reading and reflection exercises, integrative discussions, and assignments that set them up for further academic success in their major. The Honors seminars satisfy the Social Science (SS), the Humanities (HU) and the second half of the Composition (EN) General Education requirements. Students applying for the program should not have already satisfied these requirements through their coursework at SLCC or in high school concurrent enrollment courses.

Success Coaching

The Honors program has a dedicated coordinator who helps students meet program requirements, schedule and register for classes, understand transfer options, and navigate academic life.





Advantages of SLCC Honors

- Ability to pursue student interests and develop their unique abilities in a supportive environment.
- Options for students wishing to pursue an Honors degree at transfer institutions.
- Scholarships while at SLCC and competitiveness for scholarships at transfer institutions.
- Individual attention and support from the Honors staff.
- Peer support and mentoring.
- Leverage SLCC's excellent faculty in a wide range of existing courses.

Honors Requirements

Students can earn Honors designation at graduation by meeting the following criteria:

- Complete an AA/AS degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3.
- Successfully pass all Honors seminars (9 credits).
- Participate in two Enrichment Experiences per semester and write descriptive/reflective entries about them in their ePortfolio.
- Engage in three formal High-Impact Practices (HIPs) that may include ePortfolio, Service-Learning, Undergraduate Research, Writing Intensive Course, Study Abroad, a Common Reading experience, or another HIP that meets with the approval of SLCC's Honors Program.

To Apply

Admission to the Honors program is competitive, and best suited to students at the beginning of their studies. Students interested in SLCC Honors should complete the application at www.slcc.edu/honors. Pay close attention to the application deadlines.

If accepted into the program, students should make an appointment with the Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator right away so they can be enrolled in the first Honors seminars.



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