Program Description

Enrollment in the Honors Enrichment 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

For new students without earned college units

- Official transcripts demonstrating an unweighted 3.5 or better GPA or SAT 1890 (of 2400), or SAT 1260 (of 1600) or ACT 28 (of 36)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or principal familiar with your academic work or, for students returning to college after a period of time away from the classroom, a letter from an employer or community member who can attest to your work habits and motivation
- A personal letter responding to the questions in the application form

For returning students

- Unofficial transcripts demonstrating completion of at least 12 units of transfer-applicable coursework at MSJC with a 3.3 GPA
- A personal letter responding to the questions in the application form
- The names of two faculty who will comment on behalf of your application to the program

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. 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.