

Be challenged



**Berkeley College Honors Program
for 2021 High School Graduates**

Honors Scholars Rise to the Challenge

Berkeley College is committed to challenging every student to reach his or her full potential. The Honors Program is designed to give a limited number of high-achieving students the opportunity to study in greater depth than is possible in the regular degree programs.

A Challenging Opportunity with **Exceptional Benefits**

In addition to an opportunity for an advanced level of study, benefits of the Honors Program include:

- 2021 high school graduates who are accepted to the Honors Program will receive a half- or full-tuition scholarship, based on high school GPA*. Students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a cumulative 3.00 GPA each award period to retain their scholarship.
- Distinctive recognition on diploma and transcript, and Honors Program cord at graduation
- Involvement in a learning community with other high-achieving students across the system
- Limited enrollment that facilitates active participation and close relationships with peers and faculty
- Preparation for higher-level learning and challenges
- Join the Honors Scholars-Honors Program Canvas Organization
- Opportunities to participate in community service activities (a minimum of 30 hours over three semesters)
- Presenting an Honors Poster and/or Thesis to the Berkeley community
- Recognition at Honors Scholars Graduate Reception upon program conclusion



* Awards are applied after all federal grants, Post-9/11 GI bill amounts, state grants, and state scholarships are applied, not to exceed the remaining tuition amount. Students who achieved a high school GPA between 3.00 and 3.49 are eligible for a half-tuition scholarship. Students who achieved a high school GPA of 3.50 or higher are eligible for a full-tuition scholarship. Cost of books, supplies, housing and graduation fees are not included. Cannot be combined with any other Berkeley College grants or scholarships.

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Getting Started: First-Year Honors Courses

Incoming first-year students begin the Honors Program with courses that set the tone for the level of study they should expect.

- Honors English I: Expository Writing (HON1105): Fall
- Honors English II: Writing Through Literature (HON2205): Winter
- Pre-Honors Seminars (HON2210): Spring

A Social Justice Theme-Based Approach

The first-year Honors Program theme examines social issues within the United States and abroad. Honors students will be able to identify societal inequalities and challenges between law and science in a changing society and the relationship between police and all citizen groups in the United States. It explores current societal paradigm shifts and challenges on issues such as same-sex marriage, gender equality, and inequality, LGBTQ challenges, socioeconomic class, and the relationship between police and society. Seminars will draw from interdisciplinary ideas and theories such as feminism theories, sociology theories, and criminological theories to help explain current news, policies, tragedies, and events.

Learn from an Accomplished Faculty

Professors are chosen for the Honors Program for their expertise, ability to engage students in sustained discussions, track record of scholarship, and use of innovative teaching methods and technology. Honors learning communities participate in online seminars or meet in person each week and are also involved in field trips, plenary sessions, co-curricular activities, and special events. All Honors students must participate in community service. Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of community service over three semesters.

Eligibility Requirements

The Honors Program begins at the start of the fall semester of each academic year. Only students enrolled in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree program are eligible to participate in the Honors Program. Eligible students must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.00 and be able to demonstrate prior academic excellence. Honors Program students must complete a series of Honors seminars with their assigned learning communities.

How to Apply

Eligible First-Year Candidates

- Complete the Honors Program application
- One written essay - the topic is provided in the application
- Evidence of past academic achievements (e.g. certificates, awards, dean's list letters, honor societies, etc.)
- Resume (if available)
- One or more letters of recommendation (two are preferred) from a teacher, supervisor, or staff member (advisor, counselor, etc.)
- Unofficial transcripts proving GPA and credits
- Deadline date: July 1, 2021

To fill out the Honors Application eForm, go to: BerkeleyCollege.edu/HonorsProgram





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