

All you need to know about the Honors Program!

Complete these core requirements:

1. Complete 25 Honors Units
2. Take at least two team-taught interdisciplinary courses
3. Enroll in Independent Study in Fall of your senior year for 1-3 units (can be taken for Honors credit)
4. Enroll in the Senior Thesis Seminar HNRS 495 course in the spring of your senior year to present your thesis
5. Maintain a GPA of 3.4 or greater

Seems easy, but how do you take honors classes, fulfill the Core requirements & take classes in your major?

▶ Simple! Start planning ahead by looking at upcoming honors courses. Use honors courses to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements. To keep up with the program requirements, take an average of one honors course a semester to avoid getting behind.

But what happens if I want to study abroad one semester?

▶ Students who study abroad fall or spring will have 4 Honors units waived and only need to earn 21. These units, however, do not count towards the unit requirement to graduate from USD. When you get back from abroad, check with the program director to make sure you're still on track to graduate from the Honors Program with the right amount of units.

What is this Senior Thesis Seminar HNRS 495?

▶ The Senior Thesis Seminar is a course usually taken in the spring semester of your senior year that guides you through researching, presenting, and completing an original submission within your major. This project can take the form of a scholarly paper, original writing (plays, poems, and short stories), artistic composition or design, science experiment, or curricular module. You will have the opportunity to present your work in front of peers and faculty. This course also counts as 3-units towards the program requirement. In addition, it is possible for you to complete your thesis before your senior year. Speak with the program director for more details.

What is the benefit of graduating with honors?

▶ Honors Program alumni have experienced numerous benefits from obtaining an Honors Program degree. Not only do you get to take smaller classes, experiment with ideas, and get to know the faculty well, but the Honors Program degree sets you apart from other undergraduates and may provide you with advances in the job market. You will be recognized at the Honors Convocation and receive a gold stole to wear during University Commencement ceremonies and your diploma will indicate that you have graduated from the Honors Program. Your thesis work will be published with others from your class and will be available for viewing in the USD library.

How do I get involved in the Program?

▶ To get more involved check the Honors website or look for e-mail about Honors social events. You can also join the Newsletter Editorial Board or the Honors Student Board.

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Come find out more about the program and opportunities to get involved by visiting website:

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