

GE HONORS CERTIFICATE

Units required for Certificate: 42

Program Description

The General Education Honors Program is a course of study to provide academic challenges and enhanced learning for highly motivated students at Sacramento State. Honors students take most of these courses in their first two years. An additional nine-unit upper division Honors sequence is completed to earn an Honors certificate upon graduation. The Honors courses fulfill almost all Sacramento State General Education requirements.

Requirements

Honors students take forty-two (42) units of Honors courses (33 lower division and 9 upper division). Limited exceptions are permitted with permission of the Director.

In their first two years, Honors students take approximately three Honors courses (9 units) per semester, filling out their schedules with other General Education courses or courses required in their pre-major. Honors students must take at least 12 units overall per semester.

The core of the curriculum will be a three-semester Honors seminar in which students read some of the great books of world civilizations, consider some of the big issues raised by world thinkers and writers, and improve their skills in critical thinking and writing:


Code	Title	Units
HONR 1	First Year Seminar: Education, Self-Examination, and Living	3
HONR 2	Great Books and World Civilization I	3
HONR 3	Great Books and World Civilization II	3


The Honors courses fulfill almost all Sacramento State General Education requirements for graduation. GE courses that students take in addition to their Honors courses are: ENGL 5, Math, and a physical science course with lab. Students must also fulfill a university graduation requirement in foreign languages.

Honors students are assigned a faculty advisor upon arrival at Sacramento State. They must consult with their advisor at least once a semester before registering for their courses.

The freshman and sophomore courses for the first Honors cohort are approximately as follows:

Program Requirements

Freshman Year		Units
First Semester		
HIST 50H	World History I: to 1500	3
HONR 1	First Year Seminar: Education, Self-Examination, and Living	3
HIST 15H	Major Problems in U.S. History  ¹	3
Units		9
Second Semester		
COMS 4H	Honors Public Speaking ((may be taken in fall or spring))	3
EDUC 10H	Critical Thinking and the Educated Person: Honors	3

HIST 51H	World History from 1500 to the Present	3
Units		9
Sophomore Year		
Third Semester		
ANTH 2H or ETHN 11H or GEOG 2H	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - Honors ² or Introduction to Ethnic Studies (Honors) or Cultural Geography - Honors	3
ENVS 10H	Honors Environmental Science	3
HONR 2	Great Books and World Civilization I	3
Units		9
Fourth Semester		
POLS 1H	Honors Government	3
HONR 3	Great Books and World Civilization II	3
Units		6
Junior and Senior Years		
Honors students take three specially designed Honors courses to fulfill their upper division requirement in General Education:		
HONR 101	Science and the Public Good	3
HONR 102	The Public Good Through the Visual and Performing Arts 	3
HONR 103	Civic Engagement, Service Learning: Pursuing the Public Good	3
Units		9
Total Units		42

¹ May be completed in any semester in the program.

² Students choose ANTH 2H, GEOG 2H or ETHN 11H to complete their Area D requirements.