WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

• Greater involvement in the intellectual, cultural, and social life of the University
• Working with enthusiastic professors and motivated students
• Honors House for some first-year freshmen
• Curriculum that is unique to the Honors Program
• Personalized academic advising and guidance
• Recognition at graduation with a medallion
• Recognition on your diploma and on your transcripts

HONORS PROGRAM
Honors in General Education

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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WHAT IS HONORS IN GENERAL EDUCATION?

Honors at California State University, Chico offers you the opportunity to work closely with some of our best professors in specially designed courses that fulfill general education requirements.

In this small community of scholars, you can get to know and work with other motivated students who will become your friends and with faculty who will become your mentors. The Honors Program provides you a comfortable place to go within the larger University, a home base that is friendly, supportive, diverse, and stimulating all at once.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

In Honors in General Education (GE), you take 24 of your 48 units of GE as Honors courses. During the first two years, you can take either four seminars or a course entitled “Honors Survey of Civilization” and one of the seminars. This will constitute half of your honors work. In the upper division, you choose 2 seminars and complete a year-long honors thesis/project. Typically, you will take one honors course each semester. Finally, to maintain good standing in the Honors Program and to graduate with the distinction of Honors in GE, you are expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30.

WHAT ARE HONORS CLASSES LIKE?

Honors classes are multidisciplinary and team-taught and involve students with small group projects, independent work, and student presentations. Honors students come prepared for class and contribute to group discussions. Honors classes provide a learning space that is active and engaging for students and faculty.

WHAT IS HONORS HOUSE?

The Honors Program has its own housing! The Honors House is located in Sutter Hall on the top two floors (4th and 5th) of the North Tower. In addition to housing there is a classroom and study space conveniently located in the UHUB. More information can be found on the University Housing webpage at https://tinyurl.com/h5b6fhg. Honors students take their studies seriously and still enjoy all Chico has to offer. Life in the Honors House is a wonderful way to balance scholarship and an active social life.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Coming to Chico State as a first-semester freshman, you should have a high school GPA of 3.5 or an SAT score of 1200 (math, reading, and writing scores) or an ACT composite score of 27 to apply to the Honors Program. Transfer students qualify to apply with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above. Students not meeting these criteria may be considered for admission to the program, but on an individual basis.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply online at www.csuchico.edu/hnrs/Admissions.html or email hnrs@csuchico.edu or call 530-898-5749 to request an application.

“"The Honors Program has provided me with a high-quality education and the opportunity to make real and lasting friendships, and it has given me inspiration about who I want to be and how I want to affect the world I live in.”
—Sara Hackett
Linguistics and International Studies