

REASONS TO JOIN THE HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM

The purpose of the Honors Transfer Program is to prepare highly motivated students for transfer to an excellent university. HTP requirements are similar to those required by the University of California. Honors courses focus on improving reading, writing, and study skills. These are the main benefits of the Honors Transfer Program:

- Priority registration for ECC classes each semester you are in the HTP
- "Completed Honors Transfer Program" designation on ECC transcript and degree, and a "T" (for transfer) next to each honors course
- Priority admission consideration for universities requiring a personal statement as part of the application process (about 90% get into the UC of their choice)*
- Variety of general-education honors courses available
- Honors courses with smaller class size, taught by specially selected faculty
- Increased chances of receiving scholarships
- Honors Transfer Club activities and newsletter-writing opportunities
- Interaction with other highly motivated students
- Enrichment seminars which provide information leading to academic and personal growth
- Special privileges at universities with which ECC has transfer agreements
- Honors Student Research Conference – an opportunity to give a presentation at a UC conference and have your abstract printed in a UC publication

*Completing the Honors Transfer Program gives you an advantage when applying for **admission to UC** or to any university that requires a personal statement as part of the application. At present, **admission to CSU** is based on GPA only. While the CSU system does not currently consider HTP completion when determining admission status, HTP is still a worthwhile endeavor for students who might decide to apply to a UC or private school, or plan someday to attend graduate school. Talk to a counselor about your future educational plans, and discuss the possible benefits of joining the HTP.

Alpha Gamma Sigma is the statewide honor and scholarship society for community college students. It is separate from the Honors Transfer Program and has its own benefits and requirements. If you are interested in joining AGS, apply for membership at the main counter in the Student Activities Center.