

PALO ALTO COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Palo Alto College Honors Program challenges high-achieving students to fully engage with their courses, their college, their community, and beyond. The Honors Program consists of 15 hours of course work in small classes with mentoring by dedicated faculty. Not only do honors courses bring a global perspective to learning, but there are also opportunities for travel to local and national conferences and cultural events. In addition, students can participate in community service activities at home and abroad. By making the world their classroom, honors students experience first-hand what it means to be a citizen of today's vibrant global culture.

BENEFITS

- Priority registration
- Small classes
- Sense of community
- Individual advising and mentoring
- Academic research
- Community service projects
- Travel
- Honors courses will be indicated on college transcripts



LEARN, GROW, ACHIEVE *globally*



REQUIREMENTS

- TSI Placement into college-level English
- A high school or college GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
- A written personal statement
- An example of your best work, such as a sample of your writing, artwork, photography, or performance
- A personal reference
- For application deadlines, please visit alamo.edu/pac/honors

FAQs

Does participation in the Honors Program matter?

Yes! Whether you take one honors course or complete the 5-course honors sequence, participation in the Palo Alto College Honors Program demonstrates your intellectual curiosity and your commitment to academic achievement.

Will the Honors Program be similar to honors courses in high school?

No. There is usually a world of difference between high school and college honors courses. In many high schools, honors courses are the normal courses “made harder” with extra readings, extra assignments, and more rigorous grading. At college, honors courses are specially “enriched” courses, not normal courses made “harder.” Grading standards are the same as in non-honors college courses.

I’m no genius; will honors courses be too hard for me?

As an honors student, you will gain confidence in your academic abilities through ongoing faculty mentoring, experiencing the personal attention provided by small honors classes, and working with other honors students.

Won’t my college GPA suffer if I join the Honors Program?

No. Honors courses aren’t graded harder (or easier) than other college courses. A student who averages a 3.5 in regular courses will probably earn a 3.5 GPA for honors courses, too. In fact, data from schools similar to Palo Alto College indicates that most students maintain or improve their GPA’s after participating in the Honors Program..



For more information, contact:
**Palo Alto College
Honors Program**
1400 W. Villaret Blvd, San Antonio, Texas 78224
(210) 486-3214 | alamo.edu/pac/honors



Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Alamo Colleges is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For any special accommodations, or to request an alternative format, contact Disability Supports Services at 210-486-3020.

