



## **Honors-to-Honors (H2) Partnership Agreement**

The Honors Program of the University of San Diego (USD) and  
The Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC)

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this academic partnership is to offer support to a distinguished group of motivated HTCC honors students. These students share a common aspiration to transfer to USD and actively participate in the scholarly community aligned with the mission, vision, and goals of the USD Honors Program.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

This agreement includes all member colleges of the HTCC.

### **GOALS**

- Establish an academic alliance between the USD Honors Program and the honors programs at participating HTCC community colleges through faculty-to-faculty dialogue and student-to-student interaction.
- Support and promote the value and benefits of community college transfer, facilitating the expedited completion of baccalaureate degrees by HTCC students.
- Advocate for the value and benefits of transferring to USD and participating in its learning community.
- Maintain ongoing admissions efforts to recruit high-achieving community college transfers.

## COMMITMENT BY THE USD HONORS PROGRAM:

The University of San Diego Honors Program is pleased to invite students transferring from **HTCC community college honors programs** to join the USD Honors Program once admitted to the university.

Although **HTCC** students will have to apply for USD admission through the regular undergraduate admissions process, the Honors Program agrees to accept **(any)** transferred Honors Program coursework credit towards a USD Honors Program diploma, **subject to the criteria below.**

1. The USD Honors Program will accept up to 12 units of USD-transferable Honors Program course work completed at a participating community college, which will meet the first two years of our program requirements
  - a. Honors Credit earned through non-USD study abroad programs will not count toward the USD Honors Program requirements.
  - b. If no previous Honors coursework is eligible for transfer, 3-6 honors units may be waived for entering transfer students depending on their year of entry into the program.
2. Transfer students must have a minimum of 3.25 GPA in their community college Honors coursework.
3. Transfer students must complete a USD Honors Program application.
4. Once accepted at USD, transfer students must maintain a 3.4 USD GPA to remain in the Program (a requirement for all USD Honors Program students).
5. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credits will not be considered for satisfaction of Honors Program curriculum.
6. Transfer students are eligible to join the Honors Student Board at any time, and can submit their candidacy to serve in other Honors leadership opportunities during or after their second semester in the program.
7. Honors transfer students will be given priority review at **USD Honors Program** admissions.
8. Honors transfer students will be given priority registration in semesters following their induction into the USD Honors Program.

The USD Honors Program will designate a liaison to serve as the primary point of contact for HTCC and member colleges. The liaison can be reached via email at [honors@sandiego.edu](mailto:honors@sandiego.edu).

## **COMMITMENT BY PARTICIPATING HTCC COLLEGES**

As part of this agreement, participating HTCC community colleges will:

1. Present an intellectually enriched transfer curriculum, including an honors / scholars complement of general education courses that
  - a. emphasize in-depth projects, challenging writing, critical thinking and research skills in an intellectually stimulating environment.
  - b. keep enrollment limited to a size or faculty/student ratio appropriate for honors coursework.
2. Present an intellectually enriched transfer curriculum that emphasizes in-depth projects, challenging writing, critical thinking, and research skills within a stimulating academic environment. This includes maintaining class sizes at a level appropriate to sound honors pedagogy.
3. Certify that all students seeking admission to the USD Honors Program under this agreement have completed the requirements of their honors program.
4. Collaborate with the USD Honors Program to support the transfer planning process for honors students.
5. Encourage HTCC honors program faculty, counselors, and students to become familiar with the opportunities offered by the USD Honors Program.
6. Provide a structured framework for the development and offering of honors courses. This program will be integrated into each member college's governance structure and directed or coordinated by a member of the college's instructional faculty.
7. Provide interested students in its HTCC honors program with information about USD and its Honors Program so that they can select classes strategically for a successful transfer through this partnership

## **COMMITMENT BY THE HTCC ORGANIZATION**

1. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among the USD Honors Program, the HTCC, and HTCC member colleges.
2. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to annually review the lines of communication and accuracy of the contact information of all parties to this agreement.
3. Invite USD Honors Program representatives to all HTCC-sponsored student and counselor transfer fairs.
4. Maintain a current landing page for on the HTCC website so that students can easily explore the opportunities it offers.
5. Invite USD Honors Program representatives to the annual Honors Transfer Fairs and other events as they arise in order to build relationships among USD Honors Program representatives and honors students, honors directors, and honors counselors.