

# **HONORS STUDENT TRANSFER ALLIANCE (HSTA)**

## **The Weber Honors College at San Diego State University and The Honors Transfer Council of California**

### **Expectations and Goals**

1. Strengthen ties between the Weber Honors College at San Diego State University (SDSU) and the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC).
2. Serve the needs of academically motivated students
3. Increase the transfer rate of well-prepared students
4. Support cooperation between the Weber Honors College and HTCC community colleges

### **Implementation**

This agreement is between the HTCC and the Weber Honors College only. It does not pertain to or involve the admissions process at SDSU in any way. Under this agreement, the Weber Honors College will

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  1. Guarantee transfer students from HTCC community colleges admission to the Weber Honors College if the following criteria are met:
    - a. The student has applied to and been accepted by San Diego State University;
    - b. The student has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 in CSU-transferable courses;
    - c. The student has successfully completed at least 9 units of lower-division honors courses;
    - d. The student has submitted an application to the Weber Honors College by March 30<sup>th</sup> before transferring in the following Fall semester. Students should be advised that they should be compiling and may be submitting their application to the Weber Honors College before the university has made its acceptance decision.
  2. Confer credit for the Weber Honors College study abroad requirement for HTCC college honors transfer students who have completed a credit bearing international study abroad experience at an HTCC community college.
  3. Provide pre-transfer honors advising to eligible honors students seeking admission to the Weber Honors College at SDSU.

4. Disseminate information about the HSTA alliance to the HTCC Chair of Transfer Relations and participate in information meetings at HTCC colleges when feasible.
5. Disseminate information and application instructions concerning scholarships for which transferring honors students may be eligible.
6. Facilitate contact, when feasible, between honors students at the community colleges and students at the Weber Honors College.

### **Participating HTCC colleges will**

2. Identify and contact a potential transfer student population that satisfies the honors criteria of the community college and the Weber Honors College criteria: admission to SDSU, a minimum of nine units of honors credit, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 in CSU-transferable courses.
3. Offer enriched general education honors courses. Enrichment is understood to include challenging writing assignments and enhanced critical thinking and research skills in an intellectually stimulating classroom environment.
4. Assure that the class size of honors courses fosters the enrichment expected in such a program.
5. Provide timely and regular counseling to students in the honors program and monitor their progress toward transfer.
6. Disseminate current information on requirements for admission to the Weber Honors College and facilitate the application process for honors students.

### **The HTCC will**

1. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among the Weber Honors College, 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. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to provide the Weber Honors College with contact information for HTCC honors program directors and honors counselors.
4. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to provide the Weber Honors College with contact information for Transfer Center directors and, when available in a timely fashion, transfer fair dates at HTCC community colleges.

5. Invite the Weber Honors College to the HTCC Counselor Fair.
6. Maintain a web portal linking the HTCC website to the Weber Honors College with appropriate links for assistance to students and counselors.

**Inter-institutional Activities:**

1. Participating institutions will encourage inter-institutional student participation in transfer orientation, student events, and HTCC college and SDSU academic, cultural, and athletic events.
2. To continue developing the HSTA alliance, the Director of the Weber Honors College and the HTCC Chair of Transfer Relations will maintain contact to re-evaluate the agreement, and to address mutual concerns such as articulation, student selection and assessment, and policy development.

**Weber Honors College:**

**Honors Transfer Council of California**



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