



# Amherst College Transfer Agreement with Honors Transfer Council of California



## PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to maintain collaboration between Amherst College and members of the Honors Transfer Council of California in order to facilitate the smooth transition, according to standards consistent with the Amherst transfer policy, of exceptional students from member community colleges to Amherst College for completion of students' bachelor's degrees.

## MEMBERSHIP

This agreement includes all member colleges of the HTCC.

## GOALS

- Encourage exceptional HTCC honors students to enroll at Amherst College.
- Assist students in the transition from HTCC honors programs to degree programs at Amherst College.
- Promote student academic preparation and transfer planning.
- Support and promote the value and benefits of community college transfer.
- Expedite baccalaureate degree completion by HTCC honors students.

## COMMITMENT BY AMHERST COLLEGE

As part of this agreement, Amherst College will:

1. Offer campus visits.
2. Consider a transfer applicant's completion of an honors program at an HTCC-member community college to be evidence of enhanced rigor in academic preparation for transfer.
3. Not consider financial need in the admissions process.
4. Meet the full demonstrated financial need of all admitted students, including international students, without requiring student loans.
5. Provide free tuition to all admitted veterans eligible for the maximum benefit rate through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon program.
6. Guarantee on-campus housing and, when available, housing with other transfer students.
7. With the announcement of admission, provide a preliminary evaluation of transferable credit.
8. Designate admissions liaison to HTCC and member colleges. The initial liaison will be the Associate Dean of Admission Alexandra Hurd.

## COMMITMENT BY HTCC

As part of this agreement, HTCC will:

1. Provide an organized structure for development and offering of honors courses. Such a program will be represented in each member college's governance structure and will be directed or coordinated by a member of the college's instructional faculty.
2. Identify an honors counselor from each member college to serve as primary liaison between Amherst College and student members of HTCC honors programs.
3. Advise Transfer Centers at HTCC colleges to coordinate with the Office of Admission at Amherst College to ensure the completeness of each applicant's admission file.
4. Encourage periodic review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is feasible for honors students graduating from HTCC member community colleges to transfer to Amherst College. HTCC member colleges will ensure that their honors graduates have (a) fulfilled their college requirements with at least a 3.5 GPA and (b) completed the honors program with at least 15 units of an honors curriculum involving intensive writing and critical thinking.
5. Provide Amherst College with contact information for honors counselors at HTCC member colleges and promote opportunities for Amherst College to interact with those counselors.
6. Encourage honors counselors and directors at each member college to provide students in its honors program with information about this agreement and about Amherst College requirements.
7. Encourage its members to work with their Veterans Education and Transition Services (VETS) offices to increase awareness of the opportunities available at Amherst, specifically to former and current American servicemen and servicewomen.
8. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among Amherst College, the HTCC, and HTCC member colleges.
9. 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 and revise the partnership agreement as necessary.

AGREED:

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