



# **Illinois Institute of Technology Transfer Agreement with Honors Transfer Council of California**



## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this agreement is to maintain collaboration between Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and members of the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) in order to facilitate the smooth transition, according to standards consistent with the transfer policy of IIT, of exceptional students from member community colleges to IIT 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 Illinois Institute of Technology.
- Assist transfer students in the transition from HTCC honors programs to academic degree programs at Illinois Institute of Technology.
- 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 ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

As part of this agreement, Illinois Institute of Technology will:

1. 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.
2. Guarantee one year of housing for all students who meet priority admission and housing office application deadlines.
3. Give priority consideration for merit transfer scholarships to students who meet the priority application deadline for the following Fall semester. Provide information about awarded merit scholarships no more than two to three weeks after the offer of admission.
4. Provide orientation for newly enrolled transfer students.
5. Designate admissions liaison to HTCC and member colleges. The initial liaison will be Cheryl Turrise, Assistant Director of Transfer Admission.

6. Work with the HTCC Chair of Transfer Relations toward the goal of articulating course patterns that would enable HTCC students to fulfill IIT's Core Curriculum requirement to the greatest extent possible before transfer.

### **COMMITMENT BY PARTICIPATING HTCC COLLEGES**

As part of this agreement, participating HTCC community colleges 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/scholar counselor from each member college to serve as primary liaison between IIT and student members of HTCC honors programs.
3. Work with the Office of Admissions at IIT 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 its honors students to transfer to IIT. HTCC member colleges will ensure that their eligible honors graduates have (a) fulfilled their college requirements with a GPA of 3.0 or above in courses relevant to the intended major at IIT, and (b) completed the honors program with at least 15 semester units of an honors curriculum involving intensive writing and critical thinking. Admission to IIT remains at the sole discretion of IIT's Office of Undergraduate Admission
5. Provide students in its own honors program with information about IIT requirements, so that those students can consider the advantages of selecting classes with the objective of successful transfer through this partnership.

### **COMMITMENT BY THE HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA**

1. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among IIT, 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 work with IIT toward the goal of articulating course patterns that would enable HTCC students to fulfill IIT's Core Curriculum requirement to the greatest extent possible before transfer.
4. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to work with IIT as that institution works toward fulfilling its goals of better alignment of academic major requirements, easier pathways to post-graduate work, and other initiatives of outreach and access.

AGREED:

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Date:

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