

## DE ANZA COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION

To be considered for admission to the Honors Program, you must submit several items which are described below.

If you are a **new** student to De Anza, make sure you have submitted an admissions application to the Office of Admissions and Records. Both new and continuing students must submit the following items:

1. Honors Program application
2. Typed essay of 500 to 700 words which demonstrates your critical thinking and writing abilities. Discuss how a particular event, person, course or class, literary work, film or television program has influenced or changed your thinking and behavior in a significant way.
3. Statement of your own reasons for wanting to participate in the Honors Program—its value to you and what you can contribute to the Program (200 words).
4. Recommendation from a teacher who can comment on your writing and critical thinking abilities. You should provide the teacher with the attached recommendation form and a stamped envelope addressed to

If you are a new student and are qualifying based on your high school gpa or based on a gpa earned from a college other than De Anza College.

5. High school and/or college transcripts (other than those from De Anza or Foothill) which record work from the last three years. (The transcript submitted with your Honors application can be a copy of the official transcript but you will need to send an official high school transcript to Admissions and Records when you apply to the college itself.)

If you are a new student and are qualifying based on your SAT or ACT scores.

6. Test score reports from ACT or SAT.

Honors Program Coordinator  
De Anza College  
21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard  
Cupertino, CA 95014

Application deadlines for acceptance into Honors:

**We will accept applications any time.** However, for students to apply with priority consideration, the following deadlines will apply:

Fall Quarter	July 20
Winter Quarter	November 20
Spring Quarter	February 20

## **DE ANZA COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**

The De Anza College Honors Program is an interdisciplinary learning community for students who enjoy pursuing advanced study, participating in small classes, making connections between disciplines, and collaborating closely with faculty and other students. We seek students who are eager to explore ideas and to take risks.

Honors General Education courses which meet IGETC transfer requirements are offered each quarter and are, in many cases, linked in interdisciplinary clusters. The Honors Program is most appropriate for students who need a minimum of six General Education courses.

### **PROGRAM GOALS:**

1. To challenge students to achieve their intellectual potential.
2. To improve students' critical thinking, writing, and discussion skills.
3. To help students understand the connections between disciplines.
4. To encourage closer interaction between the students and the instructor.
5. To support timely and appropriate student transfer objectives.

### **STUDENT BENEFITS:**

1. Honors sections of General Education courses that parallel university freshman and sophomore classes.
2. Small classes which elicit thought-provoking discussions or cohorts of Honors students (within larger classes) who work closely with the professor.
3. Linked interdisciplinary classes that reflect the collaboration of faculty in different disciplines who are committed to high standards of teaching and learning.
4. Priority registration to ensure enrollment in desired classes.
5. Honors recognition on transcripts to indicate achievement to transfer universities.
6. Academic and career counseling opportunities available only to Honors students.
7. Participation in special events and discussions for the Honors community.

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Enroll in at least one Honors class each quarter.
2. Maintain a 3.3 grade point average.
3. Meet with the Honors Counselor at least twice each year.
4. Comply with deadlines for registration, applications to universities, Transfer Admission Agreements (TAAs), etc.
5. Notify Honors Program of any change of name, address, or phone number.
6. Attend Honors special events (when scheduled).
7. Complete 6 Honors courses to receive the Honors Scholar Designation on transcript. Students who complete fewer than 6 Honors courses will not receive an Honors designation on the entire transcript, but any courses taken as Honors will receive an Honors designation. Students are still encouraged to apply even if they cannot fulfill all 6 courses before graduation from De Anza College.

HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Quarter Applying: (circle one) Fall/Winter/Spring Year \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Telephone Home ( )  
Work ( )

4. Name (Mr./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

5. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt. #

City State Zip

6. E-Mail Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you don't have one, go to the De Anza Open Media Lab and open a free account.)

7. High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

8. Colleges Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

9. College Major (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Intended Transfer Institution \_\_\_\_\_

11. Extracurricular activities (clubs, organizations, volunteer, hobbies, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Which of the following Honors admission criteria do you meet? (You only need to meet ONE of the requirements to qualify.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ACT English score of 25 or higher
- \_\_\_\_\_ High school GPA of 3.30 or higher
- \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA of 3.30 or higher in at least 15 UC transferable quarter units
- \_\_\_\_\_ SAT verbal score of 620 or higher or 550 if taken prior to April 1995

NOTE: You must provide verification of the criteria you checked, for example, high school or college transcripts showing GPA or test results from ACT or SAT.

12. You must be eligible for English Writing 1A. A De Anza Basic Skills test is required unless you have one of the following qualifying ACT or SAT scores: (Please indicate your scores below if applicable.)

SAT verbal score of at least 510 (or 430 if taken before April 1995) \_\_\_\_\_

ACT English score of at least 22 \_\_\_\_\_

De Anza English test scores of at least: Reading 32 \_\_\_\_\_

Writing 58 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Letter of recommendation: Please provide the information below.

Name of recommending teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Association with you \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided above is accurate. I understand that I must also submit the following information by the published deadline in order to be considered for the Honors Program:

1. De Anza Admissions Application
2. Certified copy of high school or college transcripts
3. Teacher recommendation
4. An essay of 500-700 words
5. A brief statement of your personal reasons for wanting to participate in the Honors Program

I also understand that submission of these materials does not constitute acceptance into the De Anza Honors Program, but only consideration as a candidate for admission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

All materials should be returned to: Honors Program Coordinator  
De Anza College  
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Cupertino, CA 95014

**DE ANZA COLLEGE  
HONORS PROGRAM FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please complete the top section of this form and submit it to your recommending instructor with a stamped envelope addressed to: Honors Program Coordinator, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides that applicants have the right to inspect all letters of reference in their credential file subsequent to January 1, 1975, unless the right is waived. If you wish to waive this right, please indicate your decision by signing the following statement:

I wish to waive my right to read or inspect this recommendation, even though I understand that I am under no obligation to do so.

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Signature

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**TO THE FACULTY MEMBER:**

The student named above is applying for admission to the De Anza College Honors Program. The program accepts only 100-110 high achieving students. Your letter of recommendation can help us select the best candidates. Please add personal comments and anecdotal illustrations wherever appropriate.

1. Academic/Intellectual Qualities  
How would you describe this student's academic performance, intellectual curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning? In particular, please comment about the applicant's writing and critical thinking abilities.

(See Reverse)

2. Personal Qualities

What are the qualities that you like best about this student? Describe the ways in which this student has contributed to your class, the school or the community.

3. Achievement Estimate

Indicate your estimate of this student's achievement as compared to other students you have taught:

	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Outstanding (Top 5%)
Academic				
Personal				
Overall				

4. Additional Comments

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subject in Which You Instructed This Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed letters of recommendation to: Honors Program Coordinator, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014