



Honors-to-Honors (H2) Partnership Agreement

University Honors at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) and
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 UCR and actively participate in the scholarly community aligned with the mission, vision, and goals of University Honors at UCR.

MEMBERSHIP

This agreement includes all member colleges of the HTCC.

GOALS

- Establish an academic alliance between University Honors at UCR 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 UCR and participating in the University Honors at UCR learning community.
- Maintain ongoing admissions efforts to recruit high-achieving community college transfers.

- Encourage HTCC honors students to participate in the UCR Transfer Admission Program (TAG) to secure their admission to UCR (<http://admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/tag.html>).

COMMITMENT BY UNIVERSITY HONORS AT UCR

As part of this agreement, University Honors at UCR will:

1. The University of California, Riverside, agrees to provide priority admission consideration to University Honors at UCR for identified HTCC applicants who meet the following criteria:
 - Have been admitted to UC Riverside.
 - Have completed all requirements of their HTCC honors program.
 - Have achieved a minimum cumulative transfer GPA of 3.25, as calculated by the UC Riverside Office of Admissions during the application process.

It is understood that HTCC students must be admitted to UCR prior to being invited to apply to University Honors at UCR.

2. In partnership with UCR Libraries, we agree to support the research and undergraduate scholarship of HTCC honors students by promoting UCR library privileges and services. These privileges and services will be extended to community college students who are approved by their respective honors programs.
3. Encourage admitted HTCC students to participate in the Honors Living Learning Community at UCR. The Honors Hall provides a Faculty-In-Residence program, where a UCR faculty member lives among the students and provides programming, select events, and guidance to the students.
4. University Honors at UCR will encourage HTCC students admitted into the program to apply for available UCR Honors scholarships.
5. Maintain the Tau Sigma chapter, the national honor society for transfer students, which allows HTCC students who complete their first full quarter of studies at UCR with a 3.5 GPA or higher to apply for a general scholarship (<http://www.tausigmanhs.org/index.cfm/about-us>).

6. Designate a liaison from University Honors at UCR to serve as the primary point of contact for HTCC and member colleges. The liaison can be reached via email at honors@ucr.edu.
7. Offer transfer-specific orientation programming at Highlander Orientation for Transfer Students, where admitted students will have the opportunity to meet University Honors at UCR staff members and faculty. During this orientation, students will receive registration information and enrollment assistance from University Honors counselors.

COMMITMENT BY PARTICIPATING HTCC COLLEGES

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

1. Present an intellectually enriched transfer curriculum that emphasizes in-depth projects, challenging writing, critical thinking, and research skills within a stimulating academic environment.
2. Certify that all students seeking admission to University Honors at UCR under this agreement have completed the requirements of their honors program with a minimum GPA of 3.25, as specified in the previous section.
3. Collaborate with University Honors at UCR and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at UCR to support the transfer planning process for honors students.
4. Encourage HTCC honors program faculty, counselors, and students to become familiar with the opportunities offered by University Honors at UCR. This includes utilizing virtual tours, electronic communication, and, when feasible, participating in on-campus events.
5. 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.
6. Designate an honors/scholar counselor from each member college to serve as the primary liaison between University Honors at UCR and student members of HTCC honors programs.
7. Notify University Honors at UCR of HTCC students seeking to participate in this agreement. Notice will be given in the HTCC Report on Student Participation (Appendix).

8. Encourage admitted students to explore housing options early, with special attention to the Honors Living Learning Community at Glen Mor, and to apply for housing immediately upon submission of their Statement of Intent to Register.

9. Encourage a periodic review of the transfer curriculum to ensure it remains feasible for HTCC honors students to transfer to UC Riverside. HTCC member colleges will ensure that their eligible honors graduates have: (a) fulfilled all college requirements with a minimum GPA of 3.25, and (b) completed the honors program with at least 15 units of coursework focused on intensive writing and critical thinking.

10. Provide students in the HTCC honors program with information about University Honors at UCR requirements, enabling them to select classes strategically for a successful transfer through this partnership.

11. 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.

COMMITMENT BY THE HTCC ORGANIZATION

1. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among University Honors at UCR, 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 University Honors at UCR representatives to all HTCC-sponsored student and counselor transfer fairs.

4. Maintain a current landing page for University Honors at UCR on the HTCC website so that students can easily explore the opportunities it offers.

5. Invite University Honors at UCR representatives to the annual Honors Transfer Fairs and other events as they arise in order to build relationships among University Honors at UCR representatives and honors students, honors directors, and honors counselors.

AGREED:



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