SDSU Weber Honors College Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What Honors class do students take first? How often will students take an Honors course?
A: Honors students are required to take HONOR 113 in the first Fall semester they participate in the Weber Honors College. Typically, students take one Honors class each academic year.

Q: When and how do students register for Honors classes?
A: Students register for Honors courses at the same time as they register for their non-Honors courses. When registering, students need to know three pieces of information: course number (e.g., HONOR 113); schedule number (e.g. 27462 or 27463); and section number (e.g., 01 or 02).

Honors students were emailed the list of Fall 2015 Honors classes with all the Schedule Numbers, and a Registration Tutorial. Students can also pick up this information from the Weber Honors College table at the New Student Orientation Information Fair during New Student Orientation.

Additionally, the Honors courses are listed on the SDSU on-line class schedule (https://sunspot.sdsu.edu/schedule/). Students can narrow their search to view all Honors classes listed by selecting the Fall 2015 Term and by clicking “Honors” under the “Class Type” link. This view does not provide the Schedule Numbers for Honors classes, but can be used for planning purposes.

Q: As a Weber Honors College student, do they receive priority registration?
A: No, Honors students do not receive priority registration. However all freshmen students receive early registration privileges, especially if they attend Summer Orientation. After their freshmen year, honors students register according to the standard registration schedule provided by the SDSU Registrar. Despite not having priority registration, our students are very successful in getting the classes they need to graduate on time. In fact, 77% of our Honors students graduate in four years or less, many with double majors and double minors.

Q: Is there a Weber Honors College Orientation?
A: There is no separate Weber Honors College Orientation during the summer. Students are encouraged to visit the Weber Honors College table at the New Student Orientation Information Fair to meet the Honors Academic Advisor. This will be an opportunity to ask questions about Honors classes and the Fall schedule. The Honors faculty will be offering an “Honors Orientation” to all incoming Honors students in the first few weeks of the Fall semester to discuss the features and opportunities of the Weber Honors College.
Q: What is the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies and what are the benefits?
A: By being a part of the Honors College, Honors students are required to declare and take courses for the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies. The unique curriculum for the Honors Minor emphasizes creativity, initiative and collaboration. Students will fill out the paperwork to declare the Honors Minor during their advising meeting in the Fall semester.

The Honors Minor is compatible with every major and provides the ideal avenue for students to become intellectually well rounded. All the Honors classes are interactive and discussion based, and enrollment is capped at 20. Depending on when they are admitted, students can complete the curriculum in two, three or four years.

Q: Do all Weber Honors College students have to participate in the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies?
A: Yes, all Weber Honors College students have to participate in the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies. The Honors Minor consists of 15 units (five specific classes) of coursework: one 3-unit class counts towards General Education requirements.

Q: What are the requirements for maintaining good standing and graduating from the Weber Honors College? Is study abroad required for the Weber Honors College?
A: In order to graduate from the Weber Honors College, Honors students must complete the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies, study abroad, achieve a cumulative 3.2 GPA, and participate in Honors sponsored meetings and events.

Q: Is study abroad required for the Weber Honors College?
A: Yes, all Honors students are required to complete a credit-bearing study abroad experience. You may choose from short-term study tours, to summer abroad programs, to semester-long and year-long exchanges. SDSU offers a number of affordable study abroad options and Honors students are eligible to compete for study abroad scholarships.

Q: Will the Honors Minor prevent Honors students from majoring and/or minoring in another discipline? How many majors and minors can a student declare at SDSU?
A: No, the Honors Minor will not prevent a student from declaring other majors and minors. Students can declare up to three majors and two minors at SDSU. Courses taken for the Honors Minor may not be counted toward the major or another minor requirement, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and General Education requirements.

Q: How many different majors are represented in the Weber Honors College student body? What are the most common majors in the Weber Honors College?

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A: There are 80 different majors represented in the Honors College student body, including Engineering and Nursing. The Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies is compatible with every major at SDSU. The most common majors represented in the Weber Honors College are Business, Biology, Kinesiology, and Psychology.

Q: What classes will AP and/or IB credits count for, and will they count towards the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies courses?
A: Honors classes are not interchangeable with any course work done in high school, therefore AP, IB, or community college credits do not waive any of the Weber Honors College requirements. These credits may fulfill certain GEs and are discussed in detail in the General Catalog.

Q: What if a student is not in the Weber Honors College? Do they have to apply to the Weber Honors College or are they automatically admitted if they meet the eligibility requirements?
A: All interested students must complete the Weber Honors College application by the posted deadline. Depending on when they are admitted, students can complete the curriculum in two, three or four years. Current SDSU freshmen and sophomores, as well as transfer students are eligible to apply.

Q: When is the deadline to apply for the Weber Honors College?
A: There are two deadlines annually to apply to the Weber Honors College.
   Fall 2016 Priority Consideration Deadline: January 15, 2016
   Given the competitive nature of the application process, we strongly urge all interested students to apply to the Weber Honors College by January 15. Applications submitted by January 15 ensure consideration for Weber Honors College scholarships. Applicants in this cycle will be notified of their Weber Honors College admission decision in mid-February.

   Fall 2016 Final Deadline: March 30, 2016
   After January 15, applications will be accepted and evaluated on a space-available basis until March 30. A limited number of applications received after January 15 will be admitted into the Weber Honors College. Applicants in this cycle will be notified of their Honors College admission decision in mid-April.

Q: What are the eligibility requirements for applicants?
A: Eligibility is determined by several factors, including: GPA and the application essay. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above and a thoughtful essay.