

## FAQ for Transfer Students who have Completed Honors program at Community College

### What are the advantages of being in the Honors Program?

As part of the Stevenson Honors program, you will take academically engaging Honors courses taught by talented faculty, receive priority registration, have access to an honors librarian and honors career advisor, and receive the honors distinction on your transcript upon graduation.

### What is the admission process?

Any transfer student who has completed an honors program at another college/university and has a cumulative GPA of a 3.5 or higher will be granted guaranteed admission into the Stevenson University Honors Program. Students who have not met the requirements for guaranteed admission but would still like to be considered for the Honors program may indicate their interest by filling out this [form](#). These applications will be reviewed individually on a rolling basis.

### Is there any financial aid available for students admitted to the Honors Program?

Stevenson offers generous aid packages for transfer students, including a special scholarship for students who are members of PTK or other college honor societies or programs. More information can be found under the Scholarship & Financial Aid tab of the Transfer [webpage](#).

### As a transfer student who has completed an honors program at a community college, how many honors courses do I have to take?

Students who have completed an honors program at a community college will typically take the following courses:

- 2 honors contracts (approximately 6-8 credits)
- Honors 400 (3 credit)

The Honors Faculty Director will review your transcript to determine any additional honors coursework that you may need to take.

### What are honors contracts?

Honors contracts are individualized agreements with your professor in upper level courses that you would regularly take in your major to “convert” your major requirement into an honors course by adding an interdisciplinary component to it. You should expect that the additional “contracted” work in the class should add approximately one hour per week to your course requirements.

### Are Honors courses a separate academic requirement?

A total of 3 credits (for Honors 400) of additional coursework are required to meet the honors requirements and count toward the 120 credits you need to earn for your bachelor’s degree.

### Are Honors courses harder than traditional courses?

Honors courses are not designed to be “harder.” You can expect to work closely with your faculty, take a deeper look at material, and have more opportunity for individual work and creative/intellectual exploration. It is natural for professors to expect a higher level of engagement from Honors students, but the classes are not intentionally harder.

### Aside from the coursework, what other requirements are there?

Honors students are required to have a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the end of each semester. Students are also required to complete several co-curricular requirements, such as participating in three honors events a semester, and a junior experience. These co-curricular activities allow you to come together with your cohort for a more experiential learning experience.

### If I have questions, who should I contact?

Please contact Dr. Glaser at [rglaser@stevenson.edu](mailto:rglaser@stevenson.edu) with any questions about the Honors Program.