
Weber Honors College

In the Division of Undergraduate Studies

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General Information

The Weber Honors College provides a broad academic foundation for SDSU's most academically engaged undergraduate students. Honors students are exposed to subjects in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The objective of the Weber Honors College is to provide the richest possible intellectual experience by helping students become conversant in multiple disciplines, think flexibly, solve problems and pursue the creative expression of ideas. Building upon the university's commitment to educate students for a global world, the Weber Honors College provides a distinctive learning community for students who seek creative, innovative and responsible ways to understand and engage the international community.

The Weber Honors College features a unique interdisciplinary curriculum made up of small seminars that prepare students for high-impact educational experiences beyond the classroom, including study abroad, research, leadership, service, and creative activity; and for future graduate work and successful careers regardless of their chosen field of study. Students enrolled in the Weber Honors College are eligible for a variety of scholarships awarded through the college.

San Diego State University rewards completion of the Weber Honors College requirements with special recognition at commencement, a distinct transcript annotation, a Weber Honors College graduation banquet and a Weber Honors College certificate as a supplement to the diploma. The Weber Honors College also provides a special honors medallion to its graduates, especially suited for wearing at commencement.

Admission to the Weber Honors College

The priority consideration application deadline for students is January 15. After January 15, applications will be accepted and evaluated on a space-available basis until March 30. For entering first year students, eligibility for acceptance into the Weber Honors College is determined by several factors, including SAT score (a combined score for verbal and mathematics of 1200 or above) or ACT score (a composite score of 28 or above), or high school GPA (3.7 or above), and thoughtful completion of the application essay. For continuing and transfer students, eligibility is determined according to collegiate GPA (3.2 or above) and quality of the application essay. Once admitted to the Weber Honors College, students must maintain at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA and earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in all honors courses. For additional information and to download the application, interested students should consult the website at <http://www.sdsu.edu/honors>.

Key Features of the Curriculum

Study Abroad. All Weber Honors College students are required to complete a credit-bearing study abroad experience. The Weber Honors College recognizes that students may have limited time and/or resources to engage in study abroad. To accommodate students' needs, a combination of short-term and long-term options is available to students. To meet the study abroad requirement, students may choose either short-term study tours, summer abroad programs, semester-long, or year-long exchanges. See the Honors Adviser to make arrangements to meet this requirement.

Honors Senior Capstone. The Weber Honors College is committed to helping students understand what, how, when, and why they learn. All Weber Honors College students are required to integrate their academic, professional, and community involvement, including major and honors-specific coursework and high impact educational experiences beyond the classroom, and formulate an action plan for post-baccalaureate personal and professional aspirations in a culminating capstone.

Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies

(Minor Code: 49993) (SIMS Code: 888001)

The Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies consists of 16 units of honors interdisciplinary seminars and honors sections of general education courses, of which four units are lower division and 12 units are upper division. A maximum of three units of honors sections of general education courses may be counted to satisfy the requirements of the minor. Students must complete a study abroad experience. Students must be admitted to the Weber Honors College at the time they declare the minor.

Preparation for the Honors Minor (4 units). Honors College 100 and 113.

Upper Division for the Honors Minor (12 units). Honors College 313, 480, 495 and three units selected from Honors College 413 or honors sections of general education courses (Anthropology 402; Humanities 370; Psychology 340; Religious Studies 356, 363; Sociology 320).

Courses in the major department or required for the major may not be used to satisfy requirements for the minor. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Study Abroad Requirement. All Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies students are required to complete a credit-bearing study abroad experience.

To meet the study abroad requirement, minors must complete one of the following:

1. An SDSU Study Abroad Program;
2. An SDSU Exchange Program;
3. An SDSU Study Travel Program;
4. A CSU Study Abroad Program;
5. General Studies 450.

COURSES (HONOR)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

HONOR 100. Introduction to Honors (1)

Ways to integrate learning and experiences to enrich college experience. Leadership, community service, research and creative arts, scholarship and fellowships, and study abroad opportunities.

HONOR 113. Seminar in Honors Connection and Commitment (3)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Weber Honors College.

Interdisciplinary education and the theoretical and practical integration of knowledge. Coursework beyond the classroom in areas of research, creative activity, leadership, community service, and study abroad.

HONOR 296. Honors Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

HONOR 299. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. A maximum combined credit of nine units of 299, 499 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

HONOR 313. Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies (3)

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Honors College 113.

Idea, philosophy, and method of interdisciplinary studies. Various disciplines and topics from interdisciplinary perspectives, workplaces, and societal settings. Integration of a variety of schools of thought and the value of an interdisciplinary outlook. See *Class Schedule* for specific content.

HONOR 413. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Social Problems (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Various social problems from interdisciplinary perspectives. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units of which three units may be applicable to General Education.

HONOR 480. Seminar in High Impact Activities (3)

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Honors College 313.

High impact activities completed in research, leadership, service, and/or creative arts performance. Impact of engagement outside the classroom on specific goals.

HONOR 495. Seminar in Integrative Capstone (3)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Weber Honors College.

Honors culminating capstone experience. Synthesis and integration of academic, professional, and community involvement, including major and honors-specific coursework and high impact practices. Formulation of action plan for post-baccalaureate personal and professional aspirations. (Formerly numbered Honors Program 490C.)

HONOR 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

HONOR 499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. A maximum combined credit of nine units of 299, 499 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 499 applicable to a bachelor's degree.