

SCCC Honors Program Overview

The Honors Program at Seattle Central will offer participants both challenges and rewards. The program will serve students by giving them enhanced learning opportunities and detailed experience with undergraduate research. Students who complete the program and earn the Honors degree may also find improved transfer and financial aid opportunities. Seattle Central's first Honors Program students would begin their studies winter quarter of 2010. They would, that quarter, enroll in a five-credit honors research seminar which would be team taught and composed of four modules—math, science, social sciences, and humanities. The purpose of this required course would be to acquaint students with the research possibilities, tools, and methodologies in each of the four major disciplines.

Following the conclusion of the required honors research seminar, the students would enroll in the six-credit honors research project course and begin the three-quarter process of proposing their projects, researching them, and finalizing them. The chart below shows the sequencing of the research process:

1 st Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter	Fall Quarter	2 nd Winter Quarter
Students take research seminar	Students develop research proposal	Students research topics	Students finalize projects

The students would also take four additional honors-designated courses over the next four quarters including at least one class from math or science and one from humanities or social science.

Program Philosophy: The Honors Program at Seattle Central should be both accessible and challenging. The program recognizes achievement and will be formative for students in their academic careers. In addition to the academic work, students will complete requirements in leadership skills and service learning.

Program Admission: Students seeking admission to the Honors Program would need to earn 10 college-level credits at Seattle Central, have completed English 101, and either have completed Math 098 or tested into college-level math. Additionally, Honors Program students must complete English 102 prior to starting the research for their research projects. Program entrance would be once a year beginning in winter quarter. A minimum 3.5gpa would be needed for eligibility.

Program Structure: Honors Program students will take five honors courses which includes the initial honors research seminar required of all students. In addition, students would enroll in the honors research project course in the spring quarter following their admission. This six-credit course would be divided into two credits each in spring, fall, and winter quarters to allow students to submit a strong proposal (spring), research (fall) and finalize (winter). The students would not receive a final grade for their research projects until the conclusion of the work in winter quarter. Courses tagged as carrying honors credit would be open to all students.

Service-Learning and Student Leadership: Honors program students must have both service learning and leadership experiences as part of their studies. This requirement will be met with service learning activities, and active participation in at least one campus student organization (student government, Phi Theta Kappa, WISE etc.).