

The Azusa Pacific University Honors Program is an academically enriched plan of study developed for talented and motivated students. The curriculum fulfills a significant portion of the General Studies requirements while challenging students with greater depth, intensity, and intellectual rigor. In addition, several honors courses are offered in upper division classes needed to meet some major requirements. The program coursework is designed for students committed to intellectual dialogue and Christian fellowship with scholars. The faculty members selected to teach in the program are acknowledged experts in their field and are known for their outstanding scholarly contributions.

Why Should I Participate in the Honors Program?

- Honors students who graduate from APU with at least a 3.3 GPA and have completed 21 units of APU Honors classes receive the *Honors Scholar* designation on their diploma and are honored with a beautiful medallion to wear during the graduation ceremony.
- Honors students complete 4 semesters of Honors Colloquia, a unique academic and cultural enrichment program.
- The Honors Program challenges students to perform at their highest level of academic excellence and develop their abilities to the fullest.
- Innovative thinking is highly encouraged through close student-faculty collaboration and limited class enrollment.
- Students have the opportunity to receive Honors credit for advanced course work and special projects completed in non-Honors classes.
- The Honors program provides the opportunity to take courses that are academically challenging without the busy-work.
- Students are given opportunities to represent APU by participating in regional and national honors conferences.
- Students may select to work on research/scholarly projects or apply for scholarships, internships, or fellowships with the help of their Honors advisor and Honors faculty members in their major departments.
- The Honors Program provides fellowship in a close-knit community of faculty and intellectually gifted undergraduates dedicated to acquiring a broad and balanced education.
- Incoming freshman students participate in Alpha Groups with fellow Honors students. Alpha groups are small groups of 10-15 freshmen that allow new students to build deep and meaningful relationships, and tackle issues that face students on college campuses. The groups meet once a week in Beginnings class and once a week outside of class for discussion.
- Each semester Honors students are invited to participate in a variety of Honors colloquia, cultural and social events to enrich their experiences at APU.
- Students may select to complete Honors units through study abroad in Oxford, England.
- Students may also choose to enjoy the great outdoors and participate in honors study experiences in the APU High Sierra (Yosemite) Program.
- During the class registration period, Honors students are given the opportunity to register early for classes to optimize course schedules.
- Sophomore, Junior and Senior students may select to live in an Honors Living Learning Community in the APU Village.

Who is eligible to apply for acceptance?

Students are invited to apply to the Honors Program as incoming first-year students, transfer students, or as currently enrolled APU students. Invitees are selected from the top 10 percent of the APU applicants on the basis of academic performance, demonstrated leadership ability, and exemplary character.

How do I apply to the Honors Program?

Complete the Honors Program admission essays and submit your essays to the Honors Program office as soon as possible via fax, mail or email. Completed essays are reviewed upon receipt and invitees are notified within 3 weeks about their admission status into the APU Honors Program. Up to 70 new students will be admitted. Early application is encouraged to ensure participation in the program.

To download the Candidate Form and to learn more about the Honors Program, please visit www.apu.edu/honors/.