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## THE HONORS PROGRAM

at California Baptist University



The CBU Honors Program comprises eight (8) intensive seminars offered as a cycle: one seminar during each semester of a typical Bachelor degree program.

There will be:

- One Seminar During the Freshman Fall Semester
- One Seminar During the Freshman Spring Semester
- One Seminar During the Sophomore Fall Semester
- One Seminar During the Sophomore Spring Semester
- Continuing Through the Student's Senior Year

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## Honors FAQs



Of the eight (8) seminars offered during a cycle, a minimum of six seminars must be taken. Honors Program students are required to enroll in and successfully complete:

- Any two (2) of the initial four (4) Freshman and Sophomore seminars
- All four (4) of the Junior and Senior years' seminars.

Students are welcome, but not required to complete additional seminars.

Enrollment in these seminars is limited to students admitted into the Honors Program. Classroom numbers are purposefully restricted, so individual attention is provided all students.

Honors Program students complete rigorous seminars, requiring diligence in reading primary sources and writing original essays.

The CBU Honors Program introduces students to some of the central texts of Western civilization. These texts give voice to the themes and issues that cross all disciplinary lines and provide important links enabling students to understand how each area of study is profoundly interdependent. With every seminar the historical contours of the Christian world view and its relationship to the various issues raised by the themes and texts that lie at the heart of any particular seminar are explored with the students. Thus, the central point of cohesion in this program of study is the never-ending task of thinking through the implications of faith in the context of the rigorous intellectual tradition of Christian thinking.

Students completing the seminar series will be designated CBU Honors Program graduates during commencement exercises, and will have their transcripts similarly annotated.

A student should seek admission to the CBU Honors Program during either semester of the Freshman or first semester of the Sophomore year by filing an application with the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Admission to the Program requires an application separate from regular CBU admission.

The Honors Program admission committee will review the student's overall academic record for predictors of success in this intensive seminar series. The applicant will also provide a writing sample through an admissions essay.

### *What are the requirements for admission to the Honors Program?*

The committee will approve students who (1) write a strong essay and (2) have either an SAT I score of 1220 or higher (or ACT of 27 or higher); or an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher. The committee will consider a student who has a test score above 1110 or GPA above 3.2, and may ask for a personal interview before making a final decision in such cases.

### *Are there additional tuition costs or fees involved in Honors?*

No. There is no fee to apply for admission into the Program, nor are there any tuition fees for the seminars themselves beyond the usual cost associated with a 3-unit undergraduate course at CBU.

### *Do I have to pursue a major in any particular degree program to do Honors at CBU?*

No. A student can pursue the requirements for a degree in any major field of study offered at CBU while completing the Honors Program. The Honors seminars are in addition to, and do not replace, your major coursework requirements.

### *Do the Honors seminar courses count towards completing my degree program?*

Yes. All Honors Program seminars count towards the 124 total semester units required to graduate, and may also count towards fulfillment of specially selected general education requirements. In a few degree majors (currently including English, History, Philosophy, and Political Science), the senior year Honors seminars will count towards completion of the student's capstone course requirement.

### *Are these Honors Program seminars open to everyone?*

Any student with the requisite SAT/ACT or GPA can apply for, and may be admitted to, the CBU Honors Program. But this Program is not for everyone. You will succeed in and benefit from Honors if you can demonstrate that you are self-motivated, hard working, and truly desirous of learning in an intensive program environment.

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