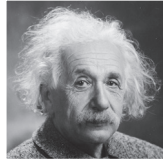


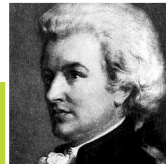


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CR COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

Application | ■ Spring 2020



If you would like to know more about the **HONORS PROGRAM**



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What is the Honors Program at College of the Redwoods?

The College of the Redwoods Honors Program is a selective, challenging Program designed to help students succeed in transferring to competitive four-year schools. If you are a college student with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better and expect more from your education than just a grade, the Honors Program may be for you.

With acceptance into the Program, you will have access to honors credit options, special academic advising, cultural events and trips, and close contact with faculty. In short, the Honors Program provides a high quality experience for your remaining work here at College of the Redwoods.

If you are interested in the Honors Program, please complete the enclosed application and return it no later than the deadline stated. If your application is postmarked by that date and accepted by the selection committee, you can expect to be notified before the following semester.

A GPA of 3.3 for work completed here at College of the Redwoods is required, as well as completed reference forms from two current or recent instructors along with a response to the enclosed essay prompt.

Honors Program. Even one Honors course on your transcript identifies you as interested in pursuing a challenging education, not in just getting by.

What does my GPA need to be to stay in the program?

Students need to maintain a 3.3 GPA for courses taken at College of the Redwoods to remain in the program.

How would I be recognized as an Honors Scholar?

Early in the semester that you will complete 15 Honors units, contact Dr. Justine Shaw in the Honors Program office at 476.4322 to let her know about the schools you are applying to transfer. After the units are verified, we fill out the forms confirming you have taken 15 Honors units and are eligible for benefits.

What happens if I am unable to take an honors course some semester?

If there is a compelling reason you are unable to enroll in at least one Honors course, call or email the Honors Office for a "Honors Sabbatical Request" form. This will hold your place in the program for one semester so that you may return again to the program the subsequent semester without re-applying.

Q&A

How many Honors units do I need to complete this program?

Although you must complete 15 units of Honors courses to have your transcript stamped with "Honors Program Scholar", you do not have to complete 15 units to reap the benefits of the

ADVANTAGES for Students Accepted into the Program

- Special academic advising
- Advanced and enriched freshman and sophomore classes
- Completion of general education transfer requirements
- Better preparation for transfer to upper-division studies
- Access to use of the extensive HSU Library
- Direct and close contact with committed faculty
- Intellectual and social camaraderie
- Cultural events and trips

Student Application

Name

CR Student ID Number

Address

Phone Number

City

State/ZIP

E-mail Address (please write legibly)

To apply
for
program
admission

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Send all
correspondence to:

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If you want to
be in the Honors
Program...

You take your *education* seriously and are willing to *focus* and *work harder* to *learn more*. The Program is marked by *mutual respect* among faculty and students. This means coming to class *on time* and *contributing* to the class *as a whole* rather than holding *independent conversations*.

Cumulative CR GPA

Applicants are required to send the following to an Honors Program Director. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

1. College of the Redwoods Transcript (Official or Unofficial) If you do not have a CR transcript, please provide your latest college transcripts and/or a letter explaining the reason they are unavailable. If this is your first semester at CR, please estimate grades in your current classes and have the instructors sign them.
2. Ask TWO INSTRUCTORS to fill out the enclosed Faculty Reference Forms. Reference forms should be sent by the instructor directly to Dr. Justine Shaw or Dana Maher. Transfer students should provide their teachers with stamped envelopes addressed to Dr. Shaw or Dana Maher (see side bar) to ensure that reference forms are sent directly to the Honors Program. Please list below the names of the two instructors who have agreed to recommend you:

3. To demonstrate your college level writing skills, enclose a typed essay of a minimum 500 words in response to the prompt below:

Essay Prompt

Please respond to the following in an essay that demonstrates the college-level writing abilities you will need to be successful in Honors classes. (Minimum 500 words, double-spaced)

Write an argumentative essay on one of the following topics.

1. Why do you want to become a member of the College of the Redwoods' Honors Program? Make a *clear argument* explaining your reasons for applying to the Honors Program at the college.
2. Explore an idea that you encountered in a book that you read outside of your regular coursework that excited you intellectually. Explain why the idea interested you and how that idea stimulated your intellectual curiosity.

Your completed application must be received no later than **Dec. 2, 2019** for your application to be considered for Spring 2020.

Application Checklist

- Transcript
- Reference Forms
- Essay

Send Applications to:

Dr. Justine Shaw (HU127A)
or Dr. Dana Maher (HU123)
7351 Tompkins Hill Rd.
Eureka CA 95501-9300

Faculty Reference

TO THE STUDENT APPLICANT > This information is to be filled out by student.

Applicant's Name _____

Student ID Number _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Date that form was given to instructor _____

THIS FORM IS

CONFIDENTIAL

and will be used only in considering the applicant for admission into the College of the Redwoods Honors Program. Please call 707.476.4322 or 707.476.4539 with any questions.

TO THE FACULTY MEMBER > The information below is to be filled out by instructor.

For the student's application to be considered, this reference form must be postmarked no later than Dec. 2, 2019 for Spring 2020 directly to:

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PLEASE DESCRIBE WHY you believe the candidate will perform well in accelerated academic classes with highly motivated and articulate classmates. Why would this student benefit from a high-level of intellectual engagement? Provide specific examples from your experience with the student. Please attach a letter or use the limited space below for your recommendation. Sign and date below.

	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
<i>Faculty Member: Please rate the student applicant to the right ▶ and sign this form below ▼.</i>					
Skills Potential Rating					

Faculty Name/Signature _____ Date _____

Subject(s) taught to applicant _____

Academic Skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic Potential	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal Skills in Classroom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall Rating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

