SDSU Honors College

Guide for Honors College Students

Following are a number of steps and suggested timeframes Honors College students will want to follow to insure that all requirements for graduating with Honors College Distinction are completed in a timely manner. Variations in these steps are allowed but all academic requirements for graduation with Honors College Distinction must be completed prior to graduation.

1) **Freshman and Sophomore Year**

During the freshman and sophomore years, students should enroll in Honors College general education courses in the 100 – 200 level classes. Students must complete the application for continued enrollment in the Honors College toward the end of the freshman year. Ideally, students will complete 12 credit hours of Honors general education course work before the start of the junior year.

2) **Junior Year**

Students should complete at least one Honors Colloquium during the junior year and three to six credit hours of Honors contracting course work.

During the spring semester of the junior year, Honors College students should submit a formal Honors Directed Study proposal to the student’s faculty mentor in time for spring semester approval by the Honors College Committee. Students may wish to begin work on the Honors Directed Study during the summer months between the junior and senior years.

3) **Senior Year**

Students may complete three to six hours of Honors contracted course work during the senior year depending upon what was completed during the junior year. Students can complete a second three credit hour Honors Colloquium or add three additional credit hours to the Honors Directed Study in lieu of Honors contracted course work. Students will continue participation in Honors enrichment activities.

Students must submit the formal application for graduation with Honors College Distinction at the start of the spring semester to the Honors College Committee. Students who are found eligible to graduate with Honors College Distinction will be listed in the May commencement program along with the title of their Honors Directed Study. Students may satisfy these same requirements during the fall semester in time for December commencement.