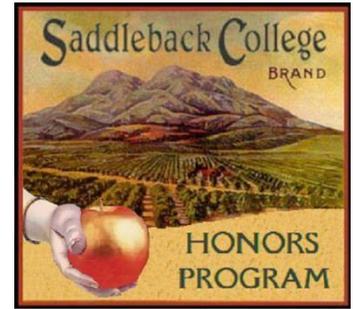


FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CONSIDERING THE SADDLEBACK COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM



We would be proud to be part of your academic journey, and we know that right now you're in the midst of making very difficult decisions about it.

Therefore, before we get to the "nuts and bolts" of the application process, please let us share some information about the transfer process in California.

California community college students are legally first in line to transfer to the UC and CSU.

The state universities are built for transfers and graduate students, not freshmen. This isn't an accident; it's a component of California's Master Plan for Higher Education, which began in 1960.

Over 50% of all CSU grads and almost 30% of all UC grads were transfer students.

At the CSUs and UCs, about 40% of undergraduates are freshmen and sophomores ("lower division" students), and 60% are juniors and seniors ("upper-division" students). Transfer isn't rare. It isn't odd. *It's the plan!* The CSUs and UCs want to admit students who have settled into a major for which they are well prepared. Transfer students help the CSUs and UCs score higher completion rates. Transfer students do better and finish faster than native students.

The best way to transfer to a specific UC campus is via a California community college.

If you were not accepted to your *first*-choice UC but were offered admission to *another* campus, you will almost surely be giving up on your first-choice school if you attend the other one. Except in highly unusual circumstances, UCs do not accept transfers from other UCs. You will be in line behind all applicants not only from all California community colleges but also from all CSU campuses as well. About 95% of UC domestic transfers come from California community colleges.

The University of California prefers California community college *honors* students.

One of its eight "comprehensive review factors for transfer applicants" is involvement in academically selective honors courses or programs."

Colleges and universities nationwide value Saddleback College honors students.

Our students benefit from specially negotiated transfer agreements with UC Irvine, UCLA, three California State University honors programs, and over two dozen private colleges and universities. For the current list, see <http://www.saddleback.edu/honors/honors-program-transfer-partners>.

Now, the nuts and bolts:

Applications to the Honors Program are accepted year-round. However, two deadlines exist for students seeking Honors priority registration for Fall 2018.

- To be eligible for Honors Program priority registration for Fall 2018, you must
 - complete matriculation by **April 13th**. This can be done best through “Freshman Advantage.” Details are available at <https://www.saddleback.edu/matriculation/freshman-advantage-program>.
 - submit the Honors Program “Certificate-Track” application by **April 16th**. “Certificate-Track” status is a necessary condition for almost all Honors Program benefits. See <http://www.saddleback.edu/honors/current-certificate-track-honors-students>.
- April 16th is a deadline for priority registration, *not* for admission to the Honors Program itself.** You may apply to the Honors Program at any time. However, you should do this as soon as possible after April 16th if you have not done so earlier. You are still eligible – and welcome – to begin the Honors Program in Fall 2018, and it is important for you to have your first appointment with an Honors counselor before you are committed to Fall courses. Do not put off applying to the Honors Program.
- We strongly encourage you to attend one of our workshops. They cover a great deal of information and give you the opportunity to ask questions. All are held in the Transfer Center, SSC 225B. Parents are welcome. Call (949) 582-4328 to reserve a seat.



Honors Program Workshops in the Transfer Center - Summer 2018

Thursday	May 17	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 27	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Thursday	July 12	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	July 24	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 1	1:00 – 2:30 pm

We are happy to meet with prospective students who cannot make these workshops but want more information. Please contact Honors Program Chair Prof. Rosenberg at arosenberg@saddleback.edu to schedule a meeting.

The application is a PDF form that must be submitted as a paper copy, not online. It is available on our home page, <http://www.saddleback.edu/honors>.