

SJC HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program at San Juan College is the umbrella for a variety of programs and activities intended to (1) enhance and invigorate learning at San Juan College; (2) promote critical thinking and higher level learning among students and others who are prepared for and seeking those challenges; (3) provide learning opportunities in cross-disciplinary and innovative, creative environments beyond the traditional curriculum; (4) encourage and provide opportunities for intensive instructor-student partnerships in scholarship and learning; and (5) forge new and innovative venues of learning and teaching as forums for research and scholarship.



San Juan College offers Honors courses in three basic formats:

- Embedded Honors courses: core courses regularly offered with both Honors and non-Honors students enrolled. Honors students do more in-depth investigations of topics and are held to higher academic standards than non-honors students.
- Honors core courses: general education courses with only Honors students. Students address a wider range of issues and consider topics in greater depth.
- Special Honors topics courses: offered periodically, these classes provide opportunities to study a variety of topics. Courses may be team-taught, interdisciplinary, and/or conducted in a seminar environment. Students should expect to work with primary sources, lead discussion and/or work collaboratively on projects. These courses will fulfill elective credits toward graduation.

Honors courses are offered each semester and are available to all students. Honors sections of core courses may be substituted for regular sections. Honors special topics courses or seminars will fulfill elective credits toward graduation and may be repeated one or more times for additional credit. The 298 course number has been set aside in the course bank for all programs in all schools to be used exclusively for Honors special topics and seminar courses, with variable credit (1-6 credits) to accommodate the differing needs of different programs.

Students who complete twelve (12) hours of honors courses with a 3.25 GPA or higher in those courses and no grade lower than a 3.0 in an honors course, and who have an overall 3.25 GPA earn the honor of San Juan College Distinguished Scholar. These students are recognized at graduation and their status as San Juan College Distinguished Scholars is recorded on their official transcript.

