

STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

Academic Recognition Programs

Recognition for outstanding academic achievement is given in the following ways:

Dean's List

Outstanding scholastic achievement by San Bernardino Valley College students is recognized through the *Dean's Honors List*. The *Dean's List* is generated twice in each academic year, once during the Fall semester and once during the Spring semester. This scholastic recognition is based on GPA earned during the prior semester as opposed to a cumulative GPA. To qualify for the *Dean's List*, students must complete 12 units of college-level courses during the prior semester. (Units earned through credit-by-examination will be counted when determining eligibility.) Courses taken on a "Pass/No Pass" basis and/or courses numbered in the 900s that do not apply toward a degree are not included when evaluating whether a student has met the 12-unit requirement. Qualifying students will be included on the *Dean's List* in the following categories:

- **Highest honors** for students earning GPAs between 3.90 and 4.00.
- **Honors** for students earning GPAs between 3.70 and 3.89.
- **Distinction** for students earning GPAs between 3.50 and 3.69.

Graduating with Honors

Students who complete 60 units and who graduate with cumulative GPAs in the above three categories will be honored at graduation with special mention in the graduation program. No more than 15 units of course work graded on a Pass/No Pass basis will be included in this 60-unit requirement.

Students completing their associate degrees with an overall GPA of 3.0 are eligible to wear a gold cord at graduation. Students completing their vocational certificates with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above are eligible to wear a gold cord at graduation. Cords can be picked up in the Bookstore prior to graduation.

Alpha Gamma Sigma

Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher may join Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Community College Honor Scholarship Society.

For information, please see our website at: www.valleycollege.edu/current-students/clubs/alpha-gamma-sigma (<http://www.valleycollege.edu/current-students/clubs/alpha-gamma-sigma/>)

Honors Program

The mission of the Honors Program is to provide students with a rigorous learning experience that encourages independent and creative thought, to enhance students' critical reading, writing and thinking abilities as tools for achieving further academic success, and to prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions and to remain in the academic honors track.

Students involved in the Honors Program have the opportunity to develop unique links with UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, Cal Poly Pomona, Pepperdine University, UC Santa Cruz, and Chapman University including:

- Priority admission consideration,
- Priority scholarship consideration,
- Privileges such as use of the libraries,
- Opportunities to attend academic, cultural, and athletic events, campus tours, and the Honors Transfer Day.

Admission to the Honors Program is open to all students. Students who complete the Honors Program will receive a special seal on their transcripts and diploma, and an Honors Program medallion. To complete the program, a student admitted to the Honors program must:

- Complete a minimum of 15 units of honors classes;
- Maintain and graduate with an overall 3.5 GPA in all college coursework.

The honors courses range from one to five units. Most courses are accepted by the University of California and California State University systems, and most can be used to satisfy general education requirements. Students who qualify for the Honors Program may register for any of the following honors courses:

Code	Title	Units
ANTHRO 102H	Cultural Anthropology - Honors	3
ANTHRO 106H	Biological Anthropology - Honors	3
ANTHRO 111H	The Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion - Honors	3
ARCH 145H	History of Architecture: Early Design Through Gothic - Honors	3
ARCH 146H	Architecture History: Renaissance to Modern - Honors	3
ART 102H	Art History: Renaissance to Present - Honors	3
CD 105H	Child Growth and Development - Honors	3
COMMST 100H	Elements of Public Speaking - Honors	3
COMMST 111H	Interpersonal Communication - Honors	3
ECON 200H	Principles of Macroeconomics - Honors	3
ECON 201H	Principles of Microeconomics - Honors	3
ENGL 101H	College Composition - Honors	4
ENGL 102H	Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking - Honors	4
ENGL 151H	Freshman Composition and Literature - Honors	3
ENGL 270H	English Literature: Middle Ages to 18th Century - Honors	3
ENGL 271H	English Literature: 18th Century to Present - Honors	3
GEOG 111H	Physical Geography Laboratory - Honors	1
ETHS 107H	Native American Experiences in U.S. History - Honors	3
ETHS 141H	Race and Ethnic Relations - Honors	3
HIST 100H	United States History to 1877 - Honors	3
HIST 101H	United States History: 1865 to Present - Honors	3
HIST 107H	Native American Experiences in U.S. History - Honors	3
HIST 140H	Chicano Experiences in U.S. History - Honors	3
HIST 145H	History of California - Honors	3
MUS 121H	Music History and Literature - Middle Ages through Baroque - Honors	3

MUS 122H	Music History and Literature - Classic through Contemporary - Honors	3
PHIL 101H	Introduction to Philosophy - Honors	3
POLIT 110H	Introduction to Political Theory - Honors	3
POLIT 138H	Service Learning: Student Leadership - Honors	3
POLIT 139H	Service Learning: Community Leadership - Honors	3
POLIT 141H	Introduction to World Politics - Honors	3
PSYCH 100H	General Psychology - Honors	3
RELIG 100H	Introduction to Religious Studies - Honors	3
SOC 100H	Introduction to Sociology - Honors	3
SOC 110H	Social Problems - Honors	3
SOC 141H	Race and Ethnic Relations - Honors	3
SPAN 101H	College Spanish I - Honors	5
SPAN 102H	College Spanish II - Honors	5
SPAN 103H	College Spanish III - Honors	4

For a complete course description of any of these courses, refer to the specific department listing in this catalog.

Students who would like to take a single honors course without fully participating in the Honors Program may enroll after satisfactorily demonstrating skill or aptitude in the discipline covered by that honors course. The prerequisite(s) for each course must be met by the individual student. Visit the Honors Program website (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/academic-career-programs/specialized-programs/honors-program/>) for additional information.