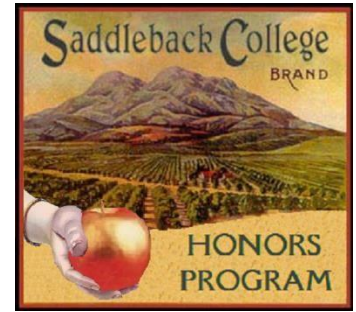




## FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CONSIDERING THE SADDLEBACK COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM



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 for transferring 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.

**One-third of UC and CSU graduates are transfer students.**

At the CSUs and UCs, 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.

**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, you will be in line behind all applicants not only from all California community colleges but also from all CSU campuses.

**The University of California values 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, on to the nuts and bolts.

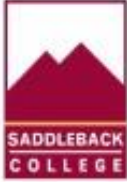
## PRIORITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

While applications to the Honors Program are accepted year-round, if you are seeking Fall 2017 priority registration you must meet special application and matriculation deadlines.

- The Honors Program priority registration date is earlier than the Freshman Advantage date. To be eligible for either, you must complete Freshman Advantage by April 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - A list of Freshman Advantage Program 2017 requirements can be found here: <https://www.saddleback.edu/matriculation/freshman-advantage-program>.
  - Although the Freshman Advantage deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>, **you must submit the Honors Program application by April 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will wait until April 14<sup>th</sup> to complete processing it.
  - Freshman Advantage Fridays are half-day sessions that make the process seamless. <http://www.saddleback.edu/matriculation/freshman-advantage-fridays>
- If you do not meet the April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline, you are encouraged to proceed with Freshman Advantage (which continues through May 19) and submit your Honors Program application as soon as possible afterward. It is important for you to have your first appointment with an Honors counselor before you are committed to Fall courses.
- We strongly encourage you to attend one of our Honors Program Workshops. They cover a great deal of information and give you the opportunity to ask questions. All workshops are held in the Transfer Center, SSC 225B. Parents are welcome. Call (949) 582-4328 to reserve a seat in one of these workshops.

Tuesday	March 28	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Thursday	March 30	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	May 25	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	June 21	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Thursday	July 7	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Monday	July 25	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 3	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](mailto:arosenberg@saddleback.edu) to schedule a meeting.



# HONORS PROGRAM

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE-TRACK STATUS

### Admission Criteria:

1. Completed Saddleback College matriculation process indicating
  - a. eligibility to enroll in transfer-level English composition classes (1A, 1AH, 1B, or 1BH)
  - b. Saddleback College as the current College of Record. This status must be maintained.
2. Evidence of a weighted academic GPA of 3.25 for all four years of high school or at least 12 semester units of UC-transferable college work.
3. Demonstrated ability and commitment to succeed in honors-level work.

### Required Application Materials:

1. Completed, signed Applicant Information sheet.
2. Application Essay (two-page, typed, double-spaced), ***written with no assistance from other persons.*** **Your Application Essay will be used to evaluate your writing skills as well as read for content.** Choose one of the essay prompts on the last page of this application.
3. Two letters of recommendation from an instructor or counselor.
  - a. Paper letters must be submitted **on** school letterhead, either by mail to the address below or as an attachment to an email sent from the recommender's official school account.
  - b. At least one letter must be from an instructor in English, the humanities, or the social sciences.
  - c. If letterhead is not available, an email from the recommender's **official** school account is acceptable so long as there is enough information to verify the letter's authenticity if necessary.
4. Transcripts of academic history (Unofficial copies are acceptable)
  - a. From all colleges or universities attended, no matter how many units have been completed.
  - b. From all high schools attended, if fewer than 12 college semester units have been completed.

### Deadlines:

**You may register and complete Honors classes before applying to Certificate-Track status, but your right to apply for Certificate-Track status ends once you have been *graded* for two Honors classes.** Applications are accepted throughout the year. The only deadlines are for students who want to be eligible for priority registration for the subsequent semester. To be eligible for priority registration, your complete application must be **received** by

- February 1 (for Summer)

- April 1 (for Fall) **APRIL 10**

If these dates occur on a weekend or Saddleback College holiday, the application materials may be deposited in the Dropbox outside LRC 114. Applications are normally evaluated within three weeks of receipt. Applications will not be evaluated before a student's matriculation is complete, including all testing and placement.

Submit applications by mail or in person to Saddleback College, Honors Program Office (LIB 114), 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo CA 92692. For more information, contact the Honors Program Office at the above address, by phone 949-582-4853, or via e-mail at [schonorsprogram@saddleback.edu](mailto:schonorsprogram@saddleback.edu).

The application may not be submitted online. It can be downloaded from <http://www.saddleback.edu/honors>.