HONORS PROGRAM ORIENTATION

Welcome!
WHAT DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE HONORS PROGRAM?

- 15 units of Honors work—this includes 15 units of formal honors classes.
- Maintain a UC-transferable GPA of 3.25 throughout your attendance at LAPC.
HOW DO I CALCULATE MY UC-TRANSFERABLE GPA?

- Use only classes marked “UC/CSU” in the Catalog and Schedule of classes.
- Your GPA is calculated by dividing your “grade points” by your “units attempted.”
- Grades of “W,” “Inc.,” and “P/NP” are not included in this calculation.
- See the following link for detailed instructions:

  http://www.piercecollege.edu/offices/counseling_center/counseling_faqs.asp#GPA
What is Mary’s UC-transferable GPA?

Math 240    CSU    (3)    C
English 101  UC/CSU  (3)    A
Chemistry 60 UC/CSU  (5)    A
PE 690 UC/CSU  (1)    A

If you said “4.0,” you’re right! The Math 240 class doesn’t count.
HOW CAN I BE A SUCCESSFUL HONORS STUDENT?

- Show up to class regularly, with the proper supplies.
- Have a good attitude.
- Show your instructors that you care and that you take your education seriously.
- Register on time to get your first-choice classes.
- See a counselor regularly to make sure you are on the right track.
- Don’t overload yourself with too many difficult classes unless you know you can handle the work load.
- Attend the Honors Research Conference.
- Don’t even think about cheating! Follow campus rules and regulations regarding academic integrity. Honors instructors are mandated to report each and every incident to the dean in charge of dishonesty.
HOW CAN I BEST PREPARE FOR TRANSFER TO UCLA?

- Become familiar with your major requirements and any alternate that you might consider for transfer to UCLA and any school within the UC and CSU. Use this website:
  http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html

- Research the average GPA for admission as most majors are highly competitive. See the Pierce College Transfer Website
  http://207.62.63.167/offices/transfer_center/index.asp
One of the advantages of being Honors-certified is that you can be considered for admission under an alternate major if you do not meet admission requirements under your first choice major.

You can use any major as an alternate except the following:
- Pre-Business Economics
- Communication Studies
- Pre-Economics
- English
- Pre-Global Studies
- Pre-History
- Pre-International Development Studies
- Pre-Political Science
- Pre-Psychology
- Pre-Sociology
WHAT MAJORS DOES UCLA CONSIDER FOR TAP CERTIFICATION?

- Only majors within the College of Letters and Science, although students planning to major in engineering or other majors in other colleges might find it beneficial to complete the Honors Program, as well.
WHAT OTHER SCHOOLS CAN I CONSIDER?

- Many campuses give preference to Honors students. For other UCs, consider doing a TAG agreement. The “G” stands for “Guarantee,” so it might be a good idea to submit this agreement if you’re interested in UCs other than L.A. or Berkeley.

- Here is a link to information about TAG agreements with the University of California:
  http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/guarantee/index.html
WHERE CAN I GO FOR HELP?

There are many resources available to you at Pierce:
- Counseling Office
- Career & Transfer Center
- Honors Program Website and Office
- Center for Academic Success
- Library
What Else Do I Need to Know?

- The Honors Program at Pierce is one of the largest in California. Our transfer rate is one of the highest, as well.
- We are here to assist you. You are extremely important to us!