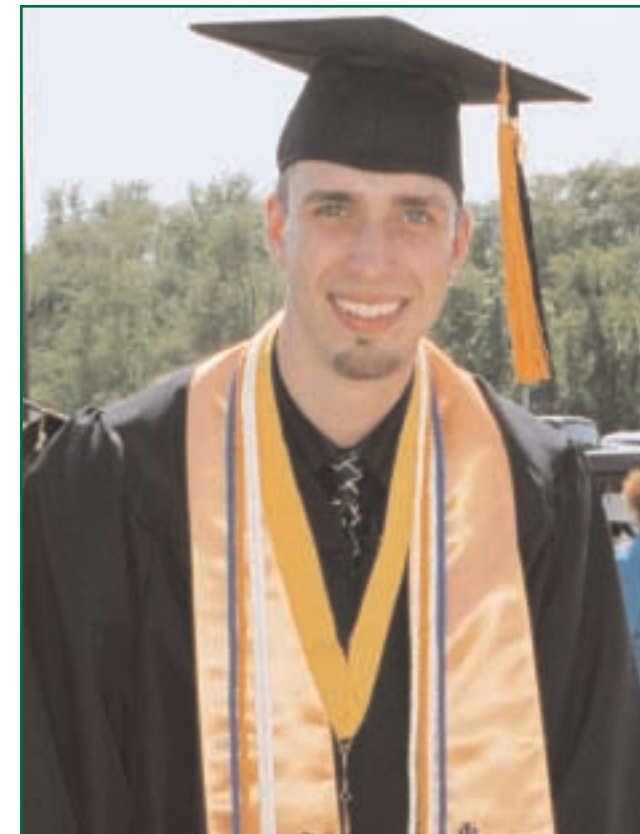


Honors Program

An enriched learning experience.



Here's what students say

Not interested in Honors classes? Think again. Here are excerpts from recent Honors Program student surveys:

"The most valuable aspect of the program to me is the demand for excellence—not perfection, but the motivation to be the best we can be."

"The smaller class size is great. Everyone seems to know everyone else—it has a warmer atmosphere."

"It encourages me to speak and voice my opinions, adding tremendously to my learning experience."

"Interactions are key; I've made friends in Honors classes."

"I value the community we've created, the level of respect."

"The research papers have allowed me to get back into the swing of writing for school, and my speeches have benefitted overall."

"I found the field trip to be valuable. I like the lab activities."

"I learn from everyone rather than just the instructor."

"I like feeling more involved. In Honors it seems to be easier to participate. Discussions are great. I learn more hearing everyone's opinion."

"You learn more. You expect to do your best."

"It encouraged me to ask more questions and brought the best out of me."

Are you eligible?

Getting into the PSC Honors Program requires one of two things. You will need either (a) 12 hours of 100+ level PSC course work and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or (b) college-level placement scores in Reading and English and a composite ASSET score of 125 (or COMPASS score of 220).

To continue enrolling in Honors courses, you must maintain a 3.5 GPA. Exceptions may be made with the individual consent of an Honors instructor.

For more information

For further details on PSC's Honors Program, call Professor Maurine Stein, Honors Program coordinator, (708) 709-3771, or e-mail mstein@prairiestate.edu. Or call Wallace Bailey, enrollment advisor, (708) 709-3641, or e-mail wbailey@prairiestate.edu.

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"Honors students are challenged and determined to learn, so we have great discussions in class."



What does PSC offer you?

• LOW TUITION

PSC is affordable. Tuition is significantly lower than public (state) universities in Illinois and private colleges and universities.

• TRANSFER DEGREES

Start at PSC with an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts or Associate of Arts in Teaching in one of a variety of academic disciplines. Transfer to a four-year institution as a junior and save on tuition and make a smooth transition to college life.

• TWO-YEAR CAREER DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

PSC offers the Associate in Applied Science degree and certificates in programs such as auto tech, computer science, health professions, and others. Boost earnings and career potential with a two year degree or certificate.

• STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

PSC offers academic advising, student clubs and activities, intercollegiate and intramural athletics, tutoring, service projects, music ensembles, and more.

• TOP-NOTCH TEACHING

PSC has faculty members dedicated to teaching freshman and sophomores and focused on helping students learn with small class sizes and individual attention.

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An enriched environment

PSC Honors courses help you get the most out of your education—rewarding higher achievement with enhanced learning and transfer options. Honors classes are not more difficult, just different, and typically include guest speakers, field trips and individualized lessons. Plus, smaller class sizes mean more emphasis is placed on lively discussions and special projects and less on lectures and test-taking.

In this creative environment you'll find instructors who are open to student input and willing to try new ideas. Limiting enrollment to high-achieving students ensures you'll share in discussions and assignments appropriate to your level of interest.

"Honors classes are not more difficult, and they're not more time consuming."



"The learning here is intensive, and I appreciate that. . . . Students and professors benefit from this learning environment. . . . The faculty are great, and I've found my fellow students to be very mature. . . . I feel motivated to work harder."

Earn benefits

The benefits of taking Honors classes don't end once the class does. Because of the Honors notation that will appear on your transcript, Honors classes enhance your opportunities to transfer to four-year colleges and universities and to receive scholarships.

As an Honors student, you also have the added benefit of registering before all other Prairie State students, allowing you to get the classes you want and need before they fill up. Consult with your enrollment advisor for more information.

Choose one Honors course or several; it's all up to you.

Unique opportunities

Take Honors classes to fill your general education requirements. PSC offers Honors classes in the Fall and Spring terms in Art, Biology, Communication, English (Composition and Literature), History, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Social Sciences.

Some Honors classes have been scheduled as a single, six-credit-hour unit. The double-course format, called Learning in Community (LinC), enriches your Honors experience and allows some individual assignments to be counted for credit in both courses.

Consider the facts

How are Honors classes the same as other classes?

- An Honors class fits the same official course outline as other sections of the course.
- An Honors class earns the same number of credit hours.
- An Honors class is graded according to the same standard used for other sections, though not necessarily by using the same methods of evaluation.
- Honors classes are designed to have about the same amount of homework as other sections of the course.

How are Honors classes different from other classes?

- An honors class offers a different learning experience, typically (but not necessarily) stressing depth of coverage, discussion over lecture, and projects or creative work over test taking. These differences will be summarized by your instructor at the start of the course.
- Honors classes are limited to 18 students. Small class size allows for more discussion and more individual attention from the instructor.
- Honors students get to know each other. Small classes, group projects and seeing your classmates in other Honors classes all promote getting to know other students with whom you may share interests.
- An Honors class will include at least one field trip or guest speaker. The Honors Program offers these "extras" to make each course an even more memorable experience.
- At graduation, students who have successfully completed nine hours or more of Honors classes wear a special white cord.

*Start near.
Go far.*

National affiliation

Prairie State College is a member of several nationally recognized organizations, including the National Collegiate Honors Council, the Upper Midwest Honors Council and the Honors Council of the Illinois Region.

PSC also is home to a five-star chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college honor society, in which many Honors students participate.

