

FOOTHILL COLLEGE
College Curriculum Committee
Resolution to Remove Honors Program Prerequisite Language

Whereas, Title 5 specifically states that all course prerequisites be skills based and validated by a community college before being implemented;

Whereas, the current honors program prerequisite language requiring a student to be an “Honors Institute participant” creates barriers to student access to the honors program that have negative implications for the college’s equity efforts;

Whereas, state-wide trends in honors programs are moving in the direction of increasing access to honors programming for all students at a college;

Whereas, current prerequisite language for the honors program creates a bureaucratic obligation for faculty co-directors of the program that requires an inordinate amount of their time be spent clearing students for the program rather than on coordinating the program;

Resolved: The Foothill College Curriculum Committee approves the blanket removal of the “Honors Institute participant” prerequisite from all Foothill course outlines of record. This removal will be effective fall 2020 quarter and will be published in an addendum to the college catalog. Upon removal of the prerequisite, the college will cease its enforcement in Banner.

Resolved: The Foothill College Curriculum Committee approves the Articulation Officer submitting all of the updated course outlines for honors courses for UC consideration this June 2020, as well as for any other necessary articulation (e.g., CSU GE, IGETC, C-ID) under the appropriate deadlines.