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The Smittcamp Family Honors College provides exceptional students with a distinctive course of study at Fresno State. Students in the Honors College take courses that challenge their abilities, perform service to the university and the community, and maintain high levels of academic achievement (as measured by grade point average). Honors students who meet these goals receive special distinction at graduation, including honors certification on their transcripts. Honors programs are offered at the university, college/school, and department levels. Selected students may participate in any or all of the following:

University Honors. A degree with university honors is based on General Education honors studies with a minimum of 24 lower-division and 12 upper-division units. All honors courses are specially designed and are available only to students in the Honors College. Students take these courses together as a special honors learning community. To maximize student-faculty interaction and to generate a unique learning experience, all honors courses are limited to 25 students.

College/School Honors. College or school honors are earned at the upper-division level. Students may pursue a special program of advanced study within their chosen discipline. The Craig School of Business, College of Arts and Humanities, and Lyles College of Engineering all offer honors programs at this level.

honors: (*plural but singular in construction*) a course of study either supplementing or replacing a regular course, open to students of superior ability, and usually culminating in an examination or thesis to determine eligibility for a degree with special distinction.

college: a part of a university offering a specialized group of courses

(*Webster's Third New International Dictionary*)

Honors College: a program of educational opportunity for exceptional students, including specially structured academic offerings designed to engage students more comprehensively and intellectually with the best faculty on virtually a one-to-one basis.

Department Honors. Some individual departments offer honors programs within their majors. Credit for department honors is earned at the upper-division level. Receiving department honors usually requires advanced study above the norm for the major, with credit earned as independent study connected to existing course requirements. Psychology, Armenian Studies, and Criminology currently offer department honors.

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Honors Colloquium

All students participating in the Honors College are involved with the Honors Colloquium. Designed around the concept of the "town meeting," the colloquium presents a weekly opportunity for students to interact with experts and authorities on a wide range of topics. From life on campus to life on Mars — from student issues to presidential politics — the colloquium provides students with global perspectives and local solutions. The colloquium provides honors students with the chance to interact with,

