

Early Admissions Honor program applicants being accepted at UCSD

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Applications for the Early Admissions Honors (EAH) program at the University of California, San Diego are now available to current high school juniors who will complete twelfth grade during 1998-99. The deadline for applying for UCSD's Fall Quarter 1998 is Jan. 30, 1998.

The EAH program offers the opportunity for exceptionally talented high school scholars to enroll at UCSD while completing their senior year of high school. Those students who decide to continue their studies at UCSD following high school graduation will automatically be enrolled without filling out another application.

Early Admission Honor students may take up to two UCSD courses per quarter at a cost of less than one-third of the usual tuition fees. Estimated expenses for the program include an application fee of \$40, registration fee of approximately \$423 per quarter, approximately \$50 to \$80 per course for books and supplies, and approximately \$91 per quarter for a parking permit.

Qualifications for the program include a grade point average of 4.00 in all high school courses applicable to the UC admission requirements (known as the "a-f pattern"). The SAT I or PSAT also must have been completed by the December, 1997 test date for EAH admission, and required minimum scores are 620 for the verbal test and 560 for math. Courses taken through the EAH program become a permanent part of the student's academic record. Grades are assigned according to University of California standards.

Purposes of the EAH program are threefold, according to coordinator Patricia C. Reiswig. "First of all, we're providing advanced courses for students who want to follow a particular subject beyond the level offered in high school. For instance, some students find they have achieved the highest level of math at their school, and they're ready to go on to the advanced levels that UCSD can offer."

Reiswig says the program also allows students to take courses not offered at their high school. "Many EAH students like to take UCSD courses that interest them, such as C++ programming or Contemporary Music," she notes.

Thirdly, adds Reiswig, EAH provides a gradual transition from high school to the college environment. "Students find they get first-hand experience of what college is like," she says, "so when they start going full-time, the adjustment is immensely easier."

Reiswig says another benefit of EAH is that participants enjoy the numerous advantages of regular UCSD students while continuing with their high school work. They also gain an insider's advantage with field trips, tours of academic departments and campus theatre productions that Reiswig plans for them. "They are given their own

e-mail and Internet accounts, as well as access to campus computer labs, free of charge. Plus that, they have the wealth of resources at the UCSD libraries to explore."

For further information about the EAH program call (619) 534-4831.

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