Distinguished Faculty

Our faculty come from all parts of the world and include Fulbright scholars, researchers and scientists, published authors, and business leaders. Many have been recognized statewide and nationally for their outstanding teaching. Professors are chosen for their academic backgrounds, professional expertise, and dedication to teaching. Faculty hold master’s and doctoral degrees in their fields.

Small Class Size

Class sizes are kept small to encourage teacher/student communication and interaction. A typical class size is 35 or fewer students.

Priority Transfer Eligibility

The California master plan for higher education guarantees that Allan Hancock College students have the highest priority for transfer admissions to CSU and UC campuses. A higher percentage of community college transfer students are admitted to California four-year public universities than first-time freshmen who apply.

Transfer Guarantee and Priority Admissions Programs

Special guaranteed admission agreements assure student transfer to certain California universities. We currently have this type of agreement with UC Davis, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, CSU Fullerton, CSU Monterey Bay, San Jose State University, CSU Northridge, and CSU Channel Islands. While these programs actually guarantee transfer, others assure priority admissions consideration. For example, students who complete the Honors Program are eligible for priority or guaranteed admission to UC Irvine and San Diego State University. Allan Hancock College maintains course agreements with all UC and CSU campuses and with many private colleges. Course agreements guarantee credit for general education degree requirements as well as preparation for many majors. If students are undecided about their major, they can begin taking core classes at Allan Hancock College that lead toward a bachelor’s degree.

Student Success

The latest data shows that for the eighth year in a row, Allan Hancock College students enjoy higher transfer acceptance rates to Cal Poly, SLO, than students from neighboring community colleges and the state in general. Seventy-eight percent of Hancock students who applied to Cal Poly in fall 2006 were accepted, as compared to the overall acceptance rate of 37 percent. The transfer acceptance rate is determined by looking at the number of students accepted versus the number who applied.
Honors
The Allan Hancock College Honors Program provides highly motivated students the opportunity to develop superior academic skills. Benefits of the program include mentoring by professors, small class size, recognition at graduation, and special transfer opportunities. Qualified students are eligible to participate in this program directly from high school or after one semester at Allan Hancock College. Students successfully completing the Honors Program are guaranteed transfer to UC Irvine and San Diego State University and enjoy higher transfer acceptance rates at other universities.

Financial Assistance and Other Support Services
Students are priority one at Allan Hancock College. A strong infrastructure of support services is available to help students succeed - in college and in life. Support is provided in:
- academic counseling
- assistance in applying for financial aid and scholarships
- career planning and job placement services
- assistance for those with learning disabilities and/or physical limitations
- programs to assist low income and educationally disadvantaged students
- health care services and referrals
- learning and tutorial assistance.

Low Cost and High Value
California community college fees are still the lowest in the nation. By first attending a community college, the overall expense of a college education can be greatly reduced. Students on the transfer track at Allan Hancock College complete their general education and lower-division major requirements - the same classes they would be taking at a UC or CSU campus - for approximately 80% of the cost of attending a university.

Student Life!
Allan Hancock College has its own student government, many clubs to choose from, and an athletic program with winning traditions.