

DVS Honors Program

2018 - 2019



Student Name: _____

In order to earn the honors designation for a course at DVS, students will be required to earn a passing score on one midterm exam and one final exam for that course. Please initial on the line next to each of the items below to indicate your understanding of the requirements:

___ Passing score for midterm or final is a 3 or better on every EKS assessed.

___ Content on honors midterm and final exams is comprehensive and supplemental. This means that the exams cover all essential skills taught in the class up until the point of the exam, and some additional content not taught within the context of the regular class will also be tested.

___ In order to be eligible to take the honors final exam, students must earn a 3 or better on each Essential Skill assessed on the midterm and have an overall grade of B- or better in the class at the time of the final exam.

___ There are no re-takes allowed on midterm or final exams. If a student misses an exam, the student and his/her parent must schedule a meeting with school administration to discuss the situation and determine whether or not a makeup exam is warranted.

___ Students wishing to take the midterm/final in 4 or more courses must have a meeting with their counselor, after which the counselor will make a recommendation to the parents.

___ Honors midterms and finals will not be used as evidence of mastery in the overall course grade, but only as qualification for the honors designation.

Please indicate in the table below the course(s) in which you wish to take the honors midterm:

Course	Midterm Exam Date	Final Exam Date
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

Counselor Recommendation to Parents & Counselor Signature (required only if student is attempting honors credit in four or more courses):

Yes _____ No _____ Counselor Signature: _____
Reservations (if any): _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____
(required for all students) (required for all students)

This form must be turned in to the front office no later than Friday, February 15th in order for a student to take the honors midterm.

Additional Information About Honors Courses

All courses with an honors designation at DVS count as an additional grade point value in the DVS GPA calculation. Private universities recognize all DVS Honors courses.

When calculating a student's UC/CSU GPA to determine if the student meets or exceeds the minimum GPA, the number of designated honors courses receiving the additional grade points is limited to eight semesters. Students may complete more than eight semesters of honors coursework, but a maximum of eight extra points will be factored into the UC/CSU GPA.

All 9th grade courses (English 9, Physics, PLTW - Introduction to Design, Algebra 1, Geometry, Statistics, & Spanish 1) and Algebra 2, and Spanish 2 are not eligible for UC and CSU honors designation and will not count as additional GPA point value in the CSU GPA calculation. However, the UC and CSU systems will recognize that by taking these honors courses, the student has selected a rigorous curriculum. This adds competitive components to a student's college application. These policies are for UC and CSU systems only.

Most students complete UC/CSU designated honors courses in grades 11 and 12, although some may complete these courses as early as grade 10. UC/CSU limits the amount of extra points added to the GPA for designated honors courses completed in grade 10 to no more than four semesters. This limitation also only affects the GPA calculation that determines if an applicant meets or exceeds the minimum GPA UC requires based on residency status (2.0 GPA for CSU and 3.0 GPA for UC).

Source:

<https://www.ucop.edu/agguide/a-g-requirements/honors/index.html>

DVS Courses approved for UC and CSU honors designation for the 2018-19 academic year:

(A) History/Social Science World History Honors United States History Honors US Government Honors* (B) English English 10 Honors English 11 Honors English 12 Honors (C) Mathematics PreCalculus Honors Advanced Calculus *	(D) Laboratory Science Chemistry Honors Advanced Physics* Honors PLTW-Medical Interventions (effective 2018-2019) Honors PLTW-Human Body Systems (effective 2018-2019) (E) Language Other than English Spanish 3 Honors Spanish 4 Honors (G) College Preparatory Elective Economics Honors* Psychology Honors Honors PLTW-Civil Engineering and Architecture (effective 2018-2019) Honors PLTW-Principles of Engineering (effective 2018-2019) Honors PLTW-Computer Integrated Manufacturing (effective 2018-2019)
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**These courses have an alternative means of earning honors credit. See teacher for details.*

Honors Midterm & Final Dates for Semester 2

Subject	Semester 2 Midterm	Semester 2 Final
Engineering, Psychology, & MI	Wednesday, 3/13 @ 1:30pm	Tuesday, 6/4 @ 8:00am
English	Tuesday, 3/12 @ 1:30pm	Tuesday, 5/28 @ 1:30pm (grades 9 - 11); Friday, 5/24 @ 8:00am (12th grade only)
Math	Friday, 3/8 @ 8:00am	Wednesday, 5/29 @ 1:30pm
Science	Monday, 3/11 @ 1:30pm	Monday, 6/3 @ 8:00am
Social Studies	Friday, 3/22 @ 8:00am	Friday, 5/31 @ 8:00am
Spanish	Thursday, 3/14 @ 1:30pm	Thursday, 5/30 @ 8:00am

* It is strongly recommended that students who earn honors in a course during 1st semester attempt to earn honors in the same course during 2nd semester.