

Distinguishing the Different Types of Honors

[The Honors Program](#)

The Honors Program at CT State is a cohort-based program that provides students with courses at the honors level, close faculty mentoring, and programming designed to hone the academic, professional and interpersonal skills necessary for transfer and future academic and career success. As a result, Honors Program students have a much higher graduation rate and most transfer to 4-year institutions (including Cornell, Yale, Vanderbilt, Amherst, NYU, and Wesleyan). Applicants are typically accepted into the Honors Program before the start of their first or second semester at CT State. However, applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will be considered until all available spots are full.

[Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society](#)

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the official honor society of two-year colleges. PTK offers members prestigious recognition and the opportunity to deepen their college and campus involvement, access to exclusive scholarships, and a chance to be part of an international network for connection, professional development, and more, even after graduation. Each CT State campus runs an individual chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. Eligible students will be invited to join by their home campus PTK chapter.

[Graduating with Honors](#)

Students with exemplary academic performance at CT State are recognized at graduation and on their transcript with the following designations:

Summa Cum Laude for students with a 3.9 - 4.0 final grade point average

Magna Cum Laude for students with a 3.7 - 3.89 final grade point average

Cum Laude with a 3.4 - 3.69 final grade point average

Students with the qualifying GPA will be automatically recognized with the appropriate designation upon completion of their degree.