



# PHI ALPHA MU

Φ Α Μ

## SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES HONOR SOCIETY

PHI ALPHA MU was created in 1957 by the Orange Coast College Social and Behavioral Sciences faculty. It grew from a desire to recognize, honor, and encourage outstanding student achievement in OCC social and behavioral sciences courses. The name was derived from Thucydides who, in reporting the Funeral Oration of Pericles, described the Athenians as searching for “wisdom without loss of strength.” The name, accordingly, is intended to signify an organic fusion of **Philosophy**, **Anthropology**, and other matters pertaining to the **Muses**. Thus, through these studies individuals can achieve “wisdom without loss of strength.”

Phi Alpha Mu offers open membership enrollment to students during the first six weeks of the Fall and Spring semesters. **Phi Alpha Mu membership benefits include the following:**

- 1) *Notation on student's OCC transcript,*
- 2) *Commencement regalia and recognition during graduation ceremonies,*
- 3) *Assistance with service, leadership, and scholarship portfolio development, and*
- 4) *Opportunity for “members-only” to compete for scholarship awards.*

### **Qualifications for membership:**

- ∞ **Freshman** students must have completed a minimum of **9** units in Social/Behavioral Sciences courses with a **3.50** grade point average or higher in these courses. In addition, the student's Orange Coast College **overall** grade point average must be at least 3.00.
- ∞ **Sophomore** students must have completed a minimum of **12** units in Social/Behavioral Sciences courses with a **3.50** grade point average or higher in these courses. In addition, the student's Orange Coast College **overall** grade point average must be at least 3.00.

### **Qualifying courses include:**

- ∞ American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, History, Humanities, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Sociology.

**Note: Current enrollment in courses does not count towards qualification. Only OCC courses with grades that are listed and highlighted on the transcripts will be considered.**

**PHI ALPHA MU**  
**Social and Behavioral Sciences Honor Society**

**Membership Application**

**Due the 6<sup>th</sup> Friday of each semester by the 5:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE PRINT and USE BLUE OR BLACK INK**

Name:

Last	First	M.I.
------	-------	------

Student I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Street	City	ZIP
--------	------	-----

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Phone #/area code: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**What are your future Leadership Interests?**


**What are your future Community Service and Volunteer Interests?**


**What Research and Conference Presentation Interests do you have?**


- ☞ Please attach an unofficial copy of your **OCC transcripts with the “qualifying OCC courses” highlighted**. **Your application will not be considered if your highlighted transcripts are not included.** Completed applications and highlighted transcripts are due **no later than the sixth Friday of each semester by 5:00 pm**. Return to Dr. Jessica Alabi’s faculty mailbox in the Administration building in a sealed envelope.
  
- ☞ During Spring semester, apply for Phi Alpha Mu Scholarship in the OCC Scholarship Office.