University Honors Program
2015–2016

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Undergraduates at UC Davis enjoy the opportunity to study with internationally known professors and to work in world-class libraries and laboratories. Within that setting, the University Honors Program offers the benefits of life in a small college. You can join a group of motivated students taught by dedicated faculty in small classes specially designed for the Honors program. Living in the Honors residence hall can help you form your own community and pursue a wide range of extracurricular activities. With priority registration and extended library privileges you will have the classes you want and the resources you need.

In the first two years of the program, students enroll in Honors classes that fulfill UC Davis requirements for the bachelor’s degree. In addition, from the start of your college career, Honors presents you with the opportunity to do research of your own — culminating in a capstone project of your design.

The Honors program provides UC Davis students who have shown the highest potential for excellence the chance to fulfill that potential in a unique environment featuring the best of what higher education can offer: the qualities of a small college and the opportunities of a world-renowned research university.

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What University Honors Program students are saying:

“The honors research course helped me to make connections with influential professors in areas related to my major.”
-Farhad Ghadamli, ’13
Mechanical Engineering

“The University Honors Program gave me a set of resources and experiences that I valued greatly in my undergraduate career. The smaller classes were a great opportunity that allowed me to network with similarly ambitious students and interesting professors.”
-Patrick Sheehan, ’14
Computer Science and Engineering

“The University Honors Program gave me the skills I needed to approach professors and encouraged me to push my limits. This combination of challenge and support helped give me the confidence to pursue my passion!”
-Zoe Rossman ’17
LIFE AND LEARNING IN AN HONORS COMMUNITY

As a freshman entering the Honors program, you can enjoy life in the newest residence hall at UC Davis. Currant Hall provides Honors students a home where you can connect with your peers in the program — people who will share classes, talents, hobbies, and interests with you, as well as your commitment to academic achievement. Honors students design their own residential activities, including lecture series, games, films, and other special events.

BREADTH

In your first two years at UC Davis, the Honors program provides you with classes designed and taught by top UC Davis faculty. You will have a range of classes to choose from that fulfill the university’s general education requirements, as well as special Honors offerings that lay the foundation for your major.

EXPERIENCE

As you move into the upper division, the Honors program offers you opportunities to study abroad, tackle independent research with faculty, undertake community service, and work in groups to learn the skills of project management. Honors faculty teach a research seminar focused on your area of specialization to ensure you are prepared to design and carry out your own project.

ACCOMPLISHMENT

In the fourth year, Honors students complete a capstone project. Depending on your field of study you may design a project or portfolio, perform a play or composition, or write a thesis or research paper. The Honors Program will make sure you find the faculty and the resources you need for this crowning achievement of your undergraduate studies.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Priority registration for all courses
- Special, small-enrollment Honors courses
- Honors recognition on your transcript
- Faculty support for research and community-based projects
- Dedicated counselors and peer advisors
- Extended library privileges
- Convocations, activities, and networking events with faculty and administration

A Curriculum Tailored for High-Achieving Students

Caroline Vissers ’14 Animal Science

GOING ON TO GREAT THINGS

Your predecessors in the program have won top honors: the University Medal, the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research, membership in nationally recognized honor societies, and a range of prizes and fellowships. They have gone on to study at the world’s best graduate and professional schools, and to work in exciting, innovative firms.

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Mariah K Watson ’16 International Relations

James Lucas ’15 Molecular Biology

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James is a member of the UC Davis student team awarded Grand Prize in the 2014 International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition. The team developed CO2Fix, an enzyme-based electrochemical biomass that detoxifies dioxane in olive oil.

Illustrious Honors Alumni
1. Patrick McCarthy ’10, Senior Financial Analyst at Intel Corporation;
2. Kim Lawrence ’14, Graduate Student in Neuroscience at Cardiff University, Wales;
3. Nate Delaney ’10, Psychology PhD Candidate at Tufts University;
4. Ernst Morington ’10, MD Candidate at the UCSF School of Medicine;
5. Krist-Woody Scott ’06, Health Policy PhD Candidate at Harvard University.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?