UCI Campuswide Honors Collegium
“The beauty of the Campuswide Honors Collegium is the elegant way in which its elements – students, faculty, courses, advising, housing – work together to create a consummate living learning community. See if Campuswide Honors might be right for you as you read through this brochure.”

Charles E. (Ted) Wright
Associate Dean for Campuswide Honors and Professor of Cognitive Sciences
The Campuswide Honors Collegium is built on a 30-year honors tradition at UCI and offers an ideal experience for talented, dedicated students. The term “Collegium” reflects a continued commitment to depth and breadth of study, an honors community experience, and support services that help honors students make the most of their time at UCI. The Campuswide Honors Collegium is proud of its ability to serve a growing number of UCI students, its strong and diverse curriculum, and new opportunities for engagement and leadership that assist students as they prepare for bright futures.

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**Special features of Campuswide Honors include**

- Curriculum designed especially for honors students and taught by leading faculty
- Research under the mentorship of a member of the faculty, capped by a piece of signature work
- Special activities involving faculty, visiting scholars, and community leaders
- Personalized honors academic advising
- Programs and social events with peers
- Leadership development and service opportunities
- Honors theme housing
- Four-year eligibility for on-campus housing
- Priority enrollment in courses
- Honors notation on the transcript and diploma
- Campuswide Honors Alumni Chapter

**The Honors Advantage**

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On the first day of the school year, I went to the Campuswide Honors study room before my first class to read the course material and noticed that a few other students were reading the same textbook. Soon we formed a study group and would sit together during lecture. My friends helped me academically by giving me the opportunity for small-group discussions, and we had a lot of fun together and created long-lasting, wonderful memories.

Adriana
3rd year, Psychology major

Transformative
Is the Campuswide Honors Collegium right for you? If you are bright and highly motivated, value learning and how it changes you, and relish challenges and working hard to get the best from yourself and those around you, then you belong in honors!

Your immersion at UCI as a Campuswide Honors student will be unique. A hallmark of Campuswide Honors is personal attention, ensuring you have extensive resources and individual guidance at your fingertips. Honors academic advisors help students chart their path for undergraduate study and beyond. You will also enjoy added educational benefits such as stimulating honors courses, coursework in selective small groups, mentored research, and substantial interaction with faculty.

Access to internationally recognized scholars and participation in mentored research projects – as early as freshman year – is an enviable opportunity for undergraduates. Campuswide Honors students work with scholars such as Distinguished Professor of Social Ecology Elizabeth Loftus, whose research on false memories has explained how such memories can corrupt eyewitness testimony and affect court cases; Anthony James, Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, whose research focuses on fighting malaria; and Julia Lupton, Professor of English, acclaimed Shakespeare scholar and Faculty Director of Illuminations: The Chancellor’s Arts and Culture Initiative.

UCI’s prestigious academic experience combined with the advantages of the Campuswide Honors Collegium are transformative for participants.

Supportive
Campuswide Honors Collegium students work together and support each other inside and outside of the classroom. The Campuswide Honors community is wonderfully comprised of students from all majors and interest areas. This diversity creates an exceptionally rich learning and social environment where ideas spark ideas, academic collaborations, and friendships. Students also enjoy the benefits of having academic advisors and honors staff who are excited about supporting and assisting students in their journey.

Enthusiastic conversations among Campuswide Honors students take place in the classroom, at special events, and in the residence halls. They form study groups, chat about honors classes over meals or coffee, and plan student-run social events and programs. And, Campuswide Honors students have myriad opportunities to interact in informal settings with outstanding faculty members who are dedicated to teaching and mentoring. This is a program where students from many different walks of life and from majors throughout the campus enrich their educational experience by learning together.
Living in a Campuswide Honors-themed hall my freshman year was an especially important experience because I was able to interact with honors students nearly every day. Part of what separates Campuswide Honors students from others is that they are extremely driven and have a love of learning — so you can almost always find someone to talk to about any topic.

Alexander
4th year, Biomedical Engineering: Premed and Classics double major

Inspirational

Designed specifically for the Campuswide Honors Collegium, honors courses are taught by an elite group of faculty — scientists, researchers, writers, and artists — who are passionate about teaching honors students. The honors curriculum opens up a world of new ideas and methods of inquiry, and courses offer the opportunity to learn and collaborate with other highly motivated students. Campuswide Honors courses add greater insight and depth, while satisfying many of UCI's general education requirements which all students are required to take.

Learning is a social activity and Campuswide Honors beautifully builds on this insight. You will find that honors students are inspired by each other and eager to work in partnership, to share ideas and knowledge, to innovate and problem-solve.

The Campuswide Honors Collegium is absolutely inspirational. It is an intellectual community in which students value learning and the camaraderie of advancing each other's successes.

Community

In the Campuswide Honors Collegium the development of the mind goes hand-in-hand with the development of the whole person. A vibrant, encouraging environment is created among Campuswide Honors students through honors housing and honors social activities and programs.

Honors housing is a great way to get involved in this community. It provides a valuable shared experience with other honors students, who live, study and socialize together. UCI has been recognized for its award winning housing. Campuswide Honors students are guaranteed a space in on-campus housing as long as they meet housing deadlines and requirements. Non-honors housing options are also available on the UCI campus.

Social events organized by Campuswide Honors students and special activities involving faculty and visiting scholars take place throughout the year. Students in Campuswide Honors participate in a highly active honors student council, are involved in service to the campus and surrounding area, and produce a creative writing and arts journal.

As a community, honors students are passionate about learning, networking, contributing to achieve a better tomorrow, and encouraging each other to excel in all aspects of their personal lives and professional futures.
## The Campuswide Honors Collegium Experience

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*Campuswide Honors housing is available but not required, with four-year eligibility as long as students meet housing deadlines and requirements. Housing options other than Honors are available. For details see housing.uci.edu.

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Office hours with Campuswide Honors Associate Dean Ted Wright

Students celebrate their completion of Campuswide Honors and graduation from UCI.
Opportunities

Campuswide Honors students are encouraged to take part in academic and leadership opportunities on the UCI campus and beyond. Honors students study abroad, engage in academic internships that support their career goals, and participate in many stimulating opportunities like those listed below.

The Campuswide Honors Student Council, or CHSC, is a student-run leadership organization open to all honors students. The CHSC is dedicated to promoting academic excellence, developing strong student-faculty relations, and coordinating social events and community outreach.

honors.uci.edu/community/campuswide-honors-student-council

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program offers research grants, hosts an annual symposium where students can present their findings, and publishes an annual journal of student research.

urop.uci.edu

The Study Abroad Center offers international study with programs available for nearly every interest area and academic field. Students who have studied abroad possess a more nuanced understanding of other countries and cultures, as well as greater self-awareness and self-confidence.

studyabroad.uci.edu

Students in any major may consider the Capital Internship Program in Washington, D.C. or in Sacramento. Each program provides an ideal vantage point for students to examine behind-the-scenes activities that shape the future.

capitalinternships.uci.edu

The Scholarship Opportunities Program advises and provides support to competitive undergraduate UCI candidates in applying for distinguished national and international merit scholarships funded by outside agencies such as Carnegie, Fulbright, National Science Foundation, Rhodes, and Truman.

scholars.uci.edu

The UCI Division of Career Pathways (DCP) serves as the hub for career development and preparation for UCI students, staff, faculty, and alumni, as well as a recruitment center for local, regional, and national organizations. DCP coordinates professional development for students and alumni with the campus community, and provides students and alumni with tools and support to attain their career goals.

career.uci.edu

Membership

Admission to the Campuswide Honors Collegium is highly competitive. Prospective Campuswide Honors participants have challenged themselves in high school or community college, arriving at UCI equipped and eager to grow intellectually and personally. Incoming students may be invited to join the Campuswide Honors Collegium prior to enrolling at UCI, or may apply to join Campuswide Honors once they have completed a quarter at UCI as a full-time student (12 or more graded units) with a 3.5 cumulative GPA or better. Members have access to all program benefits. Successfully completing the program entitles students to receive the distinguished Campuswide Honors Collegium notation on their UCI transcripts and diplomas.

Membership in the Campuswide Honors Collegium is recognition of achievement, motivation, and excellence.

I chose Campuswide Honors because I was going to be entering UCI as a Biomedical Engineering major, but I wanted that interdisciplinary education that would allow me to become a well-rounded individual who could view the world from a variety of perspectives, and not just from the standpoint of my major.

Kaylie
3rd year, Biomedical Engineering major
Events like Coffee Hour that are held every week provide a casual setting to meet professors. Faculty who are part of the Collegium are so excited to interact and meet with honors students. They genuinely want to be there for the students, which can be seen in the conversations, connections, and later opportunities extended by these faculty members.

Sauntharya
3rd year, Psychology major

Campuswide Honors
Collegium Benefits

- Interaction with talented, highly motivated students
- Specialized honors curriculum taught by faculty recognized for their outstanding accomplishments
- Personalized academic advising
- Priority enrollment in courses
- Guaranteed on-campus housing
- Honors theme housing
- Research projects and internships with faculty
- Special activities involving faculty and visiting scholars
- Internship and scholarship application counseling

Campuswide Honors Advantages

- Programs and social events with faculty and peers
- Leadership and service opportunities
- Honors study rooms in the UCI Libraries
- Extended borrowing privileges at the UCI Libraries
- International study through the Study Abroad Center
- UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Summer Undergraduate Research Program
- Over 20 honors societies with UCI chapters
- Honors notation on the UCI transcript and diploma
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Coffee Hour is one opportunity Collegium students have to interact with faculty.
Campuswide Honors is comprised of a diverse community of 1,000 students, or about 3% of UCI’s undergraduate student population. Campuswide Honors students pursue a rigorous curriculum and have higher GPAs than other UCI students. Campuswide Honors students are three times more likely than other UCI students to complete double or triple majors. 100% of Campuswide Honors graduates participate in undergraduate research. 90% of Campuswide Honors students graduate from UCI in four years. More than 50% of UCI winners of prestigious scholarships have been Campuswide Honors students. Many Campuswide Honors students continue their studies after graduation at the best graduate and professional schools in the nation including: Stanford, Harvard, MIT, Johns Hopkins, and all of the University of California campuses.

As a nontraditional transfer student, I have found other students who are my age and have also taken a different path to get to college. It’s wonderful to know that Campuswide Honors is looking to have a diverse cohort that has helped me to grow, not just in the classroom, but professionally and in my personal life.

Andre 5th year, Political Science and Social Ecology double major
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