University Honors Program (UHP)

The Best of Both Worlds

The experience of a small college
The opportunities of a world-class research university.
Mission, Vision and Values

**Mission**
- Enriching the diverse needs of UHP students
- Collaborative learning, research, creativity, leadership, & civic engagement
- Agents of social change & inclusive excellence via partnerships with faculty, staff & peers

**Vision**
- Small college setting/world-class research university
- Critical thinking, affective learning, & interpersonal transformation
- Tomorrow’s leaders

**Values**
- Inclusive Excellence
- Community
- Agency/Leadership
- Research
- Service
UHP Benefits

- Small, interactive courses with research faculty (<25 students)
- Faculty Mentorship through classroom relationships
- Graduate Level Library Privileges
- Community of like-minded students
UHP Benefits

- Priority Registration!
- Dedicated UHP Staff
- Transcript Notation
- Access to special events
Meet the people around you! (Please share…)

- Name
- Major(s)/Minor(s)
- Why you want to apply to UHP
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UHP Year 1 Requirements
Not applicable

UHP Year 2 Requirements
(Academic Year 2018-2019)
One UHP course each quarter; total of 3 courses this year, from the UHP list of offered courses.
These courses cannot be located through an online search, and course registration is managed through the UHP office.
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UHP Year 3 Requirements (Academic Year 2019-2020)

- Research Prep Course: 1-unit seminar, Fall or Spring quarter
- Community Service: 20 hours of volunteer service by the end of the year
- Project: five options for project completion – any quarter (can be done summer before)
  - Honors Contract
  - Individually Designed Project (common examples: lab research, corporate or non-profit internship, campus initiative, etc.)
  - Internship through Washington Program
  - Study Abroad experience (at least four weeks in length)
  - UHP Project Management Course: 3-unit course in which students act as consultants for a campus or community organization, to “solve” an issue they are encountering; this also covers the Community Service requirement
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UHP Year 4 Requirements (Academic Year 2020-2021)
Complete one of the following & present your research in a public setting (the on-campus Undergraduate Research Center’s Conference is most popular)

* Preferred: Thesis in Major – complete your department’s research requirement
  Example 1: Engineering major = Senior Design Project
  Example 2: Animal Science major: ANS 194HA-HB-HC series
  Example 3: History major: HIS 104A, HIS 104B, HIS 104C (series)
  Example 4: Biology major (NPB): NBP 194HA-HB-HC series

* Alternates: Thesis/Project through UHP
  Thesis through UHP (IST 194HA & IST 194HB – 8 units, graded)
  UHP project (HNR 195 – for two quarters – 6 units, graded)
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DUE DATE: Sunday, March 11, 11:59pm

Three open ended questions – 800 character limit.

• Please tell us about a challenge or barrier you have encountered and how you dealt with the situation.
• Indicate which types of service related activities, if any, you were involved in during the last 12 months, to what extend you were involved, and what you learned.
• Describe what you hope to accomplish by the end of your senior year, and how you plan to use your knowledge and skills to give back to society.

The application cannot be saved in-progress.

Faculty recommendation received before March 12
Email to: UHPrecommendations@ucdavis.edu
App. Recommendation

Application Instructions:
- At least one letter of recommendation must be submitted to UHP by a UC Davis faculty member. Emeritus Professor, (full) Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor strongly preferred; lecturers accepted; adjunct faculty and TAs or graduate students are not accepted for primary letters. The professor must email the letter of recommendation from their UC Davis email address to Dr. Eddy Ruiz, UHP Associate Director, to UHPrecommendations@ucdavis.edu by March 11 at 11:59 PM. The subject line must be: OCA Rec: (your name)
- A second letter of recommendation is not required, but may be submitted. If submitting a second letter of recommendation, the letter should come from a person who can assess your professional qualities and/or experiences (adjunct faculty, TAs, and non-instructional persons allowed).

Locate faculty title online
- Example: searching for - Dave Furlow
  - Start: UCD Home Page – using the Search Feature (looking glass icon) [first image below]
  - Type in faculty member’s name – click on the People (button), do not just hit ‘enter’ [second image below]
  - The search should produce either a list of names or the “business card” [third image below]
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CUM GPA will be checked, after Winter grades are posted (after April 5). Qualified applications will maintain a 3.5 GPA.

Applicants must have completed at least 24 units of UCD coursework (Fall-Winter Quarters)