

Housing

Do all honors students have to live in Current Hall?

All incoming first-years live in the honors Living-Learning Community (Currant Hall). If a student has a compelling reason-financial, religious, living at home or other living-learning community option- that prevents you from living in the UHP residence hall community, please contact uhp@ucdavis.edu.

Is everyone living in Currant Hall a first or second year UHP student?

All residents are first-year students with the exceptions of the Resident Advisors (RAs) who are continuing students.

For housing, how will roommates be chosen?

We will share a private Facebook group with admitted students after the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline. This will allow you to meet other students online and have the opportunity to make connections and learn about one another before you must select a roommate.

I was wondering if housing applications will be different since honors students live in a separate hall?

You will complete the same application as the general population. On the application, indicate your preferred occupancy and state no living-learning community. UHP will provide Housing a list of UHP students and you will be grouped in Currant Hall.

Are there singles in the honors dorm?

Yes, there are (limited) singles, doubles and triples.

Is there a housing guarantee for honors students for the other 3 years?

All incoming freshman students entering UC Davis for fall quarter are guaranteed on-campus housing for their first two years at UC Davis. For more information on this guarantee visit [Housing](#).

Are there living opportunities for UHP students beyond the first year?

Many students will elect to live with other honors students they met during their time in Currant Hall. They can choose to live on-campus or off-campus during their remaining years at UC Davis.

Can upperclassmen live off-campus?

Yes.

Did you ever feel like living in the honors halls prevented you from getting close to students outside of the honors program?

Allie: No! Non-honors students far outnumber honors students on campus, so you typically don't have to look too far to find non-honors friends. I personally have been able to meet non-honors students through sports, clubs, and general classes. If you are hoping to make friends outside of the honors program, talk to the person sitting next to you in lecture, or join a new club on campus!

UHP

Do most of the UHP students graduate in 4 years?

Yes, a majority of students graduate in 4 years.

Can we join the honors program but decide not to continue?

Students may choose to opt out of the University Honors Program during their studies at UC Davis. However, we have found that a majority of students choose to remain in the program due to the small community and other benefits derived from being in honors.

Will we be able to choose an honors course that meets a GE/major requirement every quarter?

Yes. Refer to our past [course offerings](#) to see a sample of courses with their GE designations. You can also use MyDegree to check on your major requirements and compare that to UHP course offerings.

Can you talk more about the signature work options? Also, how much of a commitment is it/can you opt out?

There are 4 different signature work options: thesis in major, UHP thesis, UHP project or engineering design project. You may find more information [here](#). The signature work is broken up into a 2 to 3 quarter commitment, with students earning units while working on their research and writing their thesis/working on their project.

If you plan to graduate in three years or if you have sophomore standing from AP/community college credits, how would your UHP curriculum requirements be impacted?

If students are planning to graduate in 3 years, they are encouraged to work with their UHP advisor to discuss their UHP curriculum.

What percentage of UHPs are double majors?

Currently 10% of students participating in UHP are double majoring.

Are general requirements the same for honors?

All students will complete degree requirements for their given major(s). Students may use the UHP curriculum in the first two years to satisfy GE, major or elective units. Students are also encouraged to check with their major advisor to see if their signature work will satisfy a major requirement.

Apart from the one honors class we take per quarter, are the other courses we take with other students in the same major that aren't necessarily in the honors program?

During Aggie Advising in summer, you will learn about the other recommended courses you will take in your first quarter. Typically students will take 3-4 courses per quarter and may take General Education or elective courses with students from all majors. Many major courses will also overlap with several majors so you may find a course for your major is also a requirement for another major.

What is the dropout rate from the honors program? And the most common reasons?

Less than 10% of students choose to drop out from the honors program after the first-year and do so for a variety of reasons including academic performance, extenuating circumstances, etc.

Since engineering students complete their signature project through a senior capstone, does that mean engineering students in UHP won't work with a faculty advisor?

Engineering students will work with a faculty member to discuss their progress on their senior design projects. In addition, some companies also elect to assign a corporate contact to guide and aid students through their project work.

If I choose to double major, what is the process like? Will it greatly impact my eligibility in UHP?

The process to declare a double major is the same as declaring a single major. Students who wish to add an additional major are required to complete a Change of Major webform. The Change of Major form must be submitted to the appropriate advisors and dean's offices involved. For certain majors, there may be required coursework and grades.

Declaring a 2nd major does not impact your eligibility in UHP. However, you are encouraged to utilize advising by both major advisors as well as UHP in order to make timely progress to your degrees.

If I am majoring in biochem, what honors classes should I take in my freshman year?

You may elect to take an honors course that fulfills a General Education requirement, a course that fulfills a major requirement (i.e. MAT 17A) or another course for personal enrichment (that will also apply toward the overall units you need to graduate).

Is the honors program useful for pre-med?

The honors program allows students to work closely with faculty in small class settings, through honors contracts, signature work, etc. This allows for strong letters of recommendation, opportunities for mentorship experiences, working in labs, etc. In addition, Year 3 UHP curriculum promotes community service, internships and/or lab work which is highly desirable for pre-med candidacy.

How did the honors environment influence your educational goals?

Allie: I think that being in the honors program has helped me hone my academic goals and interests in a way that I may not have been able to as a general student. The ability to work in such small class settings with professors, conduct independent research projects with professors through honors contracts, and use the personalized advising that is offered to honors students has given me the chance to explore my goals and interests in much more depth than I expected to be able to in college.

Aislinn: For me, UHP has influenced my educational goals in two main ways. First, UHP exposed me to opportunities I wouldn't have known about otherwise. The UHP newsletter, social media accounts, and flyers in Currant Hall are always highlighting different internship and volunteer opportunities, scholarships, or events and talks happening on campus. UHP advisors and professors will also often send students different opportunities that they hear about to help them get involved and gain experience in their field. Second, UHP provides an environment in which I am surrounded by like-minded, enthusiastic,

and motivated students. Although we may be different majors, we share a passion for learning that keeps me motivated and curious even during the most stressful times (like finals!).

Any advice the current UHP students have for us?

Allie: Coming into college can be overwhelming--the sheer number of classes, student groups, events, and opportunities across campus can be daunting. So remember how many people are here to help you! Academic advisors will help you choose the best classes to take, there will be resource fairs where you can learn about all of the clubs we offer, dorms have RA's that will help you make friends on your hall, and older students are always here to help! Especially in the honors program, you will have a huge support system. We've got your back :)

Aislinn: My biggest piece of advice is to become familiar with the resources and support UHP offers, and take advantage of it early! UHP advisors are one of your biggest resources and can help you make your class schedule, get involved in research, or explore different career paths – starting from your very first quarter at UC Davis.

Are honors classes harder to get a good grade in?

Allie: No--the grading scale for honors classes is the same as for general classes. In fact, I have personally found it easier to succeed in honors classes, because the small class sizes offer more academic support. In honors classes, I am able to work closely with my professors, receive in-depth feedback on assignments, and collaborate extensively with my peers.

Are UHP classes considered more academically challenging or intense in terms of workload?

Allie: UHP classes are explicitly required to have a workload/difficulty level that is comparable to a general class. The difference between honors and non-honors courses is not the intensity, but the structure. In an honors course, you have much more contact with both your peers and the professor, and honors courses are often structured as seminars rather than lectures.

Aislinn: No! UHP classes have roughly the same workload as non-honors classes. However, you'll probably find that your UHP classes are more interactive and discussion-based than normal classes. The small class size makes it easier for professors to use group projects, presentations, or discussion-based learning instead of solely lectures and exams. So, while the workload is about the same as normal courses, the classroom environment and teaching style is a bit different.

Are Honors classes graded on a curve?

Allie: The specific grading style will depend on the professor, but I've never taken an honors class that used a curve. Generally, students are already doing well enough in my honors courses that a curve is not needed.

Aislinn: No, honors classes are not graded on a curve. The idea is that you shouldn't be punished for taking a class with other high-achieving students! If all students do well, their grades will reflect that. Grades in honors courses will never be down-curved to fulfill a required distribution of As, Bs, Cs, etc.

Campus

What is orientation like?

Orientation will consist of Aggie 101, Aggie Advising and Aggie Orientation. For more information visit: <https://orientation.ucdavis.edu/>. In addition, UHP will offer a virtual presentation on selecting your fall UHP course in addition to hosting summer office hours.

Can you share with us the thinking of how or when UC Davis might be starting in the fall, given our current situation? I'm sure there's a lot of information still unknown, but anything we do know would be helpful.

For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit <https://www.ucdavis.edu/coronavirus/news/updates>.

Are there any specific advantages of UHP for students seeking to pursue a professional degree (i.e. medical), particularly priority admission to a professional college at UC Davis?

We offer speakers' panels with current med/vet students to share their experiences with applying to professional school and offer advice to current undergrads. Also, recent UHP alumni are willing to serve as a guide to students interested in the same career path.

Is there any pre-professional advising?

Yes! The campus offers a variety of professional advising

Health Professions Advising - <https://hpa.ucdavis.edu/>

Pre-Graduate/Law Advising - <https://opportunity.ucdavis.edu/services/pregradlaw>

Is the STEP Program still taking place now that summer courses are switched to online?

STEP 2020 will still take place as scheduled. Continue to check with their [office](#) for more updates.

Is there a virtual tour we can take?

Currant Hall – <https://youtu.be/l9o-rCzBZSM>

Virtual Tour of Campus - <https://www.ucdavis.edu/about/visit/campus-virtual-tour#ua>

Aggie Experience Live - <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/events/aggie-experience-recap>

Does UHP or Davis in general support students who are really undecided about their major?

Yes, the campus offers a variety of resources for students who are exploring majors and careers. A good place to start is the [Internship and Career Center](#) in addition to each of the Colleges.

[College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences](#)

[College of Letters and Science](#)

[College of Biological Sciences](#)

Financial

Are there special scholarships for students in the UHP?

Undergraduate and Prestigious Scholarships manages scholarships for the campus. If you would like to learn more about scholarship opportunities, visit their [website](#). Many of these scholarships require a letter of recommendation which students are able to easily obtain from small class sizes and interactions with UHP staff.

How do you know when you have these scholarships?

Students can visit MyAwards to view their personal financial aid package.

For Regents scholarship recipients, other UC campuses have guaranteed access to on campus housing for all 4 years. I haven't seen this on the Davis website, so do Davis UHP/Regents students receive this benefit as well?

Guaranteed housing for incoming first-years are for the first two years. There is not an additional benefit for Regents.