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

Charles E. (Ted) Wright  
Director of the Campuswide Honors Program and Professor of Cognitive Sciences
The Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) offers an ideal learning experience for talented students. Dedicated to promoting high standards of scholastic excellence and personal growth, the program combines the qualities of a liberal arts college with the unique opportunities offered by a major research university. Engagement between internationally renowned faculty and exceptionally motivated CHP students in a supportive honors community helps program participants maximize their undergraduate education and achieve ambitious goals.

• Curriculum designed especially for honors students and taught by leading faculty
• Research as an undergraduate, 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 one-on-one honors academic advising
• Programs and social events with peers
• Leadership and service opportunities
• Honors theme housing
• Four-year eligibility for on-campus housing
• Priority enrollment in courses
• Honors notation on transcript and diploma
• Campuswide Honors Program Alumni Chapter

The Honors Advantage

Special features of the CHP include:
My favorite part of being in the CHP is the immediate feeling of community — I didn’t have to scramble to make friends my first year. Although we all come from different backgrounds, we have similar interests and share the same classes, so I always have someone to hang out and study with!

Camille
3rd year, Public Health Policy major

Transformative

Is the CHP the right program 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 the CHP is indeed the right program for you!

Your immersion at UCI as a CHP student will be unique. A hallmark of the CHP is personal attention, ensuring you have extensive resources and individual guidance at your fingertips. CHP academic advisors help students in the program 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. CHP students work with scholars such as Distinguished Professor Elizabeth Loftus, whose research on false memories has explained how such memories can corrupt eyewitness testimony and affect court cases; Anthony James, Professor of Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, whose research focuses on fighting malaria; and Julia Lupton, Professor of English, acclaimed Shakespeare scholar and Director of Illuminations: The Chancellor’s Arts and Culture Initiative.

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

Supportive

CHP students work together and support each other inside and outside of the classroom. The CHP 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 CHP staff who are excited about supporting and assisting CHP students in their journey.

Enthusiastic conversations among CHP 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, or plan student-run social events and programs. And, CHP 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.
Inspirational

Designed specifically for the CHP, 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. While satisfying many of UCI’s general education requirements, which all UCI students are required to take, CHP courses add greater insight and depth.

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

CHP is absolutely inspirational. It is an intellectual community in which students really value learning and the camaraderie of helping advance each other’s successes.

Community

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

Honors housing is a great way to get involved in the honors 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. CHP 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 CHP students and special activities involving faculty and visiting scholars take place throughout the year. Students in the CHP 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, CHP 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.

I have made amazing friends through CHP, and being surrounded by motivated individuals helped motivate me! Also, getting involved with CHP volunteer events opened new doors for me and led me to become an Engineering Ambassador.

Fernando  
3rd year, Civil Engineering major
The CHP Experience

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*CHP 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.

Office hours with CHP Director Ted Wright

CHP students celebrate their completion of the honors program and graduation from UCI.
Opportunities

CHP students are encouraged to take part in academic and leadership opportunities on the UCI campus and beyond. CHP students study abroad, apply for prestigious scholarships, and seek out academic internships that support their career goals. You might have an interest in exploring:

The Campuswide Honors Student Council (CHSC) is a student-run leadership organization open to all CHP students. The CHSC is dedicated to promoting academic excellence, developing strong student-faculty relations, and coordinating social events and community outreach. Take a look at CHSC at 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. Visit 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. Discover the wide variety of international study possibilities at 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. Visit dccenter.uci.edu or uccs.ucdavis.edu.

The Scholarship Opportunities Program advises and provides support to competitive undergraduate UC Irvine candidates in applying for distinguished national and international merit scholarships funded by outside agencies such as Carnegie, Fulbright, National Science Foundation, Rhodes, and Truman. Learn more about prestigious scholarship opportunities at scholars.uci.edu.

The UCI Career Center serves as a bridge between the academic and professional worlds, connecting students and employers. All of the center’s services, events, and resources are focused on providing access to job opportunities, career consulting, and professional education. Known as “Internship Central,” the Career Center also helps students explore internships and gain relevant work experience at outside organizations, including national laboratories and community service agencies. Browse career.uci.edu.

Membership

Admission to the Campuswide Honors Program is highly competitive. Prospective CHP 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 Program prior to enrolling at UCI, or may apply to join the CHP 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 CHP honors notation on their UCI transcripts and diplomas.

Membership in the CHP is recognition of achievement, motivation, and excellence.

Michelle
3rd year, Biological Sciences and Art History double major

The CHP has defined my college experience. The professors are extremely enthusiastic, and classes are rigorous and engaging. The program’s inclusive community, abundant academic resources, excellent core courses, and overall reputation have been invaluable.
I have loved the people I meet in CHP, from professors who genuinely care, to classmates that are supportive and friendly, to counselors and advisors who are always there when needed.

Michael
4th year, Business Administration major

CHP Benefits
- Interaction with talented, highly motivated students
- Specialized honors curriculum taught by faculty recognized for their outstanding accomplishments
- Personalized one-on-one 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

CHP 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
- CHP Alumni Chapter

Coffee Hour is one opportunity CHP students have to interact with faculty; here with previous Director Gail Hart.
The CHP is comprised of a diverse community of 850 students, or about 3% of UCI’s undergraduate student population.

CHP students pursue a rigorous curriculum and have higher GPAs than other UCI students.

CHP students are three times more likely than other UCI students to complete double or triple majors.

100% of CHP graduates participate in undergraduate research.

90% of CHP students graduate from UCI in four years.

More than 50% of UCI winners of prestigious scholarships have been CHP students.

Many CHP 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.

CHP Facts