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UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM (UHP)

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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The University Honors Program (UHP) aims to recruit students who are not only academically high-achieving but who are also engaged on campus and its surrounding communities as stewards of their environment, global citizens and creative thinkers. High school graduates with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and strong SAT scores are encouraged to apply. Continuing CSULB students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, as well as students transferring from other institutions to CSULB who meet the 3.5 GPA minimum and who still need nine General Education units are also invited to apply.

Students with unusual extenuating circumstances who do not meet the above requirements should explain their situation in the application to the Director, who will then consider those applicants on a case-by-case basis.

UHP OPPORTUNITIES

Honors students become part of a vibrant community that is dedicated to academic success and personal growth. By providing educational opportunities like scholarship/internship workshops and mini-seminars in advanced library research, the UHP wants to maximize the undergraduate experience at CSULB. Excellent, personalized advising will help students navigate the university curriculum and UHP priority registration will allow them early access to the classes they need on their road to graduation.

Additional Honors Program benefits include:

- A stimulating, uniquely designed General Education curriculum taught in small discussion-oriented classes;
- Direct and personal contact with carefully selected faculty who are committed to mentoring and student success;
- Class sections reserved for only UHP students, who share similar academic abilities and goals;
- Excellent preparation for graduate school and professional study in all fields;
- A certificate of completion and medallion presented at a special Honors ceremony as well as a UHP notation on the official CSULB transcript;
- A very active and friendly student-run University Honors Program Student Association (UHPSA).

Each year, many of our students receive the highest academic honors our campus has to offer; they attend undergraduate research conferences, and gain admission to highly competitive graduate school programs. We mentor students to compete for prestigious external scholarships and are proud to have CSULB's very first Rhodes Scholar, a 2011 graduate, among our UHP alumni.

UHP REQUIREMENTS

Members of the UHP pursue a selection of lower-division General Education classes as well as upper-division electives and Capstone courses in sections reserved for high-achieving students. Two Honors tracks are available through the UHP, comprised of 24 units and 15 units, respectively; these tracks are tailored to incoming freshmen as well as transfer students and continuing CSULB students, and each contains a 6-unit senior thesis project that affords all honors students the opportunity to conduct undergraduate research in their fields of study.

HOW TO APPLY

All of our honors program information, including our admissions criteria and application materials, can be found on our Web site under the "How to Apply" link. Note that we accept applications from incoming freshmen, transfer students and continuing CSULB students.

We encourage all prospective students to consult our Web site not simply for our application guidelines but for information on all of our program's various benefits. Make sure to also check out issues of our newsletter, The Honor Code, to read more about our program and student achievement. Most questions about our program are addressed on the "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the UHP website. You may also contact the UHP for more information.

QUESTIONS

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