Imagine high-quality academics, professors who know you by name, and a close-knit campus community—all surrounded by miles of beaches, rivers, and ancient redwood forests.

Welcome to Humboldt State University.

We’re located 270 miles north of San Francisco, in the rural coastal town of Arcata. Your experience here will include hands-on learning and personal attention from faculty, along with a focus on sustainability and social justice.

Humboldt State:
Fall 2019 census

Humboldt County:
2018 American Community Survey estimates

58% 50% Female
42% 50% Male
3% 1% African American
1% 4% American Indian
3% 3% Asian American
33% 12% Hispanic/Latinx
45% 745% White
7% 6% Multi-racial
8% 0% Other

The land on which Humboldt State University is located is the unceded territory of the Wiyot people. It is surrounded by the traditional and ancestral homeland of several indigenous nations including the Hupa, Karuk, Mattole, Tolowa, Wailaki, and Yurok. We thank and honor the original caretakers of this land.

FRONT COVER: Environmental Resources Engineering major Jessica Ramirez and Zoology major Daisy Ceja (background) — who are minoring in Scientific Diving — prepare for a dive off the coast of Trinidad, about 15 minutes from campus.
One of the many things that sets Humboldt State apart from other universities is our size. At about 6,000 students, we’re large enough to have a vibrant campus, research facilities, and plenty of academic choices, but we’re not so large that you need a map to get to class.

At Humboldt, you won’t watch your professors on a big-screen TV from the back of a massive lecture hall. Instead, you’ll know your professors. You’ll know your classmates. And you’ll step outside the classroom to put your learning to work in the real world.

It’s an approach that will help you thrive as a student and a person. And you’ll have a chance to put your learning to work with hands-on projects and research. Many of these get featured at campus events like the annual IdeaFest.

See posters and abstracts of some recent student research at ideafest.humboldt.edu.

“My HSU experience has given me long-lasting relationships—not just with my friends, but with my coaches, my teammates, and even my professors. Faculty truly care about our success and showed me that I’m capable of more than I used to believe I was.”

DeReginald Walker, History
Learning here goes well beyond the books. It’s hands-on, often high-tech, and at your fingertips.

**JUST A FEW THINGS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO AT HSU:**

- Curated and managed art exhibits in our **THREE GALLERY SPACES**.
- Examined samples of marine life aboard the **CORAL SEA** research vessel, and analyzed and interpreted that data at our **MARINE LAB**.
- Monitored children and learned observational techniques in the **CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB**.
- Volunteered with service agencies and nonprofits to gain **SOCIAL WORK** experience while also helping people in the community.
- Monitored children and learned observational techniques in the **CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB**.
- Helped **SCHATZ ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER** plan and design 10 electric vehicle charging stations for the North Coast region.
- Curated and managed art exhibits in our **THREE GALLERY SPACES**.
- Unearthed artifacts at our campus dig site and brought them to the **ARCHAEOLOGY LAB** for a closer look.
- Searched for evidence of String Theory using the **GRAVITATIONAL RESEARCH LAB**’s torsion pendulum.
- Used the **BIOENGINEERING LAB** to assess balance, mobility, and fall risk of local seniors.
- Worked on **SPANISH TRANSLATION PROJECTS** for HSU, local businesses, and governmental agencies.

“We observe and work in elementary schools across Humboldt County. Being able to have that link to the community is so powerful, and witnessing the lives and studies of K-5 students has given me an entirely different perspective.”

Morgan Cummesky
Liberal Studies Elementary Education
Whether it’s a service-learning project, field research, a study abroad program, or other hands-on learning opportunities, 95% of students graduate from HSU with practical experience under their belts. Which is great news, considering 94% of hiring managers say they are more likely to hire recent graduates who have interned at an organization or company. And more than 80% are more likely to choose recent graduates who worked on a field-based project in a diverse community.

So when you graduate from Humboldt, you’ll be prepared for that next step in life. From there, the sky’s the limit! Just take it from our alumni who have gone on to make an impact on the world.

“What’s great about HSU is that you can take advantage of the plethora of people and make important connections every day.”
Roman Sanchez (’18, Theatre, Film & Dance)
Lime Arts Productions founding artistic director and assistant executive director for the Dell’Arte International School of Physical Theatre

“I worked at the student newspaper, The Lumberjack, and the lessons I learned there immediately applied to my career in journalism.”
Jennifer Kho (’99, Journalism)
Managing Editor of HuffPost

“Humboldt State played such an important role in my journey. It’s the place where I had the opportunity to meet some key professors and mentors.”
Dan Phillips (’91, Computer Information Systems and Business Administration)
Chief Technology Officer of Hulu
At Humboldt State, we’re proud of our longstanding commitment to environmental responsibility and social justice.

Graduation Pledge  Created by HSU students in 1987, the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility has become a tradition here and has been adopted by many universities across the nation.

Curriculum  HSU has hundreds of classes that incorporate issues related to sustainability, and many majors include a focus on the environment or social responsibility.

Living our Values  On campus, we strive to model the practices students learn in our classrooms. HSU was the first public university in California to ban the sale of single-use plastic water bottles on campus. We’re reducing our carbon footprint one ride at a time with Zipcar (carsharing), Zimride (ridesharing), Zagster (bikesharing), and the Homeward Bound Bus Charter Program, which offers discounted bus rides home during breaks. Students helped create Oh SNAP!, a comprehensive program to address food insecurity on campus. And our student-led effort to prevent sexual assaults on college campuses, CHECK IT, was recognized at a White House event hosted by then-Vice President Joe Biden.

To learn more about our long-standing commitment to sustainability visit: humboldt.edu/green.

Academic & Social Support

- Academic & Career Advising Center
- African American Center for Academic Excellence
- Eric Rofes Multicultural Queer Resource Center
- Forever Humboldt Families
- Indian Natural Resources, Science & Engineering Program
- Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program
- Latinx Center for Academic Excellence
- Learning Center
- Off-Campus Housing Coordinator
- Oh SNAP! Student Food Programs
- Peer Health Educators
- Project Rebound
- Retention through Academic Mentoring Program
- Scholars Without Borders
- Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion Center
- Student Disability Resource Center
- Veterans Enrollment & Transition Services

“HSU’s student-run programs and other aspects of social and environmental justice here align with my values and make me feel good about being part of this community.”

Zahra Shine, Psychology
Whether it’s visiting a local art gallery, learning to kayak, or doing volunteer work, Humboldt State encourages you to be adventurous and try new things.

**Clubs & Activities**

Humboldt State has an amazing variety of academic, career, cultural, sports, and lifestyle clubs. With over 160 clubs, including fraternities and sororities, there’s something here for everyone! Joining or starting a club is a great way to meet people, get re-energized, and develop skills that will benefit you in life after college.

HSU students can find a home away from home at a number of student-run cultural organizations, including the Asian Desi Pacific Islander Collective (ADPIC), Brothers United, Hermanas Unidas de Humboldt State, and the Queer Student Union.

Hundreds of students volunteer each year in the local community. Through our Youth Educational Services (Y.E.S.) program, they lead efforts to mentor young people, advocate for LGBTQ+ youth, offer arts education in schools, work with individuals experiencing poverty, and much more.

Learn about more ways to get involved at [clubs.humboldt.edu](http://clubs.humboldt.edu) and [yes.humboldt.edu](http://yes.humboldt.edu).
Arts & Entertainment

Arcata and neighboring Eureka are home to excellent coffee houses, art galleries, restaurants, boutiques, and independent bookstores. Our campus and local communities also play host to all sorts of theatre performances and great acts—like Head and the Heart, Las Cafeteras, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Sharon Van Etten, and Mac DeMarco.

Adventure

Humboldt State sits in the middle of an adventurer’s paradise. You can bike, camp, canoe, climb, hike, kayak, surf... all within minutes of campus. Lonely Planet named our Redwood Coast its #1 place to visit in the U.S. in 2018, and National Geographic Adventure magazine called our hometown of Arcata one of its 50 next great adventure towns. If you need a kayak, sleeping bag, or surfboard, our Center Activities office can rent you all the gear you need. They also offer lessons to get you started.

“I enjoy being outdoors, and I’m usually out hiking and exploring the forests and mountains around Humboldt County.”

William Suiter, Undeclared
Exploring a specific theme through multidisciplinary courses and making connections are at the heart of our year-long learning communities for freshmen.

If you take part in one, you’ll be automatically enrolled in courses that count toward your degree and in some cases have the opportunity to live in the same residence halls with your peers. The built-in network of faculty and student mentors will be there for you as you learn to navigate college life, all while making new friends and being more prepared for your future studies at HSU.

Science learning communities for specific majors include a summer immersion program and take advantage of our surrounding natural environment. For details, go to cnrs.humboldt.edu/pblc.

- **Among Giants**: Biology, Botany, and Zoology majors
- **Klamath Connection**: Environmental Resources Engineering, Environmental Science & Management, Fisheries Biology, Forestry, Rangeland Resource Science, and Wildlife majors
- **Rising Tides**: Biology (Marine Biology concentration) and Oceanography majors
- **Stars to Rocks**: Chemistry, Geology, and Physics & Astronomy majors

Students explore their world and learn how to make it a better place. Open to all non-science majors.

- **Creando Raíces**: Focuses on social justice, advocacy, and writing as a tool of empowerment. raices.humboldt.edu
- **Global Humboldt**: Provides classes from a variety of majors to introduce Undeclared students to different disciplines. global.humboldt.edu
- **Students for Violence Prevention**: Helps create a culture of non-violence.svp.humboldt.edu

“I’m lucky to go to a university where you can go into the field and make all these connections as a freshman. I feel like the Klamath Connection gave me that boost of confidence.”

Aaron Tacub, Zoology
**must-do, must-see**

**Play Disc Golf** in the Arcata Community Forest.

**Visit Moonstone Beach** at low tide.

**Hike Through Fern Canyon.**

**Enjoy the views** from the Behavioral & Social Sciences building’s fourth-floor balcony.

**Have a bonfire** at the beach.

**Have a Logger’s Breakfast** at the Samoa Cookhouse.

**Join the world famous Marching Lumberjacks** at a sporting event.

**Take part in an advocacy effort** and help create solutions.

**Argue the merits of hoods vs. umbrellas.**

**Explore the Campus Greenhouse** and the specimens inside the Wildlife building.

**Visit the fish at HSU’s Marine Lab in Trinidad.**

**Enjoy a Saturday morning at Arcata’s famous Farmers Market.**
Every year we field 11 competitive NCAA Division II men’s and women’s sports teams, most of which compete in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. In addition, there are many club sport options.

HSU boasts state-of-the-art recreational facilities complete with a 46-foot rock climbing wall, 1,850-seat gym, indoor aquatics center, the latest exercise equipment, and an all-weather running track.

Another perk: Sporting events are free with your student ID.

**Intercollegiate Division II Athletics**

**WOMEN**
- Rowing/Crew (2012 & 2014 National Champions)
- Softball (1999 & 2008 National Champions)
- Volleyball

**WOMEN & MEN**
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Track and Field

**Competitive Sports Clubs**
- Archery
- Baseball
- Cheer
- Climbing
- Cycling
- Disc Golf
- Fencing
- Lacrosse
- Rowing/Crew
- Rugby
- Ultimate Disc
- Volleyball

**Intramural Sports**
- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Dodgeball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Volleyball

“HSU gave me a chance to have the full college experience, such as living in a residence hall, making friends, and participating in sports.”

Ryan Villafuerte
French & Francophone Studies
From residence halls to apartments and suites, Humboldt State offers plenty of housing options. To see them all visit housing.humboldt.edu.

On campus
- Single, double, or triple rooms in traditional residence halls and suite-style living.
- Single and double rooms in apartment-style residences (for returning and transfer students).
- Some residence halls are organized around a theme. These communities give you a chance to socialize and learn for a year alongside people who share your interests. Themed Communities include Academic Intensive Living, Among Giants, Global Humboldt, Indoor Adventure, Klamath Connection, La Comunidad, Native American Living, Outdoor Adventure & Recreation, Rainbow/Gender-Inclusive Housing, Representing Realities, Rising Tides, Sankofa House, Stars to Rocks, Students for Violence Prevention, Upperclassmen and Non-Traditional Aged Student Housing, and Veteran Housing.

Complete your housing application as soon as possible during the filing period. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Off campus
The surrounding Humboldt communities offer many options for off-campus living. To get help with your housing search, talk with the Off-Campus Housing Coordinator in the Housing & Residence Life office or check out housing.humboldt.edu/offcampus for rental listings and other resources.
Plenty of good eats

Humboldt State has a wide range of eateries across campus. Many feature items that are made with sustainably grown, organic ingredients. Vegetarian or vegan? No problem. Several meatless and lactose- and gluten-free options are on the menu. It’s no wonder we’ve been named a top vegan-friendly school.

You’ll find great options at the College Creek Marketplace, The Depot, Giant’s Cupboard, Jolly Giant Commons, Library Café, and Windows Café. We’re strong supporters of local farmers and businesses, which is why you’ll find tasty, locally produced fare at all of our locations.

Plus, we not only watch what we eat, but also how we eat through sustainable dining. We provide reusable and compostable food containers and we’ve been phasing out single-use items—efforts that support HSU’s commitment to environmental and social responsibility.
Most students come to school on a budget. Fortunately, Humboldt County’s low cost of living helps make Humboldt State one of the nation’s most affordable universities.

Even so, you may need help paying for college. Nearly 80 percent of HSU students receive some form of financial assistance. The Financial Aid Office is a great place to start, offering information on everything from types of financial aid to budget tips.

Before you apply for assistance, here are some important things to remember:

**October 1 – March 2** is the priority application period for:
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov))
- California Dream Act Application ([dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)) for eligible AB540 students.
- Cal Grant ([csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov)), which requires both a Financial Aid Application and GPA verification.

Some aid is first-come, first-served, so apply as soon as possible after October 1 each year.

For information about scholarships offered through HSU, visit [finaid.humboldt.edu/scholarships.html](http://finaid.humboldt.edu/scholarships.html).

Toll free: **(866) 255-1390**

Visit: [finaid.humboldt.edu](http://finaid.humboldt.edu)

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### Undergrad Costs 2020-21 (full-time)

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*(Based on 15 units per semester. Includes $396 per unit for non-resident fees.)*

Food & Housing ........................................... $13,390

Books/Supplies, Transportation, Miscellaneous. ........... $4,310

Fees are subject to change. Visit [humboldt.edu/cost](http://humboldt.edu/cost) and [humboldt.edu/wue](http://humboldt.edu/wue).

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Average tuition and fees for private college and UC from 2020-21 as reported to The College Board. Average tuition and fees for Humboldt State from 2019-20.
Minimum requirements

Humboldt State University (HSU) will be utilizing a multi-factor admission process to admit the incoming freshmen class for fall 2021. All of the information needed to make Humboldt State University (HSU) admission decisions will be supplied by the Cal State Apply application and high school transcripts.

All HSU applicants will be reviewed using the following general multi-factor criteria:

• Completion of CSU A-G Requirements
• Weighted A-G GPA
• Documented Military and Veteran status
• Participation in educational programming such as, but not limited to, AVID, TRIO Programs, Tribal/Native American Support, and After-School programs
• Participated in Foster Youth Services

HSU will also take into consideration the following for California Residents during the admission process.

• Applicants residing in Humboldt County and HSU Service Region
• Applicants participating in HSU supported partnerships or promise program

Non-California Residents residing within a Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) participating state and Non-WUE states will also be taken into consideration within the admission process. For additional information regarding WUE can be found at admissions.humboldt.edu/wue

For additional explanation regarding the Multi-Factor Admission process can be found at admissions.humboldt.edu/freshmen

Lower Division Transfer Students

• Have completed fewer than 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) college units, with at least a 2.0 overall grade point average in all transferable courses, and
• Be in good standing at the last college or university attended, and
• Have completed with a C- or better:
  Written Communication (College English)
  Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning, and
• Meet the admission requirements for first-time freshmen (see opposite page).
  If you did not complete all the subject requirements in high school, appropriate college courses may be used to make up the missing subjects.

Upper Division Transfer Students

• Have completed at least 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) college units, with at least a 2.0 overall grade point average in all transferable courses, and
• Within those 60 units, you must complete at least 30 units of general education (GE) coursework and
• As part of those 30 GE units, you must complete, with C- or better all four of these subject areas:
  Written Communication (College English)
  Oral Communication (Speech)
  Critical Thinking
  Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

admissions.humboldt.edu/transfers
See how your CA community college and other college coursework will transfer at registrar.humboldt.edu/transfer.

Impacted Majors

Humboldt State receives more qualified applicants into certain majors than can be admitted, and because of that, they have been declared “impacted.” freshmen getting admitted into Wildlife will need a higher GPA. Transfers applying into Wildlife or the RN-BSN Program will need to complete several lower division prerequisite college courses.

Learn about additional requirements for impacted majors at admissions.humboldt.edu/impacted.

Questions?
Toll-free phone: (866) 850-9556
Email: hsuinfo@humboldt.edu • Web: admissions.humboldt.edu
Humboldt State offers a wide variety of majors in three colleges—the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, the College of Natural Resources & Sciences, and the College of Professional Studies. Undecided? Our range of course offerings gives you the flexibility to explore your options and find the major that best fits your interests.

Undergraduate Majors, Concentrations, & Emphases

Anthropology
Art (BA) Art Education; Art History; Art Studio
Biology Science Education; Cellular/Molecular; Ecology; General; Marine; Microbiology
Botany
Business Administration Accounting; Economics; Finance; Marketing; New Venture Management
Chemistry (BA, BS) Biochemistry
Child Development & Family Relations Child & Family Services; Teaching; Specialized Studies
Child Development Elementary Education—See Liberal Studies
Communication
Computer Science
Criminology & Justice Studies
Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies Dance Studies—See Interdisciplinary Studies
Economics Individually-Designed Interdisciplinary; Traditional Economics
Elementary Education—See Liberal Studies
English Literary Studies; Teaching Language Arts; Writing Practices
Environmental Resources Engineering
Environmental Science & Management Ecological Restoration; Energy & Climate; Environmental Education & Interpretation; Environmental Planning & Policy; Geospatial Science; Environmental & Natural Resources Recreation

Environmental Studies
Film
Fine Arts (BFA)
Fisheries Biology Aquaculture; Freshwater Fisheries; Marine Fisheries
Forestry Forest Hydrology; Forest Operations; Forest Restoration; Forest Soils; Tribal Forestry; Wildland Fire Management
French & Francophone Studies
Geography
Geology (BA, BS) Geosciences
History History Education
Interdisciplinary Studies Dance Studies; Leadership Studies (Online)
International Studies Chinese Studies; European Studies; Global Cultural Studies; Latin American Studies; Third World Development Studies
Journalism News; Public Relations
Kinesiology Exercise Science/Health Promotion; Pre-Physical Therapy; Physical Education Teaching
Leadership Studies—See Interdisciplinary Studies (Online)
Liberal Studies Child Development; Child Development Elementary Education; Elementary Education
Mathematics Applied Mathematics; Mathematics Education
Music Composition; Performance; Music Education; Music Studies

Native American Studies
Nursing (RN-BSN)
Oceanography
Philosophy
Physical Science (BA)
Physics (BS) Astronomy
Political Science Global Politics; Law & Policy; Politics of Environment & Sustainability
Psychology
Rangeland Resource Science Wildland Soil Science
Recreation Administration
Religious Studies
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts

Wildlife Conservation Biology/Applied Vertebrate Ecology; Wildlife Management & Conservation

Zoology

Non-Degree Professional Programs

Pre-Dental; Pre-Law, Pre-Medical; Pre-Optometry; Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Veterinary

Accredited Credential Programs and Added Authorizations

Educational Leadership (Administrative Services)

Elementary Education (Multiple Subject)

Secondary Education (Single Subject)
Art; English; Industrial & Technology Education; Mathematics; Music; Physical Education; Science (Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Geosciences; Physics); Social Science; World Languages

Special Education (Education Specialist) Mild/Moderate; Moderate/Severe

Graduate Programs

Biology (MS)
Business (MBA)

English (MA) Applied English Studies

Environmental Systems (MS) Energy Technology & Policy; Environmental Resources Engineering; Geology

Kinesiology (MS) Exercise Science; Teaching/Coaching (including Adapted Physical Education)

Natural Resources (MS) Environmental & Natural Resource Sciences; Fisheries; Forestry, Watershed & Wildland Sciences; Wildlife

Psychology (MA) Academic Research; Counseling Psychology; School Psychology

Public Sociology (MA)

Social Science (MA) Environment & Community

Social Work (MSW—On campus or Online)

Certificates of Study

Art Museum & Gallery Practices

Digital Communications & Imaging

Ecology & Sustainable Tourism Planning & Management (Online)

Faculty Preparation: Teaching in Higher Education (Online)

From Vine To Table: Wine Studies

Geospatial (Online)

Journalism

Legal Secretary Certificate (Online)

New Designs in Fundraising (Online)

Pupil Personnel Services Credential in Social Work (PPSC-SW)

Wildland Fire Management Women's Studies

* Majors impacted for Freshmen

& Majors impacted for Transfers

° Programs offered through the College of Extended Education & Global Engagement

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On campus
Schedule your virtual experience that includes live sessions with current students and admissions counselors: humboldt.edu/explore

Then get connected: facebook.com/humboldtstate
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                      Student-run: instagram.com/livefromhst
                      flickr.com/photos/humboldtstate

#### IMPORTANT DATES 2020-21

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov)
California Dream Act application (dream.csac.ca.gov)
Cal Grant (csac.ca.gov)
Asistencia disponible en Español

**December 4**
Admissions application period (calstate.edu/apply)

**October 30 and November 6**
Virtual Fall Preview: admissions.humboldt.edu/fall-preview

**May 1**
Confirmation of attendance deadline
Sign up for mandatory Registration Tutorial my.humboldt.edu

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