



# Honors Program For Exceptional Students



*"I'm ready to step up..."*

"The standards for this program are high, but I'm ready for it. I'm surrounded by other serious students, and the professors work with us one-on-one. I can't imagine a better learning environment for me anywhere."



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# OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Exceptional students deserve exceptional opportunities to learn and grow. The Honors Program at Cal U will enhance your undergraduate experience by allowing you to pursue intellectual and creative growth beyond the usual requirements of your major field of study. Come ready to learn through unique course offerings, independent projects and a social environment that supports academic excellence.

## If you are invited — congratulations!

Participation in the University Honors Program is by invitation only. Each year, we review all of the applications from incoming freshmen and transfer students. Only students with the very highest indicators of past and future academic success are invited to participate in this highly selective program.

*"Be up for a challenge..."*



## Distinguish yourself

The Cal U Honors Program offers many unique opportunities for students. Each summer, two Honors Program students receive scholarships to participate in the Summer Honors Program. Noted for its academic quality, the program promotes study abroad in places such as Ecuador, Costa Rica, Ghana and Greece. All Honors Program students are encouraged to be active scholars, by entering their work at local, regional, national and international conferences and in international publications. In addition, Cal U Honors students are eligible for two awards — the Senior Thesis Project Award and the Outstanding Honors Program Graduating Senior Award. Needless to say, many of our Honors Program students go on to pursue graduate degrees at prestigious national universities.

CAL U's CURRENT  
ENROLLMENT

**9,400**

7,419 undergraduate  
students and 1,981  
graduate students



## An intimate learning environment

Courses designated as Honors courses are restricted to members of the Honors Program, and are offered at all class levels. Class size is small — usually with only about 20 students — to encourage close interaction among students and the professor. Additionally, most regular University course offerings have an Honors component. If you select these courses, you will fulfill the same requirements as other students in the class but will be required to perform certain independent work that will increase your knowledge of the subject. All subjects taken for Honors credit will be identified on your academic transcript.

Extraordinary  
learning opportunities  
outside the  
classroom await  
members of  
the Cal U  
honors community.

## A honorable degree

In order to receive an Honors Degree, you must maintain a minimum grade-point average sufficient to achieve the Dean's List, complete a minimum of 24 honors credits and complete an Honors Thesis. Each academic year, the Honors Program conducts a special grouping of courses for its students and faculty. The courses focus on a particular theme, such as Science, Arts and Humanities, and Social Sciences.



*"Being in the Honors Program will give you a real advantage over other students when graduation time comes."*



## Honors Residence Hall — a world of your own

Imagine a place that fosters learning, growth and the camaraderie of other students just like you. That's what you'll find at Honors Hall. Constructed in 2004, this state-of-the-art building features Honors classrooms, a high-caliber computer lab and beautiful living facilities reserved exclusively for Honors Program students. Choose from spacious suite or room-style options. The fully furnished suites designed for two or four students are fully air-conditioned and have state-of-the-art fire suppression systems. The non-smoking residence hall provides study lounges, a recreation room, kitchen, TV room with big-screen television,

free cable, free local phone, Internet connection, laundry facilities and carpeting throughout. The residence hall is secured and locked 24 hours a day and accessible only with a student CalCard. For student safety, digital video cameras are also positioned at entrances and exits. Cal U's wireless Internet capability makes it easy for you to unplug your laptop and head outside to the adjoining courtyard. A complete package of educational, social and recreational programming makes Honors Hall the ideal environment for our most talented students.

“The Honors Program allows me to flourish personally and academically. It sparks a passion within me and inspires me to continue my education.”

### A guiding hand

All students in the Honors Program are assigned a special Honors adviser in addition to the one they retain in their major field of study. Members of the Honors Advisory Board are also available to provide advice and guidance.

### Discover the real you

Self-discovery is the first step toward building character. As a student in the Honors Program, you will have endless opportunities to learn more about yourself, and to discover hidden skills and talents. A medium-size community of about 7,000 undergraduate students, Cal U is small enough to feel like a family, but large enough to offer variety and diversity.





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To make the most of your experience at Cal U, we encourage everyone to take advantage of all the Honors Program has to offer. Expand your horizons with a spring or fall trip. Or impress your peers by presenting a paper at a regional or national conference. You'll never know how much you can accomplish until you actually try.

The best way to get to know Cal U is to visit our campus. Contact the Admissions Office to schedule a visit. Tours are offered hourly, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday – Friday. Please call ahead so we can help you with directions, parking and other details.



“ The Honors Program will help you to develop the skills you need to be successful. You will be encouraged to think creatively and out-of-the-box. It's that type of knowledge that will help you to succeed in the real world. ”

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