Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree at UCI*
(And how they articulate with the CHP Classic Honors Core Courses)

UC Requirements*
Entry Level Writing
American History
American Institutions

CHP Entrance Requirements
Must be satisfied prior to beginning CHP
(Usually satisfied at a California high school)
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UCI Unit & GPA Requirements*
Minimum 180 quarter units
Minimum GPA of 2.0
Residency requirement
(36 of final 45 units must be completed at UCI)

CHP Unit & GPA Requirements
(Same)
Minimum GPA of 3.2 by graduation
(Same)

UCI General Education Requirements*
I. Writing
   a. Lower Division Writing
   b. Upper Division Writing
II. Science & Technology
III. Social & Behavioral Sciences
IV. Arts & Humanities
V. Quantitative, Symbolic & Computational Reasoning*****
   a. Quantitative Literacy*****
   b. Formal Reasoning*****
VI. Language Other Than English
VII. Multicultural Studies
VIII. International/Global Issues

CHP Curricular Requirements**
Honors Humanities Core (Human H1AS or H1BS, and H1CS)
- Completed first year
Honors Science Core (3 different courses from Bio H90, Chem H90, EarthSS H90, Physics H90)
- Usually completed third or second year. Only three H90 options offered each year.
OR Honors General Chemistry (Chem H2A-H2B-H2C)***
- Usually completed first year
OR Honors Biology (Bio Sci H93-H94)****
- Usually completed first year, if offered
Honors Social Science Core (Soc Sci H1E, H1F, H1G)
- Usually completed second or third year

School and Major Requirements
See UCI General Catalogue descriptions

Honors courses may meet some school/major requirements. Others may be determined on an individual basis by petition within your school.

SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES TRACK: Completion of all six Sustainable Societies honors courses fulfills GE categories II, III, and part of V. Learn more about these courses at http://honors.uci.edu/academics/curriculum/sustainable-societies/.

HONORS SEMINARS: Some, but not all, Honors Seminars count for GE credit. Learn more at http://honors.uci.edu/academics/curriculum/honors-seminars/.

* Refer to the 2018-19 UCI General Catalogue (http://catalogue.uci.edu) for more information and read carefully for full details

** AP Credit does not substitute for required CHP honors courses

*** Students enrolled in Honors Chem H2A-H2B-H2C are required to be concurrently enrolled in Honors Chem Lab H2LA-H2LB-H2LC

**** Students taking Honors Biology will need one additional course to fulfill GE II. Many GE II courses are part of Bio Sci major requirements

***** Two classes in Honors Science Core (not Bio H90) or Honors General Chemistry may be used to fulfill Category V. An additional course in Vb is needed for a total of three in Category V

****** Students must complete three full quarters of Humanities Core in order to receive credit for GE VII and VIII
Program History and Goals

Founded in 1988, the Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) is a prestigious academic honors program with an active roster of over 900 students, representing nearly every major on campus. CHP students have a diversity of interests and experiences as well as high standards of academic excellence and a passion for learning deeply about a broad variety of topics. CHP students value intellectual curiosity, creativity, and collaboration.

Our program goals include providing exceptional students like you with a special honors curriculum that includes engaging classes, close interaction with peers, mentorship by UC Irvine’s outstanding faculty, and the opportunity to participate in undergraduate research. Enhanced academic advising support provides you with assistance not only in planning your time at UCI but also in applying for scholarships, internships, graduate/professional school, and education abroad. Participation in the Campuswide Honors Program can introduce you to new worlds and ideas, and help you prepare to attain professional goals, whether they be continuing your studies at a prestigious graduate/professional school or pursuing a career of your choice.

Minimum Requirements for CHP Completion

In addition to meeting the university, UCI general education, school, and major requirements for graduation, students must also meet the following requirements in order to complete the Campuswide Honors Program:

- Achieve an overall grade point average of 3.2 or above by graduation
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 graded units each quarter
- Complete the required honors courses with a letter grade of C or better
- Complete two quarters of research and develop it into an approved honors thesis/project

GPA Requirement

CHP students must earn a minimum overall GPA of at least a 2.8 by the end of their freshman year, a 3.0 by the end of their sophomore year, and must attain an overall GPA of at least a 3.2 in their junior and senior years in order to graduate from the honors program. CHP students whose GPA falls below these minimum requirements are subject to probation and eventual dismissal from the honors program if they are unable to raise their grades to the minimum levels.

Unit Requirement

CHP students must enroll in a minimum of 12 graded units per quarter. Students must take all of their required honors courses for a letter grade.

Honors Curriculum (http://honors.uci.edu/academics/curriculum/)

As a Campuswide Honors Program student, you will take courses designed especially for you. The CHP curriculum is taught by top-notch faculty who are passionate about teaching honors students and experts in their fields. Many of the courses are team-taught and interdisciplinary, and open up a world of new ideas, issues, and methods of inquiry. CHP courses offer the opportunity to learn and collaborate with UCI faculty and other highly motivated students. All CHP core courses fulfill portions of UC Irvine’s General Education Requirement. CHP students take a minimum of one honors course per quarter until they have completed the curriculum.
Honors Curriculum, continued

FRESHMAN YEAR

Honors Humanities Core (Humanities 1A-B-C and H1AS-BS-CS)
This team-taught, three-quarter course sequence introduces you to the Humanities while developing college writing skills as you explore various topics in literature, history, and philosophy organized around a unifying theme. Course topics are examined in greater depth in stimulating Honors seminar sections. Many honors students support each other in this course by forming study groups and working collaboratively.

Honors General Chemistry (Chemistry H2A-B-C and H2LA-LB-LC labs) (for CHP science majors who are required by their major to take one year of General Chemistry, plus labs)
This three-quarter course sequence covers similar material to the non-honors equivalent, but offers smaller class sizes, provides opportunities for increased interaction with faculty, and covers material in greater depth. This sequence is required of all CHP students who have majors in Chemistry and certain other fields in the Physical Sciences (such as Earth & Environmental Sciences and Earth & Environmental Studies), Public Health Science, Pharmaceutical Sciences, certain fields in Engineering, etc.

Honors Biology (Bio Sci H93-H94--H97-H98-H99) (for CHP Biological Sciences majors ONLY)
This course sequence covers the similar material to the non-honors equivalent, but offers smaller class sizes, provides opportunities for increased interaction with faculty, and covers material in greater depth. This sequence is required of all CHP students who have majors in Biological Sciences when it is offered.

SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR YEARS

Beginning in fall 2017, CHP students will choose from one of two CHP core course tracks during their sophomore and junior years: CHP Classic or Sustainable Societies. While each track focuses on a different series of topics, their goal is the same: to provide a thought provoking and intellectually inspiring experience to actively engaged honors students. Students should plan to follow their chosen track from beginning to end and will be advised on their options later on during freshman year by the CHP staff.

CHP Classic Track
This track consists of six courses (one or two per quarter) concentrated around the following topics:

Honors Social Science Core: Critical Issues in the Social Sciences (Social Sciences H1E, H1F, H1G)
This three-quarter interdisciplinary course series is team-taught by professors from the Schools of Social Science and Social Ecology. Social Science Core asks students to consider the intersection of various disciplines and promotes an understanding of role of the social sciences in our world.

Honors Science Core: The Idiom & Practice of Science (Biology/Chemistry/Earth System Science/Physics H90) (for non-science majors and students who do not complete Honors General Chemistry or Honors Biology. CHP science majors who are not required to take Honors Chemistry or Honors Biology for their major will work with their school/major advisor on this requirement.)
These courses give students an understanding of the role science plays in addressing socially significant problems. Students who complete three Science Core courses will learn how to understand scientific models and to judge the content, merit, and limitations of many issues of science in the modern world. This series is required for CHP students on the CHP Classic Track who do not have majors in Biological Sciences, the Physical Sciences, Public Health Science, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nursing Science, or Engineering. CHP science majors who are not required to take Honors Chemistry or Honors Biology for their major will work with their school/major advisor on this requirement. All Computer Science majors complete Honors Science Core.

Sustainable Societies Track
This track consists of six courses (one per quarter) and is team taught by top faculty from a variety of disciplines, examining the topic from two broad perspectives: 1. Exploring the features of societies/nations that lead some to prosperity, freedom and a high quality of life, while others decline; demonstrating how innovation, prosperity, flexibility, and a forward thinking perspective allow societies to address challenges effectively, and 2. Exploring the underpinnings of several of the challenges that modern societies currently face and engaging students to work together on solutions to these challenges. CHP students on the Sustainable Societies Track must complete all six classes in order.
Honors Curriculum, continued

HONORS SEMINARS

In addition to the required honors courses, the CHP offers specially designed seminars taught by UCI’s top faculty about a variety of topics, including Jurisprudence & Constitutional Law, Memory Across the Disciplines, Experiments in Music, the Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics, and How Nations Remember, among others. These 10-30-person seminars are optional and open to all CHP sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Sequence of Honors Courses

Students must take the Humanities Core Course during their first year (engineering students, work closely with your academic counselor on this). In addition students should do their best to follow the “model” curriculum plan and be finished with all honors core courses by the end of their junior year. For most students, this means you should plan to take at least one honors core course per quarter through the end of your junior year. There is flexibility as to when students complete the Social Science and Science honors core courses, so long as you are enrolled in at least one honors core course per quarter until you are finished with your CHP curriculum requirement. Students on the CHP Classic Track may switch the order in which they complete Social Science and Science Core (between sophomore and junior year), or take them both at the same time. Students on the Sustainable Societies Track must take the six required courses in sequence (one per quarter for two full years) sophomore and junior years.

In order to facilitate your course planning, you will complete an academic plan by spring of your freshman year with the assistance of staff and peer advisors to map out how and when you plan to complete CHP, major, and GE requirements. This will help you determine the best time to take your honors courses. Ninety-five percent of CHP students graduate in four years.

Undergraduate Research and Honors Thesis

Your capstone work in the Campuswide Honors Program will be an honors thesis/project/report, which for many students proves to be the most rewarding part of their education at UCI. With some variation, this project will involve a minimum of two quarters of research with a UCI faculty advisor and the completion of an honors thesis or publication-quality paper. There are also opportunities for students to present research findings at conferences or symposia, and publish research papers through UCI’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (www.urop.uci.edu).

Many CHP students choose to complete three quarters of research or more, and/or do research in tandem with their major/school upper division honors program. In each case, you will need to complete only one approved thesis to meet the requirement of both your major/school honors program and the CHP. For more information about major/school upper divisions honors programs, please see http://home.due.uci.edu/school-based-honors-programs/.

Most students complete research in their junior and/or senior year, but are encouraged to start research as early as possible depending upon their readiness. All CHP students are required to meet with an honors advisor by their junior year to go over their research/thesis and senior year plans. Read more about this requirement in the CHP Research/Thesis and Senior Year Handbook (http://honors.uci.edu/resources/handbooks/research-thesis-handbook/).
Other Academic Opportunities

Study Abroad ([www.stud yabroad.uci.edu](http://www.stud yabroad.uci.edu))

CHP students are encouraged to consider studying abroad. Many students choose to do this during their junior year through the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), although there are possibilities for study abroad as early as sophomore year. There are options for a quarter, a semester, and over the summer — whatever is appropriate and affordable for you.

All coursework completed on EAP is considered UCI coursework and applicable towards your UCI graduation. The quarterly fees are the same, and most scholarships and financial aid awarded through UCI can be applied toward these study abroad options.

There are other options besides EAP through UCI’s International Opportunities Program (IOP) that allow students not only the opportunity to study abroad, but also to work, volunteer, and participate in an internship or research experience abroad. With careful planning, many CHP students are able to study abroad and complete the CHP, etc. in four years.

If you are interested in any of these options, you need to do early and careful academic planning with the Study Abroad Center, an Honors Advisor, and your school academic advisor, especially if you want to go to a country where proficiency in a language other than English is required.

Scholarship Opportunities ([www.scholars.uci.edu](http://www.scholars.uci.edu))

The Scholarship Opportunities Program (SOP) helps undergraduate students apply for prestigious national and international scholarships, fellowships, and awards. These include such scholarships as the Rhodes, Fulbright, Truman, Mitchell, Churchill, Gates, Marshall, Goldwater, and National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships. This program offers information to students through workshops, the website, and individual and group advising. The SOP also advises students about the background needed to be competitive for awards, award timelines, and asking faculty for recommendations. If you wish to apply for one of these prestigious scholarships, you are urged to plan ahead.

The SOP works primarily with scholarships for students applying to graduate or professional school, or who are pursing research after completing their bachelor’s degree. For information about scholarships that may be used to support your undergraduate education at UCI, please see [http://www.ofas.uci.edu/content/Scholarships.aspx](http://www.ofas.uci.edu/content/Scholarships.aspx).
Information about Major Options

CHP students are three times more likely than non-CHP students to complete double or triple majors, and have over 80 possible majors to choose from. Read about major requirements and classes in the 2018-19 UCI General Catalogue (http://catalogue.uci.edu/) by selecting your school from the menu on the left, and then your major department from the menu that drops down from there, or from the major tab that appears toward the top of the page.

Update Your Name and Address

You can update your personal information online. And you should as soon as anything big changes, like your name or permanent address. Login to Student Access (http://www.reg.uci.edu/access/student/welcome/) to view your contact information and submit any changes. If you change your address in Student Access, make sure to also email honors@uci.edu to notify us of this change so we can send a very important letter to the right place in early September.

Quarterly Fee Payment Deadline

For fall quarter the deadline is 4:00 p.m. PST, September 17 (this is NOT a postmark deadline). After the deadline, you will be assessed late fees and all your courses will be dropped! If that happens, you’ll have to start from scratch to find open classes you can enroll in . . . NOT FUN! The Registrar publishes a yearly calendar of deadlines (http://www.reg.uci.edu/calendars/quarterly/2018-2019/quarterly18-19.html); check it out and be sure to pay your fees on time every quarter.

Respond to Your CHPrep Peer Mentor

Respond to your CHPrep Peer Mentor! S/he should have contacted you by now, so drop him/her a line to say hi, and ask any questions you might have about CHP and UCI.

Prepare for Fall Quarter

Here are a few tips to help you make sure you are ready for fall:

1. Check your class schedule on WebReg (https://www.reg.uci.edu/registrar/soc/webreg.html) after the second Open Enrollment begins (noon on Sept. 20) to see if anything has been changed/updated, and sign up for any additional units needed (work with your major advisor to gain any necessary approvals) at noon on Sept. 4.
2. Confirm that you’ve done everything that needs to be done via your personalized new student checklist on ZOTPortal (https://portal.uci.edu/).
3. Complete the CHP Summer Reading about the future of work. Look for more information in an upcoming email.
4. Get your UCI photo ID this summer at The Hill, and purchase your campus parking permit online, if applicable (http://www.parking.uci.edu/permits/studentpermits.cfm).
5. Check your mail/email for important information from CHP and UCI Housing. Housing and roommate assignments will be emailed to students living on campus by the second week of September. Move-in information, including what to bring, will be available online in early September (http://housing.uci.edu/).
6. Connect with @UCICHIP via social media! Join the “CHP, Class of 2022” (https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCICHP2022/) and meet your classmates.
CHiP's Inbox

CHiP is the CHP's honorable mascot. Being quite the tech savvy anteater, we've asked him to answer some common questions about email etiquette at the university.

Hello CHiP,
UCI says they are sending me emails, but I haven't received any. What's going on?
--Capt Ahab, callmeishmael@gmail.com

Ahoy Captain Ahab,
Check your UCI email account by logging on via http://gmail.uci.edu/. All emails to you from UCI are sent to your UCI Gmail account, including important emails from the CHP. If you forward your UCI email to a different email provider, make sure you set your filters (including your spam filter), labels, and tabs to allow you to receive and prioritize email from UCI. You should also get in the habit of checking your UCI email at least once a day, and deleting unwanted and old messages so that you don't lose track of what is important (like white whale sightings!)

Best, CHiP

whats up?! lost my syllabus. send me the prof. email. thx! 😊
bloomsday@hotmail.com

Hello Student,
First, remember when you are contacting staff and faculty that it is a rather formal communication. Be sure to include a salutation, signoff, and signature. Avoid using slang and emojis. It is ok to use more than 140 characters! Proofreading is also essential. Be clear, concise, and accurate -- after all, brevity is the soul of wit. Finally, faculty and staff will expect you to use your @uci.edu email address to contact them and not your personal email address.

Sincerely, CHiP

CHiP,
Every office at UCI seems to want my full name, student ID number, and major when they talk to me. This seems like overkill. Do I have to memorize my ID number?
Best, Charlie D., cdickens@uci.edu

Dear Charlie,
Ah, your student ID number is the best of numbers and the worst of numbers! We still care about you, and want to know your name, but this number is the primary way the university tracks your progress and keeps your records. Besides, someone else could have the same name as you. I know, hard to believe!

Regards, CHiP

Dear CHiP,
I emailed a counselor four days ago and I haven't heard back yet. Is this normal?
Sincerely, Liz Bennet, I<3mrdarcy@yahoo.com

Dear Miss Bennet,
Please keep in mind that staff and faculty are often very busy, and may receive hundreds of emails each day. Sometimes you may get a response immediately, while at other times it may take several days, especially if you email after business hours have ended, in the evenings, or on weekends and holidays. Some advising issues do need to be handled in person, so do not be surprised if you are asked to make an appointment to answer your questions.

Take care, CHiP