



Place-Based Learning Communities

Over the course of a student's first year at Humboldt, they are immersed in a tight-knit group of students who share their interests and curiosity for the world.

Exploring a specific theme through multidisciplinary courses, making connections, and gaining a sense of belonging are at the heart of Humboldt's year-long first-time, first-year students learning communities.

Why Place-Based Learning Communities?

Classes That Count. Take the guesswork out of registration and enroll in courses with other students in the program that satisfy major and general education (GE) requirements, and set you on an efficient path towards graduation.

Hands-on Learning. Gain practical experience through field trips, projects, community service, and research connected to your program theme.

Support Network From Day One. Work closely with professors, peer mentors, Cal Poly Humboldt staff, and community professionals who will help you grow academically and personally.

Transition Curriculum. Take a course that covers college basics (such as campus resources and study habits), explore professional options, and connect to opportunities to gain experience.

Optional Themed Housing. Have the opportunity to live with other students in the program! It's a great way to meet people and make friends.

Welcome Week. Begin your semester exploring the environment and cultures of Humboldt County through hands-on field trips and activities that connect you to your major and interests.

Did you know?

- **Learning Communities** are a unique and innovative model, that offer students a built-in network of faculty and peers who help them navigate college life, all while making new friends and connections. As a result, students gain confidence and become better prepared for their future studies at Humboldt.
- Our learning communities are place-based, so they focus on connecting students to Humboldt—Cal Poly Humboldt, Humboldt County, and the local indigenous communities that surround both.



Our Place-Based Learning Communities

Among Giants

Explore the biodiversity surrounding Cal Poly Humboldt and the ways in which scientists study it.

Majors: Biology • Botany • Zoology

Baduwa't to Bay

Explore water quality, river restoration, renewable energy and other local design solutions addressing local and global issues.

Majors: Energy Systems Engineering • Environmental Resources Engineering • Mechanical Engineering

Creando Raíces

Deepen your appreciation and awareness of justice, liberation, and gain career development opportunities along the way.

Majors: Critical Race, Gender, & Sexuality Studies • Psychology • Social Work

Creative Coast

Learn about the arts through hands-on experiences on campus and in the community including visiting galleries, museums, public art, theaters, film festivals, and more.

Majors: Art Education • Art History & Museum Studies • Dance Studies • Film • Fine Arts • Media Arts • Music • Studio Art • Theatre Arts

Dreamscapes

Map out new terrain for social change and build connections on campus and out in the community.

Majors: Applied Humanities • Cannabis Studies • Communication • Criminology & Justice Studies • English • French • History • Journalism • Political Science • Sociology • Spanish

Educators for Social Justice

Discover how issues of education and social justice today can shape our futures tomorrow.

Majors: Child Development • Elementary Education • Liberal Studies

Global Humboldt

This “globally” themed learning community offers you an interdisciplinary introduction to the world.

Majors: Undeclared

Green to Gold

Embark on an exciting adventure with your classmates to create a more sustainable future and gain career development opportunities along the way.

Major: Business

Healthy Humboldt

Foster relationships with students and faculty who are as passionate as you are about healing both body and mind.

Majors: Community Health • Health & Medical Science • Kinesiology • Recreation Administration

Students interested in pre-health pathways may apply to join Healthy Humboldt

Klamath Connection

Explore the fish, forests, and wildlife of the area while examining local environmental and social justice topics, including natural resource conservation issues affecting people that live near the Klamath River.

Majors: Applied Fire Science & Management • Environmental Science & Management • Fisheries • Forestry • Rangeland Resource Science • Wildlife

Representing Realities

Explore a variety of concepts to help to understand and represent the world around us and all of our different realities—and to use these to better solve problems.

Majors: Computer Science • Data Science • Geospatial Information Science & Technology • Mathematics • Software Engineering

Rising Tides

Learn about the cultures and marine life in Humboldt and Trinidad Bays while discovering what it means to be a marine scientist and a lifelong learner.

Majors: Marine Biology • Oceanography

People and Planet

Learn how sustainability is both local and global, while addressing specific case studies in fields like agriculture, clean energy and climate justice.

Majors: Anthropology • Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology • Economics • Environmental Studies • Geography • Native American Studies • Philosophy

Stars to Rocks

Explore how physics describes the forces acting in our universe, shaping the chemical reactions that form the geological matter of our planet.

Majors: Biochemistry • Chemistry • Geology • Physics & Astronomy