

# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

## A California State University Campus

### Humboldt State University Profile

#### Quick Facts

Founded: 1913  
Total Enrollment: 7,774  
Undergrads: 7,195  
Majors: 48  
Minors: 61  
Student-Faculty Ratio: 21:1

#### Recent Rankings

- U.S. News & World Report — "A Top Western University"
- Princeton Review — "Best in the West" college
- Princeton Review "Green College"
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
- PETA — A Top Vegan-Friendly School
- Campus Pride — A Top LGBT-Friendly School

**History and size:** HSU was founded as a teacher's college in 1913. We currently have around 7,774 students.

**Location:** Located in Arcata, California (population 18,000), a one-hour flight or five-hour drive north of San Francisco. Our college and community atmosphere make Humboldt State one of the safest campuses on the west coast. Our beautiful location also provides plenty of opportunities for students to become involved in clubs, sports, and activities beyond the classroom. The redwood forest, home to the tallest trees in the world, is a 5 minute walk from campus, and the beaches are only a 10 minute drive.

**Accreditation/ranking:** HSU is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Humboldt State University consistently ranks among the top regional colleges in publications such as U.S. News and World Report, Money, Making a Difference College Guide, and Outside Magazine. The Princeton Review rates Humboldt State a Best Western College and a Green College.

**Programs:** HSU offers a one- or two-semester university study program, 4-year Bachelor degrees, a one-year Master of Business Administration (MBA) and 2-year graduate programs.

**Majors:** include Business, Biology, Computer Science, Recreation Administration, Environmental Resource Engineering, Oceanography, Education, and Art. 48 undergraduate programs and 12 graduate programs. [humboldt.edu/programs/type](http://humboldt.edu/programs/type)

**Undergraduate admission:** Students must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for high school coursework, and a 2.0 GPA if they have completed college-level coursework, plus English proficiency (TOEFL 525 PBT, 71 IBT or IELTS 6.0).

**Graduate admission:** Students must have at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (some departments require a higher GPA), plus English proficiency (TOEFL 550 PBT, 80 IBT or IELTS 6.5). Some departments have additional requirements.

**HSU Study California:** Students who apply to the HSU Study California program can study at HSU for one or two semesters without going through the formal admissions process. Courses taken at HSU through the HSU Study California program may appear on an official transcript and transferred to student's home university for credit.

**Costs:** HSU has relatively low fees when compared to other universities in California. HSU fees are located here: [extended.humboldt.edu/international-programs/prospective-students/costs](http://extended.humboldt.edu/international-programs/prospective-students/costs)

**Housing options:** HSU offers a wide range of housing options, including on-campus housing and homestays. Visit our Housing website for more information: [humboldt.edu/housing](http://humboldt.edu/housing).

**Recreational/cultural/social activities:** The Global Connections Club and Center for International Programs presents students with numerous opportunities to participate in activities, including International Education Week in November and the International Cultural Festival in November.

**CPT/OPT/Internships/Part-time work:** HSU has on-campus work and internship opportunities, including Curricular Practical Training (CPT), in many degree programs. HSU also has a high participation rate in post-degree Optional Practical Training (OPT).

**More information:** Visit [humboldt.edu/international](http://humboldt.edu/international) to find more information, as well as a link to our eBrochure.

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