The Honors College at California State University Los Angeles
Best Value and Best Choice for Your Best Students

- Emphasis on Access and Excellence!
- Combines the benefits of a small college setting with the advantages and facilities of a large, comprehensive, public University
- CSU high-quality education is far less costly than the average national public or private university
- Pathways to graduate and professional school
Annual Tuition and Fees

- Occidental: $50,492
- UCLA: $12,918
- Cal State LA: ???
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- UCLA: $12,918
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Scholarships

**Honors College Scholars**
- $2,000
- ($8,000 over four years)
- Will be awarded to incoming Honors College freshmen who have demonstrated great potential, motivation, and commitment.

**President’s Scholars**
- $2,500 - $10,000
- (Up to $40,000 over four years)
- President’s Scholars are incoming freshmen who generally have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75, and an SAT score of at least 1270 (Math and EBRW combined) or an ACT score of at least 27.

Honors College students are also considered for additional scholarship opportunities as they become available.
Honors Programs and Colleges in the CSU

Los Angeles – Honors College
Bakersfield – University Honors Program
Chico State – Honors Program
Fresno - Smittcamp Honors College
Cal Poly SLO - University Honors Program
CSU East Bay - Honors Program
Fullerton - Honors Program
San Jose State University – Humanities Honors Program
Northridge – Honors Program
Cal Poly Pomona – Kellogg Honors College
Sacramento – University Honors Program
San Bernardino – University Honors Program
San Diego – Weber Honors College
Stanislaus – Honors Program

Complete an undergraduate degree at a CSU in an Honors College/Program, and a graduate degree at a UC or private school!
Why Join the Honors College at Cal State LA?
Benefits Include:

- Small Honors College class sizes
- Priority registration
- Personal assistance with scholarship and graduate school applications
- Honors College Scholarships
- Specialized advisement
Benefits Include:

• Honors Housing
• Honors recognition on transcripts and on diploma
• Near Downtown LA!
• Honors community & easier transition to university life from high school
Honors College Student Success Team

We have dedicated staff who work with the Honors College students throughout their academic careers:

Marylu Castillo – Advisor with special focus on freshmen and sophomore curriculum/services

Cassidy Zimmerman – Thesis coordinator and advisor, and advisor for National and International Scholarships
Emphasis on Academics

- Exceptional faculty committed to teaching
- Emphasis on critical thinking and undergraduate research
- Pathways to graduate and professional school
- Emphasis on interdisciplinary studies
Being surrounded by motivated peers who:

- **Take** initiative
- **Participate** in a community of scholars
- **Value** global perspectives and community engagement
- **Thrive** when they are around supportive, motivated students committed to their education
Being part of a social group within an academic community

“You meet people with the same drive, expectations, and goals as you.”

- Moises Olavarietta
Access to Honors Spaces:
Edison International Honors Center, Seminar Room & Advisement Suite

Learning and Living Communities
National and International Scholarships and Fellowships Program (NISFeP)

Works with students to help them find and apply for national and international scholarships, fellowships, and other opportunities.

Recent scholarships and internships awarded:
• Capital Fellows- Judicial Administration Fellowship
• Fulbright ETA to Spain
• Two Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mentions
• HACU Veteran's Benefits Administration Internship
• Two NASA JPL Internships (Business & Computer Science)
Graduates – What have they been doing?

Attended top-ranking universities for graduate and professional school including:

- Cal Tech
- Stanford (Engineering)
- London School of Economics
- Harvard
- University of Tubingen
- USC

- Yale University Medical School
- Columbia Law School
- UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy
- UCLA School of Public Health

Launched exciting careers:

- Google
- Southern California Edison
- Aerospace Corporation
- NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)
Luis Antezana

Achievements & Recognition
- Millennium Momentum Foundation’s Best and Brightest Scholar (2014-2015)
- ASI Student Body President (2014)

Thesis (Political Science):
The Right to Counsel Should Extend to Unaccompanied Minors

Plans for 2016 and Beyond
- English Teacher in Colorado with Teach for America Corps.
- Law School
- LA City Counsel

Major: Political Science
Minor: English
Mary Arrastia

Achievements & Recognition
- Honorable Mention - Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program
- Earle C. Anthony Graduate Fellowship at Caltech
- Two Publications in Academic Peer-Reviewed Journals
- Summer Research in Brazil

Thesis (Chemistry):
The Development and Optimization of Paper Microfluidic Platforms

Plans for 2016 and Beyond
- Earning a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Cal Tech
Jasmine Diep

Achievements & Recognition
- Dean's List Scholarship Recipient Award
- Beta Alpha Psi - Fundraising Coordinator
- Union Rescue Mission
- L.A. Food Bank
- 826LA

Thesis (Accounting): The Effectiveness of Zero-based Budgeting for CSULA

2016 Plans and Beyond
- Full time position with BDO USA, LLP as an Audit Associate.

Major: Accounting
Minor: Management
Michael Hsu

Computer Science

Honors College

Campus Involvement & Honors
- President: Academic Honors Association
- President: ECST student council
- Treasurer: Association for Computer Machinery (ACM)

Thesis Research
- Creating an Online Platform for Curriculum Review

Future Goals
- Become a successful software engineer and get experience in industry
- Create his own start-up company

Where He is Now
The Aerospace Corporation

“The more sacrifices you make, the more classes you can take.” –Michael Hsu
Does Honors require…

• **Extra time?**
  NO! Honors students should graduate in 4-5 years, provided they are full-time students and do not change majors multiple times.

• **Extra Coursework?**
  A LITTLE… Nearly all Honors courses meet General Education or major requirements.

• **Extra Effort and Engagement?**
  YES! Honors Programs may require all students to participate in undergraduate research, community engagement, study abroad, or write senior theses.
Admissions Criteria

- Cumulative high school GPA (weighted) of 3.5 or higher
- Minimum combined score of 1170 on the Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) or Critical Writing AND Math Sections of the SAT
- Or a minimum composite ACT score of 26
Admissions Data

- Admission to the Honors College is selective- 2016 incoming freshman cohort data:
  - Average cumulative GPA of 3.89
  - Average combined score of 1225 on the Critical Reading and Math sections of (old) SAT or
  - Average composite ACT score of 27.
- Selection is based on a comprehensive and holistic review of application materials, including written essays, letters of recommendation, interview, and SAT/ACT scores.
How to Apply

Apply to Cal State L.A. through CSUMentor

Submit online Honors College application

- Essay and extra-curricular activities

Submit the following documents via mail:

- Honors College application checklist
- Two letters of recommendation
- SAT/ACT scores
- Official transcripts
Priority Consideration Application
Deadline

January 31st
Preparing to Apply (to College and Honors College)

- Maintain a high GPA
- Score well on the SAT/ACT
- Be ready for college-level Math and college-level English
- Work on critical and creative thinking skills, and strengthen communication skills
- Participate in leadership and other academic and community-based extra-curricular activities
- Build and maintain good relationships with your teachers, counselors, and peers
- Take AP Classes
To Contact the Honors College…

- Website: [honors.calstatela.edu](http://honors.calstatela.edu) *(you can find the rest of our contact info here)*
- Email: [honorscollege@calstatela.edu](mailto:honorscollege@calstatela.edu)
- Phone: (323) 343-5969
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HonorsCollegeCSULA](http://www.facebook.com/HonorsCollegeCSULA)
Final Thought…

“It is a lot of work, but also a wonderful learning experience since you get to learn with the best students and best faculty.”

Michael Hsu,
Honors College graduate 2014, currently works at Aerospace Corporation