

THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES PRESENTS

Guide for New Grad Students

*The official guide for new graduate students at
California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt*

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Welcome to Cal Poly Humboldt

Congratulations on choosing Cal Poly Humboldt to pursue your Master's Degree. At Humboldt, you'll explore new ideas while learning more about yourself. Your professors will know you by name, and your education will go beyond the classroom with original research and real-world projects. You'll be part of a campus known for its longstanding commitment to social and environmental responsibility. And when you graduate, you'll have more than just a degree – you'll have the skills to go far in life and make your community better.

The Office of Graduate Studies

The Office of Graduate Studies is here to support you as you complete your Master's degree. We collaborate with other campuses and departments to coordinate opportunities that make graduate school accessible for all students. Some of the services and assistance we provide to graduate students includes:

- **Notifying** students of important dates and deadlines
- **Providing** resources for completing your thesis/project and your degree
- **Processing** and assisting with graduate student paperwork
- **Assisting** with graduate student events such as orientation and commencement

Visit our website gradprograms.humboldt.edu for more information on the services our office provides. Feel free to contact us at hsugrad@humboldt.edu at any time.

Financial Aid

To apply for aid, a student should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online at fafsa.ed.gov or studentaid.ed.gov. The application opens on October 1st and the deadline to apply every year is March 2nd.

Aid is usually limited for those already holding a bachelor's degree. However, in addition to unsubsidized loans, graduate students may be eligible for other financial opportunities such as:

- Federal Work Study
- Graduate Assistantships or Teaching Associate Positions
- HSU Scholarships and Grants
- Tuition Fee Waivers

For more information on the financial aid opportunities available to you as a graduate student, visit the graduate student handbook. Some types of financial aid have specific restrictions; please consult the Financial Aid Office for questions regarding your Financial Aid Award Offer. For more information visit finaid.humboldt.edu

Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar is a list of dates and deadlines throughout the Academic Year. Visit the [Office of the Registrar's website](#) for the academic calendar for the current academic year and a list of upcoming deadlines.

Graduate Student Forms & Policies

This section will provide a quick look at some of the graduate forms and policies. For more information and access to the required forms, visit the [Graduate Studies website](#).

Graduate students taking nine or more semester units are enrolled full-time. You must maintain Good Academic Standing, which means a GPA of at least 3.0 (B) or better in all courses taken to satisfy your degree requirements.

You are required to enroll for a minimum of one unit per academic term for at least two terms per academic year until your degree requirements are completed. Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations limits the maximum time for completing a master's degree program to 7 years.



Things to do at Cal Poly Humboldt

Cal Poly Humboldt is the northernmost campus in the California State University system, located in a rural area 270 miles north of San Francisco. Our stunning natural environment is both a natural laboratory and a great place for adventure. Our “backyard” is 110 miles of coastline and 680,000 acres of state and national parks. In addition to exploring the amazing area surrounding campus, there are plenty of things to do on campus itself.

Arts

The Center Arts box office offers information and ticket sales for many events on campus such as musical concerts, theatrical performances, dance, and special events. These events are available for the general public and students are offered discounted or free ticket prices. Visit centerarts.humboldt.edu for more information on upcoming events.

Athletics

Humboldt Athletics is a member of the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) and NCAA Division II Conference. Tickets to games can be purchased online or at the gate, students are admitted for free. Be sure to take a look at the Jacks' teams achievements on their website: humboldtathletics.com

Center Activities

Center Activities is a department of the University Center that provides outdoor, recreational, fitness, educational and social experiences to Humboldt students and the surrounding community at the Recreation & Wellness Center, the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, and the Student Recreation Center.

Campus Events

For more information on campus events and when they occur, visit humboldt.edu/events/all



Academic and Career Advising Center

Lower Library 27

707-826-3341

Email: acac@humboldt.eduCashiers Office

Student & Business Services

Building room 285

707-826-6789

Email: hsu-cash@humboldt.eduCounseling and Psychological Services

Health Center, room 205

707-826-3236

Email: hsucaps@humboldt.edu

Reach a counselor 24/7 at 707-826-3236

Dean of Students

Siemens Hall 211

707-826-3504

Email: dos@humboldt.eduDigital Commons

Kyle Morgan, Digital Scholarship Librarian

Humboldt State University Library

707-826-5602

kyle.morgan@humboldt.eduExtended Education and Global Engagement

Student & Business Services

Building

707-826-3731 & 707-826-5885

Email: extended@humboldt.eduFinancial Aid Office

Student & Business Services

Building, room 231

707-826-3731

Email: finaid@humboldt.eduGraduate Studies Office

Siemens Hall 217B

707-826-5194

Email: hsugrad@humboldt.eduInstitutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Forestry, room 106

707-826-3256

Email: iacuc@humboldt.eduInstitutional Review Board (IRB)

Student & Business Services, room 427

707-826-5165

Email: irb@humboldt.eduOffice of the Registrar

Student & Business Services, first floor

707-826-6208

Email: records@humboldt.edu

Registrar's Calendar of Activities and Deadlines

Resources

Oh Snap!

Recreation & Wellness Center, Room 122

707-826-4556

Email: ohsnap@humboldt.eduStudent Disability Resource Center

Learning Commons, Lower Library suite 5

707-826-4678

Email: sdrc@humboldt.eduStudent Health Center

Medical Clinic Health Center

707-826-3146

Email: health@humboldt.edu

For medical or mental health emergencies call 911

University Book Store

1 East Laurel Drive, Arcata

707-826-3741

Email: humboldt@bkstr.comUniversity Police Department

Student & Business Services, room 101

707-826-5555

Email: hsupd@humboldt.edu