living here

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
making HUMBOLDT your HOME

Living on campus is a great way to meet friends and get connected with everything Humboldt State has to offer. As an on-campus resident, you’re a part of a university committed to your academic success, and the convenience of campus is at your fingertips. There are countless benefits, such as living within a stone’s throw of HSU’s student resources, great coffee shops and eateries, a state-of-the-art recreation center, and the largest performing arts theater in the area. You also have plenty of options when it comes to choosing how you’ll live. We offer single, double, and triple rooms in traditional halls, apartments, and suites.

Housing & Residence Life
ON-CAMPUS PERKS: All of our rooms have high-speed internet access, free streaming movies and optional telephone and cable TV service. Each building has features to make life a little easier: laundry rooms, vending machines, and Wi-Fi throughout each area.
The Hill
The Hill is made up of two three-story buildings (Sunset and Redwood), which house 456 students combined. Double and triple rooms are available. The L-shaped buildings house approximately 40 students per wing. The Hill offers co-ed floors as well as male and female only wings.

The Canyon
Nestled among redwoods at the northern end of campus, the Canyon is just steps away from a 2,350-acre community forest. The Canyon consists of eight three-story buildings (Alder, Cedar, Chinquapin, Hemlock, Madrone, Maple, Pepperwood, and Tan Oak). Each building houses approximately 55 students in a mix of single, double, and triple rooms, as well as bunk bed double with living room in 4-person suite. Males and females live on separate floors.

Campus Apartments
The Campus Apartments are home to 207 students in a four-level complex comprised of 54 apartments. Each apartment has two rooms with private entrances that share an adjoining kitchen. Individual apartments are single gender or co-ed.

Creekview
Made up of four 3-story buildings (Fern, Juniper, Laurel, and Willow) that house 270 students in apartments and suites. Each apartment houses five to six students in single and double rooms and features a full-sized kitchen with cooking facilities, a living room, dining area, and bathroom. Each suite houses five students in single and double rooms, and features a kitchenette, living room, dining area, and bathroom. Single-gender and co-ed apartments and suites are available.

Cypress
Cypress Hall is a series of suites that rests on a hillside and houses 231 students. A basketball court, barbecue, lawn, and recreation area are located adjacent to Cypress. Cypress Hall is located next to the J Cafeteria and is a short walk from the heart of campus. Each suite houses 7 to 12 students of single gender, except for some themed suites that are co-ed. Each suite has shared kitchens, living rooms, and bathrooms.

College Creek
Located on the southern side of campus, the College Creek complex includes a community center with a convenience store, lounge, and three-story apartment buildings (Del Norte, Shasta, Trinity, and Mendocino) housing 461 students in double, bunk bed double and single rooms with shared kitchen, dining, living, and bathrooms. Each apartment houses four to six students in single and double rooms.
Another perk of living at HSU is the option to live in a residence hall organized around an interest or theme. Residing in theme and learning community housing is a great way to live and learn alongside students who share your interests. Beginning in March, you can go to housing.humboldt.edu to find out what Theme Housing HSU will offer next fall. Here are the themes HSU currently offers.

**Native American Living**
Native American Living is a community of residents interested in an environment that affirms Native American culture, current issues, language, and history.

**Outdoor Adventure Leadership**
Residents participate in a series of outdoor adventure trips to establish community and build lasting friendships.

**Rainbow/Gender Inclusive Community**
A gender-inclusive option designed to affirm the cultural experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, non-identifying, and questioning residents, as well as their allies.

**Rising Tides**
This community is for freshmen Marine Biology and Oceanography majors in the Rising Tides program.

**Representing Realities**
This community is for freshmen Computer Science or Mathematics majors in the Representing Realities program.

**Sankofa House**
For students with an interest in exploring Black culture, history, identity, and African diasporic intellectual traditions.

**Stars to Rocks**
Students majoring in Chemistry, Geology, and Physics & Astronomy are encouraged to live in the Stars to Rocks Theme Housing.

**Students for Violence Prevention**
A compassionate space for connecting with campus violence prevention programs and learning about survivor support to create a more consent-centered community.

**Upperclassmen and Non-Traditionally Aged Student Housing**
For those 21-and-over interested in living with older students, upperclassmen students, or transfer students.

**Veterans Housing**
For veterans transitioning to civilian life or who left the service long ago.

These living areas are subject to change. Please visit our website for the latest updates.
The day you move in will be filled with mixed emotions. You’re leaving familiar surroundings so there’s probably a little doubt (Did you pick the right school?), a little joy (You can eat ice cream for breakfast and no one’s going to stop you!), and a twinge of confusion (Does it really matter if you wash white and dark clothes together?). The overwhelming sensation you’ll experience, however, is exhilaration! You’re starting your own life in a new place. The world is your proverbial oyster. You can study anything—from Rome’s fall to the fundamentals of astrophysics. You can become a cardiologist, a whale researcher, or the next great actor. Your opportunities are endless!
The odds that you’ll remember every single geology lecture 10 years from now? Pretty slim. The odds that you’ll recall every one of your roommates’ names 20 years down the road? Surprisingly high. One of the great things about living on campus is that you have unlimited opportunities to meet and learn from people you just wouldn’t otherwise. There’s a bond that forms over late-night pizza forays, dusk-to-dawn study sessions, and heated debates (PlayStation versus Xbox, iPhone versus Droid, etc.). It’s icing on the cake.
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What do you hope to get from your college experience? Most students aim to graduate with the skills needed to excel in the career of their dreams. We will certainly help you achieve that goal, but there’s more to the university experience at Humboldt State. Part of what makes living and learning here so great are the friends you’ll make. You’ll meet people from all kinds of backgrounds who will change the way you see yourself and the world. You’ll be part of a campus community that’s lively, yet down to earth. It’s a community that cares deeply for the planet and for each other. That’s why HSU students decided to create the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility in 1987 and, today, that spirit is alive and well! The friendships you forge at Humboldt will last long after you graduate and are, in many ways, just as valuable as the diploma that drew you here in the first place.
good eats

MEAL PLANS: You can choose from five different meal plans to best suit your needs. Choose one of the All Access Plans where you get unlimited meal swipes depending on the day, or one of the Lumberjack Plans where you have more flexibility about where you eat your meals. For more information about meal plans and Dining Services, please visit dineoncampus.com/humboldtstate.
The J  The J is the main dining room on campus. From its spot atop the Jolly Giant Commons, the J offers panoramic views of Humboldt Bay, the Pacific Ocean, and the Jolly Giant Creek canyon. The J serves up a wide range of tasty meals to on- and off-campus students every day of the week. It’s also home to the J Grill, where you can get freshly prepared meals like gourmet burgers, fries, grilled chicken, and more.

Conveniently located on the first floor of the Jolly Giant Commons is the Giant’s Cupboard. The Cupboard is your late night spot for healthy snacks, supplies, and the area’s largest selections of Ben & Jerry’s treats—all within walking distance of your residence.

The Depot  Found right next to the UC Quad, the Depot is the food court for students, staff, faculty, and visitors. The Depot houses an amazing range of choices. You can grab an organic salad, a fresh smoothie, a gourmet coffee drink, or a bagel with all the toppings. You’ll also find spots to grab burritos, Asian rice bowls, sandwiches, and pizza.

The College Creek Marketplace  The College Creek Marketplace is a well-stocked market located in the College Creek complex. You’ll find fresh, local items like salads, hand-made sandwiches, fresh produce, and a hot deli counter. Need a frying pan at 10 p.m.? The Marketplace’s shelves are stocked with a variety of kitchen conveniences—and if you don’t feel like cooking, the hot deli counter is stocked with delicious snacks and entrées.

The Library Café  Grab a bite to eat without losing your focus. Found on the first floor of the library, the Library Café is a great place to recharge during study sessions. The café serves coffee, espresso drinks, bottled juices, teas, and sodas. Local pastries and baked goods are served mornings, and pre-made sandwiches, salads, fruits, and more are offered later in the day.

Burgers, Shakes, & More
Casual made-to-order dining for your favorite burgers, fries, shakes, and beer after 5 pm. In the heart of the Student Union building, join other students and watch sports on tv monitors while enjoying some great local grown Humboldt beef and other vegetarian options.
Dance to Las Cafeteras, race a ROBOT
RIGHT HERE ON CAMPUS

You’ll spend hours hammering your brain with all sorts of trivia—this is college, after all. That doesn’t mean, however, that you should spend every waking moment bathed in the glow of a computer monitor. Your brain deserves an occasional day at the beach. That’s why there’s always something fun happening on campus, from movie nights on the theater-sized screen at the J Recreation Room, to robot races, to video game competitions, to impromptu dodgeball tournaments. Our campus and local community also host great acts—such as Head and the Heart, Las Cafeteras, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Sharon Van Etten, and Mac DeMarco.
out on THE TOWN

Campus is just a short walk away from downtown Arcata and its excellent coffee houses, restaurants, shops, and theaters. Each month the downtown businesses host Arts! Arcata, and each weekend fresh produce and flowers are available at the Farmers’ Market. A mind-blowing number of festivals and concerts also roll through the area every year, including the Humboldt International Film Festival, The Oyster Festival, the Kinetic Grand Championship sculpture race, Redwood Coast Music Festival, and the North Country Fair.

living in an OUTDOORS PARADISE

There’s a reason Outside magazine chose Arcata as one of the best college towns for outdoors lovers. Actually, there are dozens of reasons: world class hiking, mountain biking, river sports, rock climbing, and surfing are just the tip of the iceberg. Our campus borders a 2,350-acre redwood community forest, has a view of the Pacific Ocean, and sits within minutes of nine major state and national parks.
how to apply for housing

All newly admitted, provisionally admitted, and continuing HSU students may complete any of the online Academic Year or Spring Semester applications through their myHousing account. Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis for new students, based on when the application is completed. Current residents participate in a lottery process to live in the halls for the next academic year. For more information about the application process, visit our website at housing.humboldt.edu.