Earl Warren College opened in the fall of 1974 and currently enrolls more than 3,800 students. The College is named for Earl Warren, former chief justice of the United States Supreme Court and the only three-term governor of California. A native Californian, Justice Warren earned his college and law school degrees at the University of California (B.L. 1912; J.D. 1914). During his governorship, he served as an ex-officio member of the UC Board of Regents for eleven years. He also saw public service as district attorney of Alameda County and as attorney general of California.

As governor during an era of lightning growth for California, Justice Warren developed the State Department of Mental Hygiene and led in reforms of the prison system in California by establishing the Board of Corrections and the Prisoner Rehabilitation Act. In his final role as a public servant, he was chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, which under his leadership elaborated a doctrine of fairness in such areas as criminal justice, voting rights, legislative districting, employment, housing, transportation, and education.

Earl Warren College is committed to preparing its students for active roles in society in their postbaccalaureate years. Whether students wish to continue their education in graduate or professional school, to seek an immediate career or to pursue other options, the college stands ready to assist. Students are advised by the Warren College administration to identify their abilities and interests, examine career possibilities, and prepare for the future over the course of their undergraduate years at UCSD. In addition, the college is a strong supporter of international education and therefore encourages students to pursue the many opportunities that are available for study abroad.

The college’s students and faculty represent all disciplines offered at UCSD. Graduation requirements, which consist primarily of one major and two secondary areas of study, enable students to develop a program covering a wide range of material while also focusing on particular areas in depth. The diversity of its academic program has made Warren College an exciting home for students who seek maximum flexibility in designing their own education.
General-Education Requirements

The Warren College faculty has a firm belief that each student should have the opportunity to develop a program best suited to his or her individual interests, within a framework that ensures both depth and breadth of study. All students are required to have significant exposure to the humanities and fine arts, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The faculty and staff of the college provide extensive advising on individual academic programs and their possible career implications. Students who enroll at Earl Warren College are required to work within the following academic plan:

1. Each student must complete a two-course sequence in writing, Warren Writing 10A-B, within four quarters following successful completion of the Subject A requirement.

2. The college also requires that all students complete a course entitled "Ethics and Society," offered jointly by the political science and philosophy departments (Philosophy 27/Political Science 27). Upon completion of Warren Writing 10A-B, “Ethics and Society” should be taken by the end of the second year at UCSD for letter grade only.

3. All students must satisfy the formal skills requirement by completing two courses chosen from an approved list that includes calculus, computer programming, statistics, and symbolic logic.

4. To ensure a significant exposure to the three disciplinary areas—humanities/arts, social sciences, and natural sciences—all students are required to complete two focused collections of courses outside the areas of their majors. For all students other than B.S. engineering majors, two focused collections of courses (programs of concentration) are required, each of which requires six courses outside of the major. A student may choose to declare an optional minor. In lieu of a program of concentration, a student may choose to declare a minor in a department or interdisciplinary program. These areas of study must cover the two disciplinary areas outside the student’s major. A few programs of concentration require more than six courses.

For B.S. engineering majors, each student must complete an area study in the humanities/arts and an area study in the social sciences.

Each of these area studies consists of three courses of which at least one must be upper-division level.

All programs of concentration and area studies must be approved by the Earl Warren College Academic Advising office. A brochure entitled “Earl Warren College Academic Advising Handbook” will be provided to entering Warren students. All minors must be approved by academic departments or programs.

Majors

Earl Warren College students may pursue any of the departmental or interdisciplinary majors offered at UCSD. The majority of the academic departments has established lower-division prerequisites, which, must be completed prior to entry into upper-division major courses. Students are strongly encouraged to work closely with departmental faculty, staff advisers, and college academic counselors. For details on the specific major department requirements, refer to the “Course, Curricula, and Programs of Instruction” section of this catalog.

A student may declare a double major upon the approval of both academic departments and their academic advising office. If the two majors are from noncontiguous discipline areas, one program of concentration or area of study from the third noncontiguous discipline area will be required. If the two majors are from the same discipline area, two programs of concentration or area studies will be required from each of the remaining noncontiguous discipline areas.

The Earl Warren College Individual Studies Major is designed to meet the needs of students who have a definite academic interest for which a suitable major is not offered at UCSD. The student must submit a written proposal explaining the merit of the program and why it cannot be accommodated within existing UCSD major offerings. The proposal must first be approved by a faculty adviser and then approved by the College Executive Committee.

Minors

In lieu of a program of concentration, Earl Warren students may pursue a departmental minor to fulfill general education requirements. An approved department minor applied toward the general education requirement will be posted to the student’s official transcript. Upper-division courses taken for the departmental minor may not overlap with courses in the major, the program of concentration, or the area studies.

Pass/Not Pass Grading Option

Some general education requirements may be fulfilled by courses taken on the Pass/Not Pass basis. Earl Warren students are reminded that major requirements and prerequisites must be taken on the graded basis. The total number of Pass/Not Pass units may not exceed one-fourth of a student’s total UCSD units.

Graduation Requirements

To receive a B.A. or B.S. degree from Earl Warren College a student must:

1. Satisfy the University of California requirements in American History and Institutions, and in Subject A. (See “Undergraduate Admissions, Policies and Procedures.”)

2. Fulfill the general education requirements described above.

3. Complete one course in Cultural Diversity in U.S. Society to be chosen from an approved list. This course can be part of the major, the general-education, or the electives.
4. Complete a major chosen from those regularly offered at UCSD. Each department determines the courses and grades required for its major; generally this will include a set of twelve to twenty-two upper-division courses. In addition, most majors require a certain amount of introductory course work, and the beginning student is urged to plan a program that will permit a wide choice of major fields. For example, calculus is required for a significant number of majors; a student who does not take this subject excludes all these majors from further consideration.

5. Attain a C average (2.0) or better in all work attempted at the University of California.

6. Satisfy the college residency requirement that thirty-six of the last forty-five units passed must be taken as a student in the college.

7. Pass a minimum of 180 units (normally 45 four-unit courses). At least 60 units (normally 15 four-unit courses) must be successfully completed at the upper-division level. No more than 3 units of physical education activity may be used towards degree requirements.

Transfer Students

For students who have completed their lower-division general education requirements at an accredited four-year college, and for students who have completed a systemwide or campuswide approved core curriculum in a California community college prior to entering UCSD, the only additional general education requirements are two upper-division courses noncontiguous to the discipline area of the major. For these students graduation requirement 3 (above) is waived. All other transfer students must complete the general education requirements above. (See “Earl Warren College” in the section “General Education Requirements.”)

The Warren College Honors Program

The Warren College Honors Program is offered to students with a broad range of interests and a history of outstanding scholastic achievement. The program offers students the opportunity to work closely with faculty throughout their academic career at UCSD. High school seniors with a GPA of 3.8 or above, SAT I scores of 710 verbal/650 mathematics, SAT II writing score of 710, or who are National Merit Scholars or Regents Fellows, are eligible for admission to the program. Students may participate in the program until thirty-six units of UCSD credit are completed. After that, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 on all units completed at UCSD must be maintained to remain in the program. Entering transfer students with a GPA of 3.8 based on at least thirty-six units of college work are also eligible. Other students with strong academic credentials may also apply. (For more information, see “Warren College” in the section “Courses, Curricula, and Programs of Instruction.”)

Academic Internship

Warren College administers an Academic Internship Program available to students from all five colleges. The program is based on the conviction that quality education results from a combination of classroom theory and practical experience. Participants work full- or part-time for a public or private organization. Placements match students’ major areas of academic study and correlate with their career goals. Students may enroll one, four, eight, or twelve units per quarter, with a maximum of four internships and/or sixteen units of internship credit. Although most placements are in the San Diego area, the Academic Internship Program is international in scope and varied in offerings. Students might work for a senator in Washington; a legal-aid office in Los Angeles; a business, a T.V. station, research lab or social service agency in San Diego; a public relations firm in London; or any number of other possibilities. Working closely with faculty advisers, students write research papers that integrate their academic backgrounds and internship experience. For more information, see listing under “Academic Internship.”

Honors

Quarterly provost’s honors, honors at graduation, departmental honors, and Phi Beta Kappa honors are awarded. For additional information see “Honors” in the Index.

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