

# Thurgood Marshall College

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## HONORS PROGRAM

The Thurgood Marshall College Honors Program is designed to address one of the greatest responsibilities and challenges of public higher education: the education of students of exceptionally high academic achievement. The program provides the organization and the environment within which students are encouraged to pursue individual excellence.

Honors activities and events are designed to introduce Thurgood Marshall students to the excitement of pioneering research and innovative scholarship in all disciplines at UC San Diego and to create opportunities for discussion on public issues with locally and nationally known figures. This happens primarily through the honors seminar, offered every quarter, and open to all class levels of honors students.

To qualify for the honors program, incoming transfer and freshmen students must check the Marshall College Honors eligibility criteria on the Marshall Web site: <http://marshall.ucsd.edu>. Continuing UCSD students are eligible upon successful completion of at least twelve graded units with a 3.8 or better cumulative GPA. All honors students must maintain a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA.

Thurgood Marshall College annually recognizes superior achievement. The Provost Award is presented at commencement to a graduating senior who is recognized for outstanding academic achievement and breadth of scholarship. In addition, students may be eligible for universitywide and departmental honors, Provost Honors, Thurgood Marshall College Honors, Phi Beta Kappa membership, and participation in small honors classes in science.

## PUBLIC SERVICE MINOR

Thurgood Marshall College sponsors the Public Service Minor at UCSD, which encourages students to understand the history and practices of public service and to participate in the development of civic skills. This minor is open to all UCSD students in good standing. Please see "Public Service Minor" in the departmental listings or visit the Web site at <http://publicsvminor.ucsd.edu>.

## COURSES

*For course descriptions not found in the UC San Diego General Catalog, 2010–11, please contact the department for more information.*

### 10. Thurgood Marshall College Methods of Inquiry (2)

In this course, students learn analytical thinking strategies routinely used by professional scholars, historians, and social planners. Each student applies methodologies from the materials presented in lectures, films, and readings relevant to the current course work. **Prerequisite:** department stamp. (P/NP only.)

### 15. Introduction to Public Service in America (4)

This course is designed to study, discuss, and analyze the history and current role of public service in the United States. Students will be introduced to the different roles held by the three sectors of the American economic structure (government, business, and nonprofit/public service) with opportunity to provide a critical analysis of those roles within American society.

### 20. Thurgood Marshall College Honors Seminar (1)

Weekly seminar conducted by UCSD faculty and distinguished guest lecturers on topics related to the core curriculum: diversity, justice, and imagination. (P/NP only.)

### 90. Undergraduate Seminar (1)

These seminars are designed to expose undergraduate students, especially freshmen and sophomores, to exciting research conducted by UCSD faculty. **Prerequisite:** none. (P/NP only.)

### 198. Thurgood Marshall College Directed Group Studies (4)

Directed group studies of a creative project. Designated for TMC students to work as a group on a project supervised by faculty; not included in regular curriculum, where group emphasis would be more beneficial and constructive than individual special studies. **Prerequisites:** upper-division standing (ninety units) including lower-division writing requirement (DOC 2 and DOC 3), minimum overall GPA of 2.5 and consent of instructor.

### 199. Marshall College Special Project (1–4)

Individual, independent research, or creative work intended to satisfy Marshall College graduation requirement. Designated for Marshall College students, topics are supervised by Marshall faculty in association with the honors seminar and honors projects. A written application describing the project is required. See Office of the Provost. **Prerequisites:** upper-division students with 2.5 GPA and 90 units and approval of the provost or faculty designee. Honors standing required for honors projects. (P/NP only)