

## UCSB Department of Art Honors Program

*Application Guidelines 2026/2027*

---

The application process is all on-line at <http://ucsb.slideroom.com>, where you will upload your portfolio materials via secure server. See below for details.

***Applications must be completed and submitted by midnight May 7, 2026.***

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Honors Program is open to Letters and Science Art and CCS Art majors, with at least a 3.5 average in the major, and a 3.0 or better overall. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who will be seniors next year and ready to graduate in the end of that year. A year-long program, fall, winter and spring, Honors students must be in residence (meaning, not abroad) the entire year. Applicants are encouraged to complete the 7-series foundation courses in preparation for the Honors Program, but this is not a requirement.

The program requires attendance in weekly seminar meetings. Participants are provided with 24/7 access to an on-campus studio space where they are expected to devote substantial time to self-directed projects.

Questions about eligibility should be directed to Undergraduate Advisor: Hannah Vainstein: [undergraduate@arts.ucsb.edu](mailto:undergraduate@arts.ucsb.edu).

Please note that this is a Departmental Honors Program, which is not affiliated with the University Honors Program.

### **TO APPLY:**

FIRST

*Prepare and gather your materials needed to apply:*

**1. Portfolio:** 10-20 images, video, or audio files; including title, date, dimensions, media, and short descriptions of portfolio pieces. Details and installation shots are fine. You may include pdf documents if needed; for example, that may contain url for web network specific projects (not personal web sites or documentation).

Additionally, within the 10-20 file range, you may also embed media into your portfolio from YouTube, Vimeo, SoundCloud external sites.

- **Image guidelines:** (jpg, gif, png, tiff, bmp) up to 5 MB each The optimal size for good image quality and fast upload is a maximum of 1280 x 1280 pixels @ 72 dpi. Scalable thumbnails will automatically be generated from image uploads.
- **Video/audio guidelines:** (mov, mp4, wmv, flv) up to 250 MB each, you are allowed a total of 5 minutes video &/or audio in your application. Smaller files are better, not all viewing platforms will stream large files well.
- **PDF's** for URL-link/web specific work only: up to 10 MB each

Full SlideRoom FAQs: <https://www.slideroom.com/blog/more-media-types-and-sizes/>

**2. Artist's Statement:** A 1-page artist statement that expounds descriptively, philosophically, and theoretically on your practice, outlining your conceptual and aesthetic approaches, influences, interests, and goals, giving reviewers context for the work in your application portfolio. Please also briefly address your interest in the Honors program.

Save and upload your statement as a PDF document.

**3.** You will need a credit card to **pay the submission fee of \$10.00** the fee goes directly to the SlideRoom program, UCSB or the Art Department do not receive any money.

SECOND:

*Once your materials are prepared:*

**Apply on-line:**

Sign up for a new account at <http://ucsb.slideroom.com> and follow the instructions to start a new submission.

- **Step 1:** Forms tab, Honors Application.  
Input your information.
- **Step 2:** Media tab.  
Upload your application materials.
  - Upload your Artists Statement: a PDF file of your 1 page artist statement.
  - Upload any combination of 10-20 (more than 10 is better) image, audio, or video files. After uploading your files, add title, year, dimension, media, and shortdescription information in step 2 on the Upload Media tab.
- **Step 3:** Complete Submission. Proceed to submission payment- there is a \$10 fee to apply, the fee goes directly to the SlideRoom licensing program, the school does not receive any money.

Once you submit your application, you will not be able to make changes. However, you can make changes to your selections, save changes and return to, or delete your pending (not yet submitted) submission anytime before the deadline.

Applicants may receive technical support from SlideRoom by emailing [support@slideroom.com](mailto:support@slideroom.com) Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 6 PM Eastern Time.

**Application Deadline and Timetable:**

**Applications must be submitted by Wednesday May 7 by midnight 2026**

Faculty review of application materials happens soon after the deadline. All applicants will be notified as to status of admission after the review.

**ADMISSION STATISTICS:**

Number of new students admitted: 9-10.