



### Humboldt State University (HSU)

Humboldt State University had many names before settling on its current name, from Humboldt State Normal College (1913-35), Humboldt State College (1935-72), and California State University (1972-4). This college is located in Arcata California, and has 733 acres of property. Its school colors are green and gold.

Humboldt State Normal College was originally established as a teacher's college and was named after a famous German scientist, Alexander Von Humboldt. The school originally consisted of 78 students and 5 faculty whereas today it can house 8,790 students and 551 academic staff. The first graduating class consisted of 15 women.

During World War 2, the building was camouflaged so they wouldn't be targeted; they camouflaged the school in 1944 and they didn't remove the camouflage until 1948. I assume

they waited that long to make sure the war was completely over or they forgot to remove it up until then.

Graduate programs were first implemented in 1947, and around the same time they started accepting students from other nations such as, Yugoslavia, Germany, Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, etc.

In 1972 the college was renamed to California State University, but it was more popularly known as Humboldt. So later in 1974 they decided just to name the school Humboldt State University. It still today is one of the smallest schools in the CSU system. Reaching 7,500 in 1974 has grown up to 8,000 today.