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Here in Global Affairs, we like to say we welcome the world to UC Davis.

This is in large part because we welcome students and scholars like you from more than 140 different countries with countless backgrounds and experiences.

Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS), within Global Affairs, is your main contact for visa and immigration matters, and can help you develop a home away from home here at UC Davis. We encourage you to make the most of your time at UC Davis and in California, which together offer tremendous academic, social, and recreational opportunities.

As we envision a UC Davis community that engages, thrives, and leads in this increasingly interconnected world, it is always exciting to see the new opportunities for all of us to learn from one another and discover new perspectives. We wish you the very best for a successful year and an enjoyable time exploring your new surroundings.

Please reach out to any one of us with questions or for guidance along the way, and visit us at siss.ucdavis.edu. We hope to see you in the International Center or around UC Davis soon!

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BEFORE ARRIVING
AT UC DAVIS
Checklist for International Students

1. Submit Statement of Intent to Register
Once you have received your Letter of Acceptance, you will need to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR):

Undergraduate Students
- Follow the steps outlined for admitted students in MyAdmissions, log into myadmissions.ucdavis.edu.
- For any questions you have about admissions, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@ucdavis.edu.

Graduate Students
- Submit your SIR as directed by the Office of Graduate Studies: grad.ucdavis.edu.
- Students admitted to the following programs should contact Michelle Baker at UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education, International at mabaker@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5811: English language programs, Global Study Program, GREAT Summer Research Program, Global University Access Program, Destination Davis Program, Forensic Science Graduate Program, Juris Doctor (JD) program, UC Davis School of Law Research Scholar Program, Master of Laws (LLM) program, Master Brewers Certificate Program, and other custom/professional programs.

2. Request an I-20 or DS-2019 from Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS)
Beginning in April, you can request an I-20/DS-2019 from SISS through Global at iglobal.ucdavis.edu.

3. Pay the SEVIS Fee or Request a SEVIS Record Transfer
You must pay a SEVIS I-901 fee to obtain a visa, visit fmjfee.com.

Students already studying in the United States in F-1 or J-1 status must request that their current school transfer the SEVIS record to UC Davis.

4. Apply for your Visa
Find information about the visa process and what you need to come to UC Davis at siss.ucdavis.edu/visa-and-entry-united-states.

5. Look at Housing Options
First-year undergraduate students and first-year transfer students are guaranteed housing on campus, but other incoming students need to secure housing on their own.

Start searching early! For more information, visit siss.ucdavis.edu.

6. Register for Orientation
Instructions for registering for mandatory orientations will be emailed directly to you. Some programs have additional orientations, such as International Graduate Student Orientation, which is run by SISS.

For more information about orientations, visit siss.ucdavis.edu/international-orientation.

7. Make Flight and Ground Transportation Arrangements
Plan to arrive in Davis with enough time to recover from jet lag before your mandatory SISS International Student Orientation.

For more information about how to get to Davis once you’ve arrived in the country, visit the airport transportation webpage: siss.ucdavis.edu/airport-transportation.

8. Pay Your International Student Administration Fees
SISS charges a fee to all international students studying at UC Davis in F-1 or J-1 student status.

The fee helps to pay for the costs associated with orientation and advising provided by SISS and will appear in your UC Davis billing.

For information about the International Student Administrative Fee visit: siss.ucdavis.edu/fees-and-tuition.

Students can pay fees and tuition at mybill.ucdavis.edu. For student payment options, please visit financeandbusiness.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/cashier.

9. Proof of Immunizations
You will need to show proof of immunizations and tuberculosis testing by submitting immunization records by the first day of class. If you cannot obtain required immunizations or testing in your home country, Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) can administer them once you get to campus. While students will be able to register for courses for their first quarter and can attend those classes, delays in completing your required immunizations may result in holds on course registration for future quarters. Please complete your immunizations and tuberculosis testing urgently. For information, visit shcs.ucdavis.edu/resources/new-students.

To make an appointment with SHCS, please call (530) 752-3349.

10. Connect with your International Academic Advisor with Questions
Do you have questions about registration or academic courses? There are international academic advisors in each college and school who are here to help you with:
- Degree and General Education requirements
- Course planning for your first year
- How to change majors
- Academic policies, regulations and petitions
- Options if you are having academic difficulty
- Advising holds that prevent course registration
- How the university grading system works and American classroom expectations
- Transfer credit for out-of-state courses, IB credit, A-level exams, etc.
- Resources on campus

You can reach out to them with any academic questions before coming to campus.

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: caesadvising@ucdavis.edu
- College of Biological Sciences: csundergrads@ucdavis.edu
- College of Engineering: engugrad@ucdavis.edu
- College of Letters and Science: lsinternational@ucdavis.edu

If you have an urgent question related to visa or travel, contact siss@ucdavis.edu.

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Incoming Scholars

Once you have been admitted, you will work with many departments on campus to meet the requirements necessary to do your work or research here at UC Davis. Information for J-1 scholars is available at siss.ucdavis.edu/j-1-arrival-checklist.

First-Year Undergraduate Students

All first-year students under the age of 24 are guaranteed housing in three residence halls on campus: Segundo, Tercero, and Cuarto. Residence halls have different types of rooms, such as singles for one person or double and triple occupancy rooms where you will have roommates. Each room type has furniture for each occupant: a bed, a wardrobe for clothes, and a desk with a lamp. All three housing areas have a Dining Common (DC), where meals are prepared and served. More information about first-year housing and meal plans can be found at ucdavis.edu/campus-life/housing.

Transfer and UCEAP Students

You are not guaranteed housing in the residence halls and must secure your own place to live before you start classes. Find the options and advice about renting on and off campus on pages 7 and 8, and don’t hesitate to ask SISS any questions at sissconnect@ucdavis.edu.

Graduate Students and Scholars

Start looking for housing as early as possible. You can ask your graduate coordinators or your program contacts to assist you. For incoming graduates with families, consider how close schools and childcare will be to your home. For guides on how to find childcare and schools in Davis and surrounding areas, visit siss.ucdavis.edu/childcare-and-school-enrollment.

SECURING HOUSING

Refer to “Before Arriving to UC Davis Checklist for International Students” on pages 4 and 5 for information you may need about securing housing.

On-Campus Housing

On-Campus Apartments

UC Davis offers family-friendly apartments on campus to transfer, graduate, and professional students. Most apartments are unfurnished, but come equipped with full-size kitchens and include a refrigerator, stove and oven. More information about apartments at UC Davis can be found at housing.ucdavis.edu/apartments.

Housing Cooperatives

There are housing cooperatives on the UC Davis campus open to students. Housing cooperatives value community involvement, so residents are often required to contribute to the upkeep of the house. Most cooperatives host weekly communal dinners and social activities for residents to get to know each other. To learn more about each housing cooperative, visit housing.ucdavis.edu/graduate-and-professional-housing.

Room in a Shared House or Apartment

Residents (including homeowners or other renters) may be looking for housemates or roommates. With this type of living arrangement, you can expect to share general spaces like the kitchen, living room, and bathroom.

Be sure you understand all the privileges and limitations a private homeowner may want before making any type of agreement.

Off-Campus Housing

Off-Campus Apartments

A range of apartment options in the City of Davis vary in price and proximity to campus. Depending on the apartment, some may have furnished options. Typically, monthly rent covers some utilities (water, sewage and trash), but tenants must set up and pay for electricity and/or gas and Wi-Fi. The rental agreement or lease is usually an eight to 12-month contract and requires renters to pay first and last month’s rent as well as an initial security deposit that can be returned if the apartment is left without damages.

Houses

Houses in Davis can offer larger living spaces and additional amenities such as private yards and garages. Unlike apartments, some homeowners (landlords) may require the tenant to pay all utilities, while others may include it in the rent. Housing rental agreements usually require an initial security deposit, and the contract may be 3-12 months.

Be sure you understand all the privileges and limitations a private homeowner may want before making any type of agreement.
Resources to Help with Your Housing Search

ASUCD Community Housing Listing

The Associated Students of UC Davis (ASUCD) maintains an online database of off-campus housing. You can find apartments, houses, rooms in a shared house or apartment, and people looking for roommates through the list. Sign up at chl.ucdavis.edu.

ASUCD also provides guidance through Housing Advising for Undergraduate Students (HAUS). Search for it on asucd.ucdavis.edu.

SISS Housing Bulletin

The SISS Housing Bulletin is an email sent directly from the SISS office with available housing, including long-term lease opportunities and short-term leases or “sublets” (opportunities for others to take over existing leases). Sign up to receive the email at bit.ly/sissbulletin.

Facebook

UC Davis students often use Facebook groups to look for roommates in a shared home or apartment. You’ll need a UC Davis email address to join the groups. Two of the most popular to search terms to use on Facebook are: UC Davis Off-Campus Housing or Sublease & Short-Term Housing.

Nextdoor

The Nextdoor App is a free application that connects the user with their neighbors. Through this app, users are able to get information on community events, safety alerts, and find recommendations for goods and services in Davis.

Getting to Orientation

There are different orientation schedules and requirements for incoming undergraduate students, graduate students, scholars, and families. You can find information specific to your situation on our website, siss.ucdavis.edu.

Booking Accomodations

If you are arriving before the start of your rental agreement, it is best to find a place to stay for a few nights. The average nightly rate for hotel in Davis can be $100–$200, so be sure to book a room early!

Need help finding hotels in the area? Visit visityolo.com/plans/lodging.

RENTAL LISTING SCAMS and How to Avoid Them

WHAT ARE SCAMS?

Scams are dishonest, illegal schemes to make money off of unsuspecting victims. One common type of scam in Davis are rental listing scams. They usually begin with a housing opportunity that seems too good to be true. Scammers might list a vacancy ad on a reputable website, asking for a security deposit and first month’s rent in exchange for keys. Once the scammer secures the money, they disappear before fulfilling the end of the agreement to provide keys, and the tenant is left with no place to live.

HOW TO AVOID SCAMS

- Avoid sending money in exchange for keys to see or rent a property
- Insist on meeting a landlord or property manager in person before signing a lease or paying any money (money is usually due when you sign the lease)
- Research the property and landlord before paying any money—ask for references, check property records, and read online reviews

For more information about avoiding scams, visit siss.ucdavis.edu/scams.
Getting to UC Davis

From San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is just over 80 miles (130 km) from UC Davis, which can take between 1 hour and 45 minutes to 2 hours and 30 minutes, depending on the time of day and traffic. We recommend using a navigation app (like Waze, Google Maps, Apple Maps, etc.) to estimate travel time when deciding upon transportation options. If you are headed to a location in Sacramento from SFO, the distance is farther than to Davis so Amtrak, taxi, and ride sharing services may be more expensive.

From Sacramento International Airport (SMF)
Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is just over 20 miles (32 km) from UC Davis which can take between 25 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the time of day and traffic. Again, we recommend using an app (like Waze, Google Maps, Apple Maps, etc.) to estimate travel time when deciding upon transportation options. If you are headed to a location in Sacramento from SMF, the distance is shorter so taxi and ride sharing services will be less expensive.

Taxis and Ride Sharing Apps
On-demand taxi services are available at both airports, as are app-based ride sharing services like Lyft or Uber, which offer ride-based services to UC Davis.

The Davis Airporter
The Davis Airporter is a shared van service that is scheduled in advance to pick up you at San Francisco International Airport or Sacramento International Airport and deliver you to your address in Davis. Make a reservation ahead of time, and you will be instructed to call the service once you arrive at the airport to confirm. Learn more at davisairporter.com.

Public Transportation
BART/AMTRAK FROM SAN FRANCISCO
For a relatively inexpensive option, you can take BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), a public transportation system serving the San Francisco Bay Area. BART takes you to the Amtrak station in Richmond, California, where you can connect with a bus or train to transport you to Davis and Sacramento. Keep in mind—this option is complicated and requires advance planning and a longer travel time.

YOLOBUS FROM SACRAMENTO
YoloBus offers direct bus service from Sacramento International Airport to UC Davis. Although inexpensive, this bus only comes once an hour, will not deliver you to a specific address in Davis (so make arrangements as necessary) and may not have space for extra baggage.

This is explained in detail on our website, siss.ucdavis.edu/airport-transportation.
MOVING INTO YOUR NEW PLACE!

Buying Furniture or Supplies

If you’re moving into residence halls or on-campus housing, they often come fully furnished, so you may not need to buy furniture, but you may need bedding or bathroom products. If you are living off campus, you will probably need to furnish your own living space.

There are many different types of stores, which we’ll talk more about in this section, including retailers that carry furniture and housing supplies.

Getting It Home:

Furniture and supplies are heavy! Do not plan to get everything back to your housing on a bicycle. Some retailers may offer delivery for a fee. If you are able to rent a car or truck, moving will be easier, but there are strict requirements for driving in California. See the Planes, Trains and Automobiles (and also Bikes) section (page 18) for more options.

• Target (3 mi/5km, Davis)
• TJ Maxx (3 mi/5km, Davis)
• Best Buy (9 mi/14km, Woodland)
• Home Goods (9 mi/14km, Woodland)
• Walmart (9 mi/14km, Woodland)
• IKEA (13 mi/21km, Sacramento)
• Bed Bath and Beyond (15 mi/24km, Sacramento)

SOME COMMON RETAILERS

Retail Outlets

Retail stores sell anything from bath and beauty supplies and clothes to furniture and homegoods or electronics, like laptops or televisions. Some stores sell it all, others specialize in a specific type of good. Check their websites before you go to make sure they have what you need.

Setting up Utilities and Services for Off-Campus Housing

Tenants are typically asked to pay for internet and electricity in addition to their rent. For more information about housing, utilities and avoiding scams, visit siss.ucdavis.edu/housing.

Electricity

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) provides both natural gas and electricity in Davis. To set up an account or find out more about cost, visit pge.com.

Internet

There are a few options for internet providers in Davis. To find reliable service in your area and compare costs, visit inmyarea.com/internet.
Shopping and Dining

Grocery Stores
In grocery stores, you’ll find fresh produce, dairy, meats, bread, and non-perishable food. They also sell a variety of drinks, and some grocery stores have their own section of freshly baked goods. Most have toiletries and a limited supply of household products, but these items may be more expensive than at other retail outlets.

Cultural Grocery Stores
There is an “ethnic” food section in most grocery stores, but the selection can be rather limited. If you’re cooking a meal from home, you may need to visit a cultural grocery store to find the ingredients you need. The graphic on the next page will help you find nearby options.

Restaurant Reviews and More
Whether you are looking for specific food options, or curious about a restaurant’s menu and pricing, the review app Yelp offers a wide variety local reviews that can help you decide what new places to try in Davis. You can download the app on your mobile device or go to yelp.com.

UC Davis Pantry
No student has to miss a meal or live without basic necessities. If you’re a student in need: bring your student ID (Aggie Card) to the Memorial Union to receive free nutritional meals, food items, or toiletries. Learn more at thepantry.ucdavis.edu.

FRUIT & VEGGIE UP
Free produce for UC Davis students! Check in with the Memorial Union Information Desk for the days and times.

Davis Farmers Market
The Davis Farmers Market is an open-air market held year-round best known for Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Central Park (4th and C Streets). Other locations are seasonally available, but the Davis Farmers Market is a great place to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, flowers, and more. For more information, visit davisfarmersmarket.org.

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Pharmacies

Pharmacies are retail establishments where you can get your prescription medications, find over-the-counter medicine, and receive limited medical services, like a flu shot. Similar to supermarkets, pharmacies sell some household items, baby-care supplies, menstrual products, beauty and personal care products, and usually have packaged snack foods and drinks.

Online Marketplace

Not everyone coming to UC Davis will have a car or access to a car, and public transportation can make shopping difficult. Ordering products online—especially furniture—can cost more because of shipping, but may be easier for some students and scholars without transportation.

Amazon

The Amazon@UC Davis store is located right next to the Campus Store in the Memorial Union, with its own entrance and hours (9 a.m.–9 p.m., daily). It provides a convenient location to pick up and return Amazon orders. For more information, visit memorialunion.ucdavis.edu/amazonuc-davis.

Amazon Lockers are self serve kiosks on campus where you can have Amazon orders securely delivered. For more information, visit housing.ucdavis.edu/mail-and-packages/amazon-lockers.

Facebook

Community members and students from UC Davis sell used goods like furniture, bikes and electronics on Facebook. It can be useful to find discounted and low-cost daily-use items, but you’ll usually have to find a way to pick up the items. Visit this list of popular Facebook groups: bit.ly/UCDFacebookGroups.

Sending and Receiving Mail

Post Office

Post Offices are operated by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). You can buy stamps or send and receive larger packages. There are two locations in Davis. Learn more at usps.com.

Fed-Ex and UPS

Fed-Ex and UPS offer packing, shipping, and printing services. They are a little more expensive than the U.S. Postal Service, and offer a full range of international shipping services. For more information, visit fedex.com or theupsstore.com.

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#### Bicycles

**Rules for bicycle riders**

Most students, staff, and faculty ride bicycles because they are convenient, inexpensive, and fun. It is important to learn how to be safe when cycling in Davis and to know and follow the rules. **Bicycles are considered vehicles under California law, and riders must follow the same traffic safety laws they would when driving, like signaling turns and stopping at all stop signs.**

Riders should wear helmets, always yield when entering a bike circle, signal when exiting a roundabout or turning, and remember that pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks. Always lock your bike when you park it. For more information about bicycle safety visit [taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/education](http://taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/education).

**Licenses and Registration**

All bikes on the UC Davis campus must have a current California Bicycle License. Bicycle registration is not strictly enforced, but may be helpful if your bicycle is stolen. You can register your bike with UC Davis Transportation Services (TAPS) for $12. For more information, go to [taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/education](http://taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/education).

**Bicycle Repairs**

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Bicycles (bikes) are the most popular way to get around Davis, but there are different kinds such as road bikes, mountain bikes, and cruisers. Need help figuring out which bike is right for you? Visit [localwiki.org/davis/Bicycles](http://localwiki.org/davis/Bicycles).

There are a few options for incoming students and scholars new to the city:

1. **You can buy a new bike at a retail outlet like Target or Walmart, but you will find better quality bicycles and knowledgeable staff at one of Davis’ many dedicated bicycle shops. For more information, go to [localwiki.org/davis/Bicycle_Shops](http://localwiki.org/davis/Bicycle_Shops).**

2. **Used bikes are usually cheaper but may have some damage from use. There are options for used bikes online, on sites such as Facebook.com/groups/bikesforsaledavis or [sacramento.craigslist.org](http://sacramento.craigslist.org). Alternatively, abandoned and unclaimed bicycles are sold through publicly-held auctions in October and early May. For more information, go to [taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions](http://taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions).**

3. **You can find bikes to rent short term or long term at [localwiki.org/davis/Renting_a_Bike](http://localwiki.org/davis/Renting_a_Bike). JUMP bikes are electric bikes that can be reserved around campus and the city of Davis. With the Uber app, bikes (and scooters) can be unlocked for use and can be returned to any bike parking place in Davis. JUMP offers a student program. Find pricing and learn more at [jump.com](http://jump.com).**

#### Buses

**Unitrans**

Unitrans is the bus system driven by students that runs on campus and throughout the city of Davis. **Rides are free for UC Davis undergraduate students with student ID**; the fare is $1.25 per ride for all other riders. Multi-ride passes are available for purchase. For more information, go to [unitrans.ucdavis.edu](http://unitrans.ucdavis.edu).

**Yolobus**

Rides on Yolobus are free with a UC Davis undergraduate student ID. The Yolobus goes to West Sacramento, Sacramento International Airport (SMF), and the nearby town of Woodland, and runs late on weekends, while Unitrans does not. Fares are listed at [yolobus.com](http://yolobus.com). Publishing the website for routes at [facilities.ucdavis.edu/fleet-services/davis-berkeley-shuttle](http://facilities.ucdavis.edu/fleet-services/davis-berkeley-shuttle).

**The Davis Berkeley Shuttle**

The intercampus bus service provides transportation between UC Davis and UC Berkeley for faculty, staff and students. Tickets are $15, and can be purchased online at [facilities.ucdavis.edu/fleet-services/davis-berkeley-shuttle](http://facilities.ucdavis.edu/fleet-services/davis-berkeley-shuttle). Alternatively, abandoned and unclaimed bicycles are sold through publicly-held auctions in October and early May. For more information, go to [taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions](http://taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions).

**Intercampus Shuttle**

The UC Davis–UC Davis Medical Center Shuttle provides transportation between campuses in Davis and Sacramento Monday–Friday. Tickets are $1.50 each way and must be purchased in advance. For details search [health.ucdavis.edu/parking/intercampus](http://health.ucdavis.edu/parking/intercampus).

**Amtrak**

Amtrak is the national train service in the United States. From the Davis station, you can get to other parts of California, including the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles. It's also possible to take Amtrak to cities like Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington or even across the country. You can check fares and buy tickets online at [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com).

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**WHERE CAN I GET A BICYCLE?**

Bicycles (bikes) are the most popular way to get around Davis, but there are different kinds such as road bikes, mountain bikes, and cruisers. Need help figuring out which bike is right for you? Visit [localwiki.org/davis/Bicycles](http://localwiki.org/davis/Bicycles).

There are a few options for incoming students and scholars new to the city:

1. **You can buy a new bike at a retail outlet like Target or Walmart, but you will find better quality bicycles and knowledgeable staff at one of Davis’ many dedicated bicycle shops. For more information, go to [localwiki.org/davis/Bicycle_Shops](http://localwiki.org/davis/Bicycle_Shops).**

2. **Used bikes are usually cheaper but may have some damage from use. There are options for used bikes online, on sites such as Facebook.com/groups/bikesforsaledavis or [sacramento.craigslist.org](http://sacramento.craigslist.org). Alternatively, abandoned and unclaimed bicycles are sold through publicly-held auctions in October and early May. For more information, go to [taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions](http://taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions).**

3. **You can find bikes to rent short term or long term at [localwiki.org/davis/Renting_a_Bike](http://localwiki.org/davis/Renting_a_Bike). JUMP bikes are electric bikes that can be reserved around campus and the city of Davis. With the Uber app, bikes (and scooters) can be unlocked for use and can be returned to any bike parking place in Davis. JUMP offers a student program. Find pricing and learn more at [jump.com](http://jump.com).**
Ride Sharing

Don't have a car and don't feel like taking the bus or riding your bicycle? Sometimes you can find other people on campus looking for a passenger.

Check the Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/UCDavisRideSharing
Or try Zimride: zimride.com/ucdavis

Mobile Apps

Similar to a taxi, ride sharing apps call a driver (in their personal vehicle) to your exact location.

- Lyft: An on-demand ride and ride sharing app that offers car rides with prices similar to Uber. Go to: lyft.com
- Uber: An on-demand ride and ride sharing app that offers car rides with prices similar to Lyft. Uber also rents bicycles (see: JUMP bikes). Go to: uber.com

Specialized Ride Services

For individuals with disabilities

The Mobility Assistance Shuttle provides on-campus rides at specified locations for academic or work-related purposes. Only UC Davis students, staff and faculty members with documented disabilities are eligible. Rides are on a first-come-first-served basis and must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. To schedule a ride, call (530) 752-1084 or visit taps.ucdavis.edu/parking/mas

Safe Rides with the UC Davis Police

Alone on campus and not feeling safe? Safe Rides offers night-time rides from any campus location to any location in Davis. During other hours they provide a ride or walking escort between locations on campus. Call (530) 754-COPS (2677) or visit police.ucdavis.edu/safe-rides

Wheelchair accessible service is offered at no charge through the UC Davis Police Department’s Safe Rides Program.

Cars and Driving

California Driver License vs. California ID

A California identification (ID) card is not a license to drive. You need a California Driver License in order to drive. Visit dmv.ca.gov to learn more about obtaining a California ID or California Driver License.

If you won’t be driving, you may want to consider a California ID. It is important to carry some form of ID (with your photograph, name, address, and date of birth). You need an ID when you cash a check, open a bank account, register your car, etc. Your passport has this information, but it is not wise to carry it with you on a daily basis because it may be lost or stolen. A California ID may be a good solution.

You may be able to temporarily use your home country driver license if it is valid. To get a California Driver License, you must pass both a written exam and a driving exam at the Department of Motor Vehicles. If taking a driving exam, you must make an appointment prior to arriving at the Davis DMV. You cannot drive in California with only an international driving permit.

Packing on Campus

Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) sells campus parking permits and is the office to contact if you receive a parking citation on campus. Learn more at taps.ucdavis.edu.

Renting a car

To rent a car in the U.S., usually you must be over 21, but some companies require you to be at least 25 years old. If you’re using your home country driver’s license, you will likely be asked to show your passport, too. Insurance for your rental car can be confusing, but is very important, so do research ahead of time or ask about options when renting. Find car rental companies in Davis by visiting localwiki.org/davis/Car_Rental.

Car Shares

There are a few car-sharing services in Davis and Sacramento. Car sharing allows you to sign up through an app, rent a car, and pay for only the time you use—by the minute, hour or day. You will need a valid driver’s license. For more information, visit gilcarshare.com or zipcar.com.
Opening a U.S. Bank Account

When living off-campus in a house or apartment, it is usually required that you pay the property manager with a written check. Paying with a U.S. bank account may be easier for some transactions. You may decide to open a U.S. bank account while still maintaining an existing bank account from your home country for other banking and financial needs. When opening up a new account, international students and scholars will generally need documentation that proves their identity and residence in the local area, such as their passport, I-20 or DS-2019s, and a lease agreement or utility bill.

Money Transfer Apps

Some businesses or individuals use mobile apps to send or receive payment. It is not as secure as using your bank, but it is fast and convenient.

Venmo
This app links to your bank account or your debit card in order to make or request payments with other Venmo users. Money received through Venmo can be transferred back to your bank, but Venmo can only be linked to U.S. mobile numbers and U.S. bank accounts, and can only be set up from inside the U.S. Learn more at venmo.com.

Paypal
This online payment system allows you to send and receive payments from other PayPal users. You can also buy from some online retailers using a PayPal account. PayPal offers secure payment exchanges to prevent fraudulent transactions. Learn more at paypal.com.

Paying Taxes

Every international student or scholar in the U.S. is required to file a tax return as a condition of your visa, but not everyone will pay taxes to the U.S. government. According to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)—a federal government agency—all international students and scholars should plan to declare their income (or lack of income) to the federal government by filing a tax return every year in April.

At the beginning of each year, you may receive documents—usually by mail—that are used to calculate any tax responsibility you may have for earnings during the previous calendar year (January-December). You will need to determine and file any taxes. SISS is here to help. Find more information at siss.ucdavis.edu/financial/general-tax-information.
MONEY MATTERS

for International Students and Scholars

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING A BANK

Branch locations – nationwide availability or primarily local?
ATM locations – on or close to campus, or close to where you live?
Can your home country bank access your U.S. account?

WHAT TO BRING WHEN OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

- Money to deposit
- Your passport or approved form of identification
- Printout of Form I-94 (arrival/departure record) or I-94 card
- Form I-20 (F-1 student) or Form DS-2019 (J-1 exchange visitor)
- Local mailing address (one of the below):
  - Signed lease agreement
  - Utility bill

BANKING TIPS

Using credit and debit cards is very common in the U.S.

Some businesses may require a minimum purchase amount in order to use cards, otherwise there may be a small additional fee.

Some businesses may be cash-only.

When using a credit card, some businesses may ask for I.D.

For safety reasons, consider minimizing the amount of cash you carry on a daily basis (less than $50).

FORMS OF PAYMENT

DEBIT CARD
- You can pay for goods and services directly from your bank account.
- The amount you have in your bank account is the maximum amount you can pay for using your debit card.
- It is NOT a credit card (note: some debit cards can have the Visa or MasterCard logo on them and are accepted where those cards are accepted. They still function as debit cards.)

CHECKS
- You can pay bills (typically rent and utilities) and for other goods and services with personal checks.

CASHIER’S CHECKS
- Check drawn from bank’s own funds, signed by a cashier or teller, so the bank guarantees payment.
- Can be obtained from most banks and credit unions where you bank.
- Usually used for large purchases such as a car, or putting down a deposit for an apartment or house rental.

MONEY ORDERS
- Pre-paid amount of money that is guaranteed by a third party, like the post office, Walmart, or Western Union.
- Can be obtained at Walmart, U.S. Postal Service (USPS), banks and credit unions, and some convenience stores, supermarkets, drug stores/pharmacies (Walgreens, Rite Aid, CVS, etc.);

WIRE TRANSFERS
- Method of transferring funds from one bank account to another.
- Wire transfers typically take 2-5 business days and can cost money.
- Have your U.S. bank details on hand when you are arranging a wire transfer.
- Be careful of scams when using a wire transfer; they are untraceable once sent and not refundable.

PAYING YOUR FEES AT UC DAVIS
- To pay fees and tuition at UC Davis, visit mybill.ucdavis.edu. For questions or more information about payment, visit financeandbusiness.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/cashier.

FLYWIRE
- Pay tuition and fees to UC Davis with your home bank account with Flywire.
- UC Davis’ preferred wire payment method when transferring funds from international banks.

CREDIT CARD
- Discuss with your bank first about getting a credit card.
- Most international students and scholars may find it difficult to get a U.S. credit card because they have not established a credit history.
- Credit history:
  - You can establish by paying your rent and bills on time, not overdrawing your bank account. Use a third-party company (like RentTrack.com or RentReporters.com) to verify that you’re paying rent on time. Late or missed payments and overdrafts may negatively affect your credit score.
  - You can try to get a secured credit card if you are having difficulty obtaining a regular credit card.
  - Beware of the interest rate, which can be very high (22%), requiring you to pay back more than you spend.
  - You may receive mail about applying for credit cards.
  - The most widely accepted cards are Visa and Mastercard.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES (ATMS)

- Use ATMs affiliated with your bank as much as possible, otherwise you will be charged extra fees.
- Must use a debit card at ATMs to withdraw cash.
- Can also deposit checks at ATMs.
- Your bank will have a limit on how much cash you can withdraw from an ATM per day.
## BANK LOCATIONS

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<td>333 F St, Suite A, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-Th 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; F 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; closed Saturdays and Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 758-6250</td>
<td>Passport and Student ID</td>
<td>bannerbank.com</td>
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<td>Bank of America</td>
<td>325 E St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-Th 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; F 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sat 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 757-5020</td>
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<td>330 E St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-F 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sat 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 756-8350</td>
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<td>First Northern Bank</td>
<td>434 2nd St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-Th 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; closed Saturdays and Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 758-7500</td>
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<td>239 E St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
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<td>(530) 753-1131</td>
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<td>304 F St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-F 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Sat 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 756-7283</td>
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<td>300 E St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-Th 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; F 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sat 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
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<td>340 F St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M–Sat 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 756-7660</td>
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<td>Golden 1 Credit Union</td>
<td>508 2nd St, #101, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-Th 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; F 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sat 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
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<td>Travis Credit Union</td>
<td>1380 E Covell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-F 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Sat 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
<td>(800) 877-8328</td>
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<td>University and State Employees Credit Union</td>
<td>200 B St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
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<td>Yolo Federal Credit Union</td>
<td>501 G St, Davis, CA 95616</td>
<td>M-F 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sat 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; closed Sundays</td>
<td>(530) 297-6700</td>
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Campus Resources for Health Needs

UC Davis Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) provides a wide variety of medical, mental health, and wellness services to all registered UC Davis students, regardless of insurance coverage. Most routine medical and mental health services are provided through scheduled appointments; urgent care is available without appointment during normal hours of operation. Contact SHCS at (530) 752-2349 to make an appointment or to access Advice Nurses at any time. Learn more at shcs.ucdavis.edu.

Health Insurance

UC Davis students are required to have health insurance coverage that is valid in the U.S. All registered students are automatically enrolled in the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP), with fees billed to the student account, so be sure to visit shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance-services.

If you are already covered by a health insurance plan, you can waive enrollment in UC SHIP by submitting a waiver application. There is a deadline to decline UC SHIP—you must submit the waiver form before the start of each new academic year. Learn more at shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance/waiver.

Nutrition and Diet Advice

SHCS has an in-house Registered Dietitian that provides nutrition therapy for a variety of health issues including weight management, diabetes, heart disease, eating disorders and gastro-intestinal disturbances. Services are free for SHIP students, $15 non-SHIP students. Learn more about a nutritionist at shcs.ucdavis.edu/services/nutrition-services.

Scholars and families
- Immigration regulations require J-1 scholars and their J-2 family members to carry medical insurance for the duration of their program. Learn more at siss.ucdavis.edu/health-insurance/j-1.
- Scholars employed by UC Davis may receive health benefits through UC Davis. Scholars with postdoctoral scholar position titles will enroll in the Postdoctoral Scholar Benefits Plan. Learn more at siss.ucdavis.edu/health-insurance-postdoctoral-scholars. Scholars should check with their UC Davis department if they have questions about health benefits.
- Scholars who are not employed by UC Davis or do not hold a postdoctoral scholar position title must purchase their own health insurance. More information can be found at siss.ucdavis.edu/health-insurance.

Feeling Overwhelmed and Needing Guidance

SHCS offers counseling services to help students realize their academic and personal goals. Meeting with a counselor can help students clarify issues, explore options, and cope with problems more effectively. They provide free, confidential, short-term counseling in both individual and group settings to all registered UC Davis students. Learn more at shcs.ucdavis.edu/counseling-services.

If you’re feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or in crisis, help is a text away. You can talk to a trained counselor about anything you need to through the crisis text line—it’s free, immediate, confidential, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Text “Relate” to 741741 or call (530) 756-5000.

Homesickness

Adjusting to life at UC Davis can be difficult for some, especially if you are a world away from family and friends. You may experience homesickness during the first few months. Homesickness is normal, and is experienced by many UC Davis students—even students whose families are just a few miles away. For resources about how to handle homesickness, visit shcs.ucdavis.edu/topics/homesickness.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE, EMERGENCY GRANTS AND FOOD RESOURCES?

The Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center provides a safe space for students struggling to afford housing and food. Aggie Compass offers housing assistance, Basic Needs Grants, Emergency Meal Card Program and access to nutritious food, financial assistance and referral services. Located on the first floor of the Memorial Union, you can stop by or learn more at aggiecompass.ucdavis.edu.

A Safe Space To Talk

The Ombuds Office helps the UC Davis community solve problems that range from overcoming simple, practical difficulties to handling sensitive, complex issues, including cultural misunderstandings, interpersonal difficulties, and health and safety concerns. Learn more at ombuds.ucdavis.edu.

Health and Wellness Services

Students

SHCS has a variety of wellness services to help you stay healthy and combat stress, like massage therapy, acupuncture, nutrition advice, physical therapy, and ways to quit smoking. There is also a Therapy Puffles program—each quarter around midterms or finals students can pet and play with dogs to help relieve stress. Learn more at shcs.ucdavis.edu/wellness.

Support Available for Survivors of Harassment or Assault

Center for Advocacy, Resources and Education (CARE) provides confidential advocacy, support, and healing services to survivors of sexual harassment and all forms of sexual violence, including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. Their services are available for both students and scholars. You can reach them at care.ucdavis.edu.

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In Case of Emergency
For medical, police, or fire emergencies, dial 911 (the standard U.S. emergency number). You can call the UC Davis Police emergency number if you are on campus (530) 752-1230 (Davis) or (916) 734-2555 (Sacramento).

UC DAVIS POLICE
(530) 752-1230 (Emergency Number)
(530) 754-2677 (Non-Emergency Number)

davis.police.ucdavis.edu

DAVIS CITY POLICE
(530) 758-3600 (Emergency Number and best for cell phones)
(530) 747-5400 (Non-Emergency Dispatch)
cityofdavis.org/city-hall/police-department

UC DAVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT
(530) 752-1236

davisfire.org

SAFETY SERVICES
(530) 752-1493
safetyservices.ucdavis.edu

UC DAVIS STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
Address: 930 Orchard Rd, Davis, CA 95616
Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m.—5:30 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; closed on weekends
Reduced cost for enrolled students, others pay higher fee and not all insurances accepted.

SUTTER URGENT CARE
Address: 2020 Sutter Place, Suite 101, Davis, CA 95616
Hours: Open weekdays 5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m., weekends and holidays 10 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Sutter-Davis Emergency Services is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

DAVIS URGENT CARE
Address: 4515 Fermi Place, Suite 105, Davis, CA 95618
Hours: Open every day 9 a.m.—9 p.m

Closest Emergency Rooms
SUTTER DAVIS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
Address: 2000 Sutter Pl, Davis, CA 95616

EMERGENCY ROOM—WOODLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Address: 1325 Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695

UC DAVIS MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM
Address: 2315 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817

KAISER PERMANENTE EMERGENCY ROOMS
Address: 6600 Bruceville Rd, Sacramento, CA 95823
and 2025 Morse Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825

UC DAVIS WARNME
If there is an emergency on campus
or in the area, the WarnMe system
will communicate the nature of the
emergency, provide instruction, and refer
you to a source for more information if
available. WarnMe uses student’s UC
Davis email addresses and faculty and
staff work contact information to send
alerts. Students and scholars should sign
up and add their cell phones for text
messages at warnme.ucdavis.edu.

How To Report a Crime
In an emergency when a crime or emergency is in progress and you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or the UC Davis Police Department at (530) 752-1230 (Davis), or (916) 734-2555 (Sacramento).

To report crimes not in progress, the UC Davis Police Department has an online system that allows you to submit a report and print a copy of your preliminary report. Learn more at police.ucdavis.edu/online-crime-reporting.

If you experience or witness an incident of hate, bias, discrimination, or harassment, please report it. You can do so anonymously if you choose: reporthateandbias.ucdavis.edu.

About Police in Our Community
Police officers maintain a safe environment for the Davis community. You may see officers from the UC Davis Police Department around campus, or officers from the Davis Police Department in your neighborhood.

Police officers dress in dark uniforms with a badge and police department insignia, boots, and may wear protective vests under their shirts. Police officers often carry weapons on them at all times, including a firearm, which is intended for use in safety emergencies, and a normal part of an officer’s uniform.

Police are highly trained, and although they are here to help in the event of an emergency, they are the authority force when it comes to maintaining community order, both on campus and in all cities.

Your interaction with police will likely be none or minimal at best, but should you be approached, the officer will explain what he or she might need from you.

For instance, if you see flashing police lights behind you while driving, safely pull over out of traffic to the right, stop, park and turn off your vehicle as soon as it is safely possible to do so. The officer may ask for your driver’s license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. Follow the officer’s instructions, and if you have any trouble understanding his or her request, tell the officer.

How To Report a Crime
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To report crimes not in progress, the UC Davis Police Department has an online system that allows you to submit a report and print a copy of your preliminary report. Learn more at police.ucdavis.edu/online-crime-reporting.

If you experience or witness an incident of hate, bias, discrimination, or harassment, please report it. You can do so anonymously if you choose: reporthateandbias.ucdavis.edu.

About Police in Our Community
Police officers maintain a safe environment for the Davis community. You may see officers from the UC Davis Police Department around campus, or officers from the Davis Police Department in your neighborhood.

Police officers dress in dark uniforms with a badge and police department insignia, boots, and may wear protective vests under their shirts. Police officers often carry weapons on them at all times, including a firearm, which is intended for use in safety emergencies, and a normal part of an officer’s uniform.

Police are highly trained, and although they are here to help in the event of an emergency, they are the authority force when it comes to maintaining community order, both on campus and in all cities. Your interaction with police will likely be none or minimal at best, but should you be approached, the officer will explain what he or she might need from you.

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HOW CAN I PREVENT SCAMS OR FRAUD?

Scams are dishonest, illegal attempts to make money off of unsuspecting people. We hope you will never be contacted by someone attempting to scam or defraud you, but unfortunately, there are people who attempt to take advantage of international students and scholars. Learn how to identify a scam and avoid falling victim to one by visiting siss.ucdavis.edu/scams.

Driving Infractions

If you receive a traffic ticket for a moving violation such as driving above the speed limit or running a red light, it is helpful to know your rights. Learn more at siss.ucdavis.edu/government-legal-resources.

If you owe money or want to challenge a ticket, it is important to respond quickly within the dates stipulated on the ticket. Your insurance rates may go up for any infractions for which you are found guilty. Learn more at courts.ca.gov/8452.htm.

Safety and The Law

Alcohol and Tobacco

In the U.S., the minimum drinking age is 21. Consuming alcohol before turning 21 is illegal and could result in legal action. Drunk driving is also a serious criminal offense that can result in high fines, jail time, and having your driver’s license suspended. For international students and scholars, legal trouble could affect your visa status and even result in revocation.

Under California law, you must be 21 years of age or older to purchase any tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco and electronic smoking devices). UC Davis is a smoke and tobacco free campus.

Drugs

Cannabis (marijuana) is legal in California for adults 21 and older; however, use or possession of marijuana is illegal under federal law. Immigration laws reflect standards of federal law. You can be deported or barred from entry into the U.S. for evidence of marijuana use or planned marijuana use. When you enter the U.S. at an airport or border, your social media accounts, texts, and email are all subject to search. Evidence of cannabis use (such as photos or texts to friends about buying or using) can be reason enough for agents to refuse entry. Please use extreme caution when joking about drug use or illegal activity on your social media accounts, texts, or phone. University of California policy prohibits cannabis on campus and in campus housing at all times.
How Does U.S. Grading Work?

UC Davis has two types of grading systems:

The first system, called the letter grade system, assigns a grade point average (GPA) based on the letter grades received. The GPA is a numeric evaluation of your academic performance at UC Davis. Your GPA is often considered when applying for jobs, scholarships, and academic programs.

The second grading system gives a Pass or No Pass instead of a letter grade (P/NP). Some classes are only offered on a P/NP basis.

Test of Oral English Proficiency (TOEP)

Graduate students interested in holding teaching assistant (TA) and associate instructor (AI) positions can take the TOEP exam to demonstrate their oral English proficiency. The TOEP is offered at the end of each quarter. For more information, visit [iae.ucdavis.edu/graduate/toep](iae.ucdavis.edu/graduate/toep). The TOEP is offered at the end of each quarter. One week of final exams follows the end of each quarter. On average, students take three to four courses each quarter, depending on the level of difficulty. Students looking to get ahead or stay on track can choose to attend one or both of the summer sessions.

Interacting with Faculty

In addition to instruction, faculty at UC Davis can serve as a resource for academic and professional advice, mentorship, and can even provide research opportunities. Students are encouraged to interact with faculty by contributing to the discussion in class, asking questions, and respectfully sharing opinions (even if they are different from your instructor’s opinion), which can help increase your participation grade.

Typically, during the first day of instruction or on the syllabus, faculty share their preferred channel of communication, which lets you know if they prefer to be emailed or approached during office hours. Professors and instructors set aside weekly office hours throughout the quarter for students to come and ask for help, guidance, or to learn more about the professor and their research interests. If members of faculty get to know you, they can be excellent references in the future. In most cases, faculty can also meet outside of their scheduled office hours if there is a conflict with your schedule—you just have to ask with enough notice.

Adjusting to School

Foundations for Success for International Students

This course is designed to help international students adapt to UC Davis and American life. It is an optional year-long series of seminars for new international students offered by the School of Education and Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS). Topics include: academic expectations, quarter system, American cultural celebrations, academic writing rules, conduct expectations, culture shock, friendships, campus involvement, and time management. (The class is 2 units, Pass/No Pass grading.)

First-Year Seminars

First-Year Seminars are small, innovative classes that reflect the instructor’s intellectual interests. Limited to 19 students each, these courses cover an exciting range of topics. To learn more, visit [fys.ucdavis.edu](fys.ucdavis.edu).

Global Ambassador Mentorship Program

This program helps incoming first-year and transfer international students successfully transition to life at UC Davis. Global Ambassadors are undergraduate students that act as mentors and, most importantly, as friends to help new international students excel in their new lives as UC Davis students. Participants, or mentees, will be able to share their culture and values with their mentor and receive support from them. Through this community of cultural exchange and by participating in SISS social events offered by Global Ambassadors, new students will develop close connections with new friends and feel at home in their new community. Become a mentor or mentee at [siss.ucdavis.edu/global-ambassador-mentors](siss.ucdavis.edu/global-ambassador-mentors).

Pal Program

The Pal Program pairs undergraduate students for intercultural conversations. Meetings with a partner can be used to practice language, explore campus, and enrich your college experience. Join today at [iae.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/pal](iae.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/pal).

"There are many organizations and clubs to immerse yourself in, including social, professional, and academic groups. One of my favorite places to meet folks is the Student Community Center, which houses many of the student life centers: Cross Cultural Center, Student Recruitment and Retention Center, and LGBTQIA+ Resource Center." —Katherine Parpana, Diversity and Inclusion Educator & Specialist, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Undergraduate Academic Advising
All international undergraduate students have international academic advisors specifically assigned to them in each college. Advisors are your first resource if you are having academic difficulty. Contact information can be found by logging onto the Online Advising Student Information System (OASIS). Your international academic advisor can assist you with: degree and general education requirements, course planning for your first year, academic policies, regulations, and petitions. Visit academicadvising.ucdavis.edu.

Graduate Academic Advising
All international graduate students have Graduate Coordinators specifically assigned to them depending on field of study. Graduate Coordinators will help you to understand and navigate UC Davis policies relevant to your department and work with your SISS International Student Advisor regarding your F-1 benefits. International graduate students can find the contact information for their coordinator at grad.ucdavis.edu.

Success Coaching and Learning Strategies
Whether you are a first-year student transitioning to our research university and the quarter system, or a fourth-year student wanting to maximize your last year and prepare for what’s next, the Office of Educational Opportunity and Enrichment Services has workshops and trainings that can help you reach your goals. Workshops cover time management, academic skills, and life skills topics. Learn more at opportunity.ucdavis.edu/services/scls.

Residential Academic Centers
Students can study, and meet with peer tutors and peer mentors at the Residential Academic Centers located in all three living areas: Segundo, Tercero, and Cuarto. Academic peer mentors are available during drop-in hours to answer questions, share experiences, and offer suggestions. Peer Tutors have drop-in hours Monday—Thursday. Tutoring is a group tutoring model. Stop by during hours listed at housing.ucdavis.edu for free assistance with common first-year courses like math and chemistry.

UC Davis Language Center
The UC Davis Language Center (DLC), located on the bottom floor of Olson Hall, is the central support site for language teaching, testing, learning, and research. The Center maintains specialized, media-equipped classrooms and computer laboratories available for instructors and students. Learn more at ucdlc.ucdavis.edu.

Student Disability Center
The Student Disability Center receives all requests for reasonable accommodations, approves disability-related services, and coordinates support for students with disabilities to ensure equal access to the university’s educational programs. Learn more at sdc.ucdavis.edu.

Academic and Staff Assistance Program
The Academic and Staff Assistance Program offers confidential, cost-free counseling services including assessment, intervention, consultation, and referral services to all UC Davis and UC Davis Health faculty, staff, and their immediate families. Find out more at hr.ucdavis.edu/departments/asap.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR MAJOR?
UC Davis has a blog written by students, staff, faculty, and alumni that will help you learn about college majors and what kind of careers you can pursue with them! Visit ucdavis.edu/majors/blog.
About SISS

Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS), within Global Affairs, helps to build a campus community that includes students and scholars from over 140 countries. SISS supports all international students and scholars and their families with visa and immigration issues. In addition to preparing the necessary documents to apply for a U.S. visa, SISS supports international students and scholars in maintaining their legal status and accessing benefits for their status while here. All international students and scholars have SISS advisors. SISS also provides orientation, assistance, and information regarding financial, personal, cultural, and academic concerns. Learn more at siss.ucdavis.edu.

Location: 3rd floor of the International Center, room 3140
SISS Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1 p.m.—4 p.m.
Drop-in Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 1 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

You are encouraged to call, email, make an appointment, or come to drop-in hours when needed.

Speaking With an SISS Advisor

Advising Appointments

You may schedule an appointment with an advisor Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1 p.m.—4 p.m. Please make an appointment by visiting the SISS front desk or by calling (530) 752-0864, extension 0.

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Plan ahead! An I-20 or DS-2019 travel signature is NOT an emergency. Fill out the form in iGlobal and we will mail it to you if necessary.

Drop-In Advising

Students can see an advisor in person or online during our drop-in periods (“drop-in” means you don’t need an appointment). These meetings are reserved for quick issues that should take no more than 10 minutes. Advisors help drop-in students on a first come, first-served basis.

SISS Orientation

All undergraduate F-1 and J-1 international first-year, transfer, and exchange students will be required to enroll in the SISS Online Extended Orientation program through Canvas, the university’s online learning platform. Extended Orientation helps international students new to UC Davis understand the complex relationship between their immigration status requirements and university policies in order to maintain good status in both areas. The course is available approximately three weeks after school begins and must be finished prior to Thanksgiving break. There is no fee for the program. You will receive enrollment instructions through your UC Davis email.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I CHOOSE MY CLASSES?

UC Davis uses Schedule Builder, a class planning and registration tool that lets you search, build class schedules, and register for classes. Use your Kerberos ID and password to login at registrar.ucdavis.edu/registration/schedule. Contact your academic advisor with questions about building your schedule.

WHERE CAN I BUY MY BOOKS?

UC Davis Stores can help you buy the textbooks you need, explain textbook rentals and buybacks, and make navigating course materials easier. There are many places to buy or rent textbooks, such as the UC Davis Textbook Marketplace Facebook group or Amazon. Equitable Access, a pilot program developed by UC Davis Stores, offers undergraduate students access to all textbooks required for their classes for a flat fee of $199 per quarter. Students have the ability to opt out each quarter if they wish. Under Equitable Access all textbooks will be available by the first day of class. No more sold-out textbooks or waiting for books to arrive. Equitable Access delivers your required textbooks digitally or in print when a digital version is not available.

Visit the Course Material FAQs under the Shop section at ucdavisstores.com. Be sure to buy your course materials as early as possible.

WHERE CAN I STUDY?

There are plenty of great spots to study on campus, like the Student Community Center, Residence Hall Study Lounges, and International Center. Shields Library provides undergraduates with 24-hour access to study space year-round, including expanded locations to accommodate peak study times (e.g. finals). Learn more at library.ucdavis.edu.

HOW CAN I USE THE LIBRARY?

The UC Davis Library supports research, teaching, and learning in every discipline. It encompasses four main libraries: Peter J. Shields Library, Physical Sciences & Engineering Library, Carlson Health Sciences Library and Blaisdell Medical Library. Student library accounts are automatically active and renewed quarterly with current registration. Faculty and staff may activate their accounts at the library or online. Users unaffiliated with UC Davis may apply for library privileges at the library at library.ucdavis.edu/services.

ARE THERE SHARED COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS?

Yes, there are computer rooms available on campus where you can access specialized software for video and audio editing, design, programming, etc. These computer rooms also offer low-cost printing. Find them and check prices at computerrooms.ucdavis.edu.

WHERE DO I GO FOR HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY?

Information Education Technology (IET) offers technical support services to faculty, students, and staff, and provides support for various software and campus applications, the latest Windows and Macintosh Operating Systems, email accounts at the library or online. Users unaffiliated with UC Davis may apply for library privileges at the library at library.ucdavis.edu/services.

HOW DO I CONNECT TO CAMPUS WI-FI?

Once you are enrolled and have a Kerberos ID, you can connect to the campus Wi-Fi network, Eduroam, a worldwide service. Eduroam automatically and securely connects to Wi-Fi on UC campuses, and at other sites, including airports and public sites around the globe. Simply enter your Kerberos ID (followed by@ucdavis.edu) and password. For more information, visit eduroam.org/where.
Finding Your Community

Student Communities on Campus

Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS), within Global Affairs, helps to build a campus community that includes more than 10,000 students and scholars from over 140 countries and six continents. There are many places on campus where you can connect with others who share a similar passion, interest, or background.

AB540 and Undocumented Student Center
The AB540 and Undocumented Student Center empowers undocumented students, their families, and members of the community in being informed leaders and active participants in our communities. Learn more at undocumented.ucdavis.edu.

Cross Cultural Center (CCC)
The CCC provides a culturally relevant community space where student voices can be expressed and respected. They identify resources available on and off campus for students of color. These spaces are where students are able to find community, explore identities, and celebrate cultures. Learn more at crossculturalcenter.ucdavis.edu.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Resource Center
The LGBTQIA+ Resource Center provides an open, safe, inclusive space and community that promotes education and self-exploration about all sexes, genders, sexualities, and their intersections with other identities. Learn more at lgbtqia.ucdavis.edu.

Student Recruitment and Retention Center (SRRC)
The SRRC’s student-run and student-initiated programs foster academic and personal development while raising political and cultural awareness for youth and college students. They educate, engage, and empower students to act as leaders for their communities. Learn more at srrc.ucdavis.edu.

“I love listening to and being a part of KDVS, the UC Davis radio station at 90.3FM and online at kdvs.org! KDVS features alternative and world music, campus news, public affairs programming, and broadcasts of UC Davis athletics, produced by UC Davis students and volunteers. KDVS offers quarterly training classes open to the UC Davis community and to anyone who wants to be a part of the UC Davis radio community.”

—Jim Hewlett, Communications Analyst, Supply Chain Management, and Producer of The Smiles Show on KDVS
Women's Resource and Research Center (WRRC)

The WRRC is a place for students and the Davis community to learn about resources, and to attend educational programs that focus on gender equity and social justice. It is a great place to meet friends and get involved with on-campus events and student organizations working to address sexism, cissexism, and all forms of oppression. Learn more at wrrc.ucdavis.edu.

Club International

Club International (Club-I) at the International House Davis is a group of international and American students that plan activities throughout the year, including trips around California, cultural dinners, potlucks, and parties. They meet every Friday evening, usually somewhere in Davis, to socialize and have fun. Find out how to join at internationalhousedavis.org/programs/club-international.

Associated Students of the University of California, Davis (ASUCD)

ASUCD is a student government organization that hosts annual events on campus for undergraduate students. They also manage on-campus units that provide services for UC Davis students, including their own radio station, Unitrans, The Bike Barn, and a student-run video production studio, Aggie Studios. It’s a great chance to get involved, as they frequently list volunteer and paid positions made available exclusively to UC Davis students. Students who have joined ASUCD have received different leadership opportunities such as student government experience, writing for the school newspaper, and helping to create campus logos through their creative media department.

Aggie Pack and UC Davis Athletics

The Aggie Pack is a student run organization that attends UC Davis Athletics events to cheer on sports teams. Membership is free to join and is a great chance to make new friends while enjoying campus events at Aggie Stadium and other sport facilities.

Center For Student Involvement

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) can help you find a student organization to join or will help you start your own UC Davis has more than 800 student organizations. If you are interested in something, you can probably find others here who share your interests. You can learn more and find a searchable list of UC Davis student organizations at aggielife.ucdavis.edu/organizations.
**THINGS TO DO**

**WORKING AND CAREER PLANNING**

**Working On Campus**

F-1 students may work on campus without work authorization during times that they are active students in good standing. J-1 students may work on campus during times that they are active students in good standing, but must have work authorization from SISS prior to the employment start date. Please note that students may only work part-time during the academic year (20 hours per week or less). Search for jobs and internships at [asucd.ucdavis.edu/jobs-internships](http://asucd.ucdavis.edu/jobs-internships).

**Working Off Campus**

F-1 students may receive authorization for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT). J-1 students can apply for Academic Training (AT). Always consult SISS before starting an internship or a job if you are an F-1 or a J-1 student to obtain authorization for CPT, OPT, or AT.

**Internship and Career Center**

The Internship and Career Center (ICC) provides experiential education and career services to students and recent alumni through collaboration with the campus community and employers. They provide workshops and programs that allow for professional development and help students with career decisions and exploration. Each quarter, ICC hosts an internship and career fair where many companies and organizations come to campus to recruit students. There are even specific programs to help international students prepare for the fair. Learn more at [icc.ucdavis.edu](http://icc.ucdavis.edu).

*Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*

*Location: South Hall*

- 1st floor: Master's, PhD, and Postdoc advising
- 2nd floor: Career advising
- 3rd floor: On-campus recruiting

**Center For Leadership Learning (CLL)**

The CLL aims to educate and cultivate the next generation of leaders who have a strong sense of self-awareness, the ability to work effectively with others, and who are civically and socially engaged. The CLL holds a variety of curricular and co-curricular programs and workshops open to all undergraduate students. Learn more at [cll.ucdavis.edu](http://cll.ucdavis.edu).

**GradPathways**

Graduate Studies offers opportunities and support for professional and career development. This comprehensive program is designed to help graduate students and postdoctoral scholars succeed both at UC Davis and in their chosen careers. Scholars must check with SISS before engaging in non-UC Davis employment. Learn more at [grad.ucdavis.edu/professional-development](http://grad.ucdavis.edu/professional-development).
Campus Recreation

Activities and Recreation Center (ARC)
The ARC is a gymnasium on campus available to UC Davis students at no additional cost. They offer cardio and weight machines, an indoor track, and multipurpose rooms that can be used to practice dance, martial arts, and other physical activities like basketball and badminton.

Craft Center
The Craft Center is an on-campus studio where they offer year-round arts and crafts, ceramics, flame-working, and jewelry classes. Learn more at cru.ucdavis.edu/craftcenter.

Recreational Sports
UC Davis students can compete against each other for fun and recreation in more than 27 different sports and activities! Learn more at campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/recreation/rec-sports.

Recreational (Rec) Pool
The Rec Pool has multiple areas for diving and swimming, including lap lanes. It’s a great place to splash or lounge with friends. Learn more at campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/recreation/aquatics/rec-pool.

Museums

Bohart Museum of Entomology
The Bohart Museum is dedicated to teaching, research, and service. It also hosts the seventh largest insect collection in North America, worldwide in coverage. The collection holdings total more than seven million specimens of terrestrial and freshwater arthropods. Learn more at bohart.ucdavis.edu.

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Mondavi Center For The Performing Arts
The Mondavi Center presents musical concerts, dance performances, plays, and lectures, many featuring world-renowned artists. All UC Davis students receive one free ticket to the Mondavi Center event of their choice, as well as half-off all ticket prices and $10 student rush tickets on performance days. Learn more at mondaviarts.org.

Equestrian Center
While at UC Davis you can ride horses through the Equestrian Center, which has facilities and classes that are open to beginning and experienced riders. Learn more at cru.ucdavis.edu/equestriancenter.

Memorial Union
The Memorial Union is home to a variety of student services and programs, including the Center for Student Involvement, ASUCD, and Aggie Compass. There are also study lounges, meeting rooms, and a games area that includes bowling, billiards, console gaming, and board games. Learn more at memorialunion.ucdavis.edu.

UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden
With over 100 acres of beautiful gardens, the Arboretum is ideal for active recreation or peaceful contemplation. It’s also a perfect place for a quick run, a quiet study session, or just a walk to think or have a chat. Learn more at arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

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What to do in…

Davis

Whether you are at the Davis Farmers’ Market on the weekends, or exploring the café culture, there are plenty of things to do in Davis. If you are interested in catching a show, or a musical performance, the Mondavi Center on campus hosts a wide range of international artists year round. Right across the way, is the Manetti Shrem Museum, where admission is free for all. As for events in the city of Davis, you can often find street fairs or festivals at Central Park. Also, keep an eye out for student deals, as many businesses in Davis offer discounted rates for students during the weekdays.

Sacramento

Sacramento is the capital of California, located about 30 minutes from Davis. With more than 25 historical museums and other attractions, including a zoo, Sacramento is a city worth exploring. It’s also known as America’s “Farm to Fork capital,” which is an integral part of all the cuisine offered in Sacramento. Additionally, Sacramento is the perfect place to catch a concert, Sacramento Rivercats baseball game, or a professional basketball game at the newly expanded Golden 1 Center.

San Francisco and the Bay Area

As the center of the Gold Rush, San Francisco is one of California’s most recognizable cities. Some iconic sites include the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman’s Wharf, and Alcatraz Island. Many of San Francisco’s landmarks are free to visit, making it a perfect place for a day trip. San Francisco is also the hub of entertainment in the Bay Area, where you can enjoy popular artists and professional sports games such as baseball and basketball.

In addition to San Francisco, the cities within the Bay Area have a lot to offer. For example, Sausalito and Half Moon Bay have stunning beaches and hiking opportunities. Alternatively, cities in the East Bay such as Oakland and Berkeley host concerts, events and festivals almost every weekend.

Tahoe

With Lake Tahoe’s breathtaking landscapes, ranging from beaches to mountains, Tahoe is a perfect destination year-round. During the winter, Tahoe is the area’s most popular place for skiing, as well as a good opportunity to experience snow. Outside of the winter months, Tahoe offers opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and fishing. Ultimately, Tahoe is a good weekend getaway for those that love to spend time outdoors.

Napa

Napa Valley is known as one of the best wine regions in the world. Located only an hour away from Davis, Napa offers more than 400 wineries to visit, and a great selection of family-friendly restaurants.

WHERE CAN I GO TO PRACTICE MY RELIGION OR JOIN A SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION?

Davis is a diverse community. There are many different religions represented in Davis and nearby Sacramento, and many places of worship and religious and spiritual organizations.

Davis: localwiki.org/davis/Religious_and_Spiritual_Organizations
Sacramento: localwiki.org/sac/Religious_Organizations

Finding an International Community

International House Davis (I-House) is a non-profit community-based organization (not an official part of UC Davis). With a mission to promote respect and appreciation for all people and cultures, I-House encourages a global community by providing opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and exchange through programs, activities, and services for international students and scholars, international visitors, community members, businesses, and academic institutions.

Explore Davis and Beyond

Davis, Sacramento, and the surrounding areas boast history and culture—from museums and movie theatres to world class bike trails and delicious restaurants. There is too much to list it all, but look online for some ideas. Here are a few good places to start:

• For ideas in Davis, search The Davis Enterprise, The California Aggie, or the UC Davis Calendar
• For things to do in Sacramento, visit sacramento365.com, Sacramento Bee, and Sacramento News and Review
• For restaurant reviews and other recommendations, visit yelp.com

Outdoor Adventures

Outdoor Adventures is a program by UC Davis Campus Recreation that offers classes and trips around California that take you rock climbing, kayaking, outdoor rafting, and backpacking. These classes are offered several weeks of the quarter and have an additional fee. Learn more at memorialunion.ucdavis.edu/classes-and-trips

Visit Oxford Circle Park (known as “Big People’s Park”) and Slide Hill Park in Davis to pretend you’re a kid again!

WHERE CAN I GO TO PRACTICE MY RELIGION OR JOIN A SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION?

Davis is a diverse community. There are many different religions represented in Davis and nearby Sacramento, and many places of worship and religious and spiritual organizations.

Davis: localwiki.org/davis/Religious_and_Spiritual_Organizations
Sacramento: localwiki.org/sac/Religious_Organizations

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What to do in…

Davis

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As for events in the city of Davis, you can often find street fairs or festivals at Central Park. Also, keep an eye out for student deals, as many businesses in Davis offer discounted rates for students during the weekdays.

Sacramento

Sacramento is the capital of California, located about 30 minutes from Davis. With more than 25 historical museums and other attractions, including a zoo, Sacramento is a city worth exploring. It’s also known as America’s “Farm to Fork capital,” which is an integral part of all the cuisine offered in Sacramento. Additionally, Sacramento is the perfect place to catch a concert, Sacramento Rivercats baseball game, or a professional basketball game at the newly expanded Golden 1 Center.

San Francisco and the Bay Area

As the center of the Gold Rush, San Francisco is one of California’s most recognizable cities. Some iconic sites include the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman’s Wharf, and Alcatraz Island. Many of San Francisco’s landmarks are free to visit, making it a perfect place for a day trip.

San Francisco is also the hub of entertainment in the Bay Area, where you can enjoy popular artists and professional sports games such as baseball and basketball.

In addition to San Francisco, the cities within the Bay Area have a lot to offer. For example, Sausalito and Half Moon Bay have stunning beaches and hiking opportunities. Alternatively, cities in the East Bay such as Oakland and Berkeley host concerts, events and festivals almost every weekend.

Tahoe

With Lake Tahoe’s breathtaking landscapes, ranging from beaches to mountains, Tahoe is a perfect destination year-round. During the winter, Tahoe is the area’s most popular place for skiing, as well as a good opportunity to experience snow. Outside of the winter months, Tahoe offers opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and fishing. Ultimately, Tahoe is a good weekend getaway for those that love to spend time outdoors.

Napa

Napa Valley is known as one of the best wine regions in the world. Located only an hour away from Davis, Napa offers more than 400 wineries to visit, and a great selection of family-friendly restaurants.

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WHAT TO DO

OFF CAMPUS
EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

At Global Affairs, we welcome the world to UC Davis. Part of that means helping our international students and scholars create a home away from home. There are a number of events and opportunities on campus and throughout the region to help you find your community and enjoy your time here.

The Global Learning Hub

Studying in the U.S. is just one of the many global experiences you can have while at UC Davis. Through the Global Learning Hub within Global Affairs, every UC Davis student can find global learning opportunities on campus, in the region, and around the world—through academic courses on campus or abroad, community service, internships, research, student clubs, the living-learning student residential communities, and more. Visit the online global learning search tool to see how you can get involved at globallearning.ucdavis.edu.

International student Radhika Manwaha received a grant through the Blum Center for Developing Economies within Global Affairs to travel to India and continue her work with a student club, Project RISHI.

International students and former Global Ambassadors Jonathan Su and Jeremy Chuardy took a taste from their home countries and developed a sustainable soy-based cracker that earned a spot in a major product development competition.

WHO ARE GLOBAL AGGIES?

Global Aggies are members of the UC Davis community who are living the Global Affairs mission: to inspire global curiosity, understanding, and engagement. Visit globalaffairs.ucdavis.edu/globalaggies to learn more.

International scholarship and plant biologist Philipp Zerbe leads by example, inspiring his students to embrace an intercultural and interdisciplinary approach through exchanges and exposure to collaborative research.

Postdoc Appreciation Day/Week

Since 2009, the National Postdoctoral Association has sponsored National Postdoc Appreciation Day/Week to recognize the significant contributions that postdoctoral scholars make to U.S. research and discovery. UC Davis hosts a special event each year. Learn more at grad.ucdavis.edu/npaw.

Picnic Day

Picnic Day is a campuswide open house and a revered generations-old tradition that brings thousands of visitors to experience all that UC Davis has to offer through exhibits, shows, demonstrations, a parade, and more. International students, scholars, and their families are invited to march in the parade with UC Davis Global Affairs and I-House Davis, and participate in globally inspired exhibits while exploring the fun throughout campus. Learn more at picnicday.ucdavis.edu.

International Graduation Celebration

Each June, in celebration of the UC Davis international community, SISS hosts a ceremony and reception for graduating international students. Family and friends are also invited to attend and celebrate! Learn more at globalaffairs.ucdavis.edu/international-graduation-celebration.

International Festival Davis

The International House Davis (I-House) and UC Davis invite people of all cultural backgrounds to participate in a day full of festivities like cultural performances and food tastings. Learn more at internationalfestivaldavis.org.
Resources to Keep Your Time at UC Davis Happy and Healthy

STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES
shcs.ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-2349
Appointments, 24/7 After-Hours Counseling Services, 24/7 Student Health Advice Nurse

CAMPUS RECREATION AND UNIONS
cru.ucdavis.edu, (530) 754-5306
Fitness, wellness and recreation programs through facilities and programming

DAVIS WIKI
daviswiki.org

INTERNSHIP AND CAREER CENTER
icc.ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-2855

STUDENT HOUSING
housing.ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-2033

WOMEN'S RESOURCES AND RESEARCH CENTER*
wrrc.ucdavis.edu, 530-752-3372

CENTER FOR ADVOCACY RESOURCES AND EDUCATION*
care.ucdavis.edu
(530) 752-3299 (Davis Campus)
(916) 734-3799 (UC Davis Health)
Confidential crisis intervention and victim advocacy including:
- Navigating options, rights and resources
- Hospital, law enforcement and/or court accompaniment
- Advocacy for academic assistance and/or reporting violations to Student Judicial Affairs

HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION
shcs.ucdavis.edu/hep
Offers information and resources on a variety of topics including sexual health, stress, sleep and wellness, alcohol and other drugs

STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION CENTER
smc.ucdavis.edu, 530-754-6836

CROSS CULTURAL CENTER
ccc.ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-4287

COUNSELING SERVICES*
shcs.ucdavis.edu/counseling-services
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling (groups include men’s, women’s, Black, Latinx, LGBTQIA, survivors of sexual trauma and more)
- Stress and Wellness Clinic
- Mind Spa
- Referrals to on-campus and community resources

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, ASEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER*
lgbtqia.ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-2452

OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS
sja.ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-1128
- Supports the University's educational mission by upholding standards of academic honesty and responsible behavior, promoting student development, and assisting students in need

HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM*
hdapp.ucdavis.edu
(530) 747-3864 (Davis main line)
(530) 747-3865 (Davis anonymous line)
(916) 734-3417 (Sacramento main line)
(916) 734-2255 (Sacramento anonymous line)
- Support the University's commitment to a harassment-free and discrimination-free work and learning environment.

MEDIATION SERVICES
ombuds.ucdavis.edu
(530) 754-7233 (Davis)
(916) 734-1600 (Sacramento)
Conflict management for faculty, staff and graduate students

*Confidential resources
ABOUT GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Global Affairs brings the world to UC Davis, welcoming more than 10,000 international students, scholars and leaders, and hosting programs that inspire global curiosity, understanding and engagement. Compelled by the valuable outcomes of thinking globally, we make transformative opportunities a reality by supporting the thousands of students and faculty learning and researching globally—and by facilitating collaborations that tackle the world’s most pressing challenges through more than 150 global partnerships.

Putting our vision of a UC Davis community that engages, thrives, and leads in this interconnected world into action, Global Affairs is in pursuit of an ambitious goal: Global Education for All. Learn more at globalaffairs.ucdavis.edu/ge4a.