



College of Letters and Science

Making a Better World: Liberal Arts and Sciences at UC Davis

The UC Davis College of Letters and Science is committed to delivering on the promise of liberal arts and sciences education and curiosity-driven research. Our faculty are award-winning teachers and renowned scholars. We are proud to be able to offer students an outstanding education at one of the highest ranked and best-respected universities in the country.

Our students have access to more than 50 majors, from Art Studio and Russian to Cognitive Science and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Our faculty prepare them to combine deep disciplinary expertise with opportunities to collaborate across fields. During their time at UC Davis, our students apply their expertise through independent research, internships, study abroad, leadership, and service.

Coming from more than 20 countries and often the first in their families to attend college, our students bring new ways of looking at the world to UC Davis. They epitomize the Aggie drive to change the world. As alumni, they enter the world ready to define the careers of the future and to bring their energy, creativity, and expertise to solving the world's most pressing challenges.

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OUR UNIVERSITY

The New York Times College Access Index ranked UC Davis third among all American universities for “doing the most for the American Dream.” **3rd**

2nd *Washington Monthly* magazine ranks UC Davis second among top universities in the nation on a list of Affordable Elite Colleges.

Money Magazine ranked UC Davis in the top five “Best Colleges” of 2019 for “quality of education, affordability, and outcomes.” **4th**

OUR COLLEGE

The College of Letters and Science offers over half of all undergraduate majors at UC Davis.

55 majors
61 minors

More than **14,000** undergraduates have a major in our college.

44% of our undergraduates are the first in their families to attend college.

37% of our undergraduates are underrepresented minorities.

OUR FACULTY

The College of Letters and Science has more than **910** faculty

- 3** MacArthur “Genius” Fellows
- 13** UC Davis Undergraduate Teaching Prize recipients
- 18** members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 39** Guggenheim Fellows

50% of our students conduct independent research and creative projects beyond the classroom. Our instructors lead more than two dozen Study Abroad programs in more than 30 countries.

Departments and Departmental Programs

African American and African Studies
 American Studies
 Anthropology
 Art and Art History
 Asian American Studies
 Chemistry
 Chicana/Chicano Studies
 Cinema and Digital Media
 Classics
 Cognitive Science
 Communication
 Comparative Literature
 Design
 Earth and Planetary Sciences
 East Asian Languages and Cultures
 Economics
 English
 French and Italian
 Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
 German and Russian
 History
 Linguistics
 Mathematics
 Middle East/South Asia Studies
 Music
 Native American Studies
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Religious Studies
 Science and Technology Studies
 Sociology
 Spanish and Portuguese
 Statistics
 Theatre and Dance
 University Writing Program

Centers, Labs and Museums

C.N. Gorman Museum and Collection
 California Lighting Technology Center
 Center for Mind and Brain
 Center for Poverty Research
 Center for Quantum Mathematics and Physics (QMAP)
 Center for Science and Innovation Studies
 Crocker Nuclear Laboratory
 Davis Language Center
 Design Museum and Collection
 Department of Anthropology Museum
 Hemispheric Institute on the Americas
 Nanomaterials in the Environment, Agriculture and Technology (NEAT)
 Native American Language Center
 Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer (TANA)
 UC Davis Humanities Institute

Interdisciplinary Programs

East Asian Studies
 Human Rights Studies
 Humanities Program
 Jewish Studies
 Medieval and Early Modern Studies
 Military Science
 Physical Education



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“Studying at UC Davis has provided me a platform to discuss current issues and think critically about how to respond. As an International Studies major, I have learned to apply existing theory to pressing issues and think outside the box.”

– Yumei Huang, International Relations



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