College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
University of California, Davis

Associate Dean Susan Ebeler and
Dean’s Office Advising and Student Support Staff

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UC Davis
Who we are

AGGIES!
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Ranked number 1 university in the nation in agriculture and forestry for 3 years consecutively

7,300 students 381 faculty
Who we are

$1.5
Award over $1.5 million per year in scholarships and roughly 80% of eligible students receive scholarships

29
29 majors plus Undeclared/Exploratory Program

3
3 Divisions – Agricultural Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Human and Social Sciences
Who we are
Who you are

What are your goals and aspirations?

What do you want to get out of your time here at UC Davis?
What we do: Tiffanie Ramos

- Food Science Major
- Internship with Perishable Foods Council
- End of Waste Project Team Member
- Winner of Big Bang Competition with “Do More with Less”
- Consumer Research for Zola Fruits of the World

Innovative Solutions

“I had to stay persistent and not give up or I wouldn’t have my current lab position and the opportunity to get involved in research.”
What we do: Jordan Lara

• Animal Biology and Chicano Studies Double Major

• Co-President of Wildlife Society

• Vice Chair of Academic Affairs Commission in ASUCD

• Intern at Goat Barn

• Peer Advisor

“The transition from high school to college was pretty rough for me…Once I had a handle on school and studying, I found…[that] getting involved on campus was by far one of the best decisions that I made here at Davis…”

Interdisciplinary Approaches
What we do: Don Nguyen

• Global Disease Biology Major

• Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Fellow and Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research Honorable Mention

• Chemistry tutor

• Shifa Community Volunteer

• LGBTQIA Volunteer Coordinator

“Growing up in a single-parent, low-income household, I had unique experiences that motivated me and directly impacted my educational journey. I wanted to not only learn about the world around me but also make it a better place.”

Global Impact
What we do: Professor Sheryl-Ann Simpson

- Human Ecology: Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design
- Research: Immigration, housing, and urban health
- Explores connections between government policy and everyday places; inclusion of voices of residents who have been historically marginalized or excluded from the decision-making processes around their homes
- Courses Taught:
  - Community Participation and Design
  - Methods in Design and Landscape Research

Engaging Communities

“I get to support our students by introducing theoretical, analytical, research and design tools that they can use as they put all of their energy to work in the world”
What we do: Professor Dan Potter

- Department of Plant Sciences
- Master Advisor for Plant Science major
- Research: Systematic Botany and Ethnobotany
- Explores the relationships and interactions between plants and people across cultures, time, and space

- Courses Taught:
  - Principles of Ecology and Evolution (BIS 2B)
  - California Floristics
  - Principles and Methods of Ethnobotany
  - Systematics and Evolution of Angiosperms

Sustainable Ecosystems

“In lectures, labs, and field trips, I strive to inspire appreciation of and excitement about the diversity and importance of plants by considering and discussing both familiar and unfamiliar examples”
How we do it

We want to empower and support you in reaching your goals and aspirations!
How we do it: Tips

• Time Management
  • Quarter System
  • 1 unit = 2-3 study hours
  • 12-13 units during first quarter recommended

• Seek out new experiences and different opportunities

• Understand responsibilities that come with your independence

Most important tip…
How we do it

Create a network of support

Faculty Advising

Peer Advising

Dean’s Office Advising

Major Advising
How we do it: Faculty

• Go to Office Hours!

• Talk to your instructor if you are having difficulty in the course.

• Seek out faculty who have your same interests.

• Tap into faculty networks for internship opportunities.

• Establish relationships with professors for future letters of recommendation to graduate programs and/or job references.

• Mentorship
How we do it: Advising

- Academic advisors are your support
- Assist in clarifying your educational goals
- Ensure understanding of degree requirements
- Dean’s Office: Advise on student petitions, exceptions, academic difficulty
  - Appointments: Drop-in Mon-Fri 9-noon, 1:30-4pm; https://appointments.ucdavis.edu
- Major Advising: Major requirements, major-related opportunities (research, internships, fun courses, projects, etc.)
How we do it: Career Discovery Groups (CDG)

- Learn skills for academic success
- Connect with peers, graduate student mentors, staff and faculty
- Explore your strengths and interests to achieve your academic and career goals

“I absolutely would recommend this class to other students. I know I need to learn chemistry and math, but this was the most beneficial course I took this year.”
How we do it: Community & Empowerment

Create your community

- Campus Partners
- Clubs & Organizations
- CA&ES Events
- Meeting you where you are
How we do it: MANRRS

- Professional development workshops
- Development of leadership and public speaking skills
- Compete at Regional and National Conferences
- Network with professors/researchers, recruiters, and graduate school representatives
- Participate in community service

Course credit available too!
CRN: SAS 198 #59566
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Like us on Facebook: UCDMANRRS
How we do it: Aggie Ambassadors

• Leadership and outreach organization within the college

• Meetings every week include speakers, leadership topics, and teambuilding activities

• Assist at events within the community including college fairs, high school campus visits, regional expos, and elementary schools

• Great way to meet other students in the college, learn more about different fields, have access to

• Could be taken as a class (1 or 2 units) or just for FUN!

• Meets Tuesdays 12:10-1:00pm

• CRNs: AED 98 – #30604 AED 198 - #30613
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How we do it: CA&ES Clubs and Organizations

- Aggie Animal Rescue Club
- Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR)
- Alpha Zeta-Cal Gamma (AZ)
- American Fisheries Society, Sacramento- Davis Student Subunit
- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- Atmospheric Science Club
- Biotechnology Club of UC Davis
- Botany and Environmental Horticulture Club
- California Student Sustainability Coalition
- Collegiate FFA
- Community and Regional Development Club
- Davis Enology & Viticulture Organization (DEVO)
- Davis Gardening Club
- Dean's Student Advisory Committee
- Draft Horse and Driving Club
- Entomology Club
- Environmental Club
- Environmental Toxicology Club (Etox Club)
- Fashion and Design Society (FADS) at UC Davis
- Food Tech Club (FTC)
- Horse Polo
- People for the Elimination of Animal Cruelty through Education
- Pre-Vet Students Supporting Diversity
- Sacramento Free Clinics Nutrition Interest Group
- Sigma Alpha
- Society for Conservation Biology- Davis Chapter
- Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability UC Davis Chapter (S.E.E.D.S)
- Student Fashion Association
- Student Nutrition Association - SNA
- Students for Sustainable Agriculture
- Sustainable Resource Operations
- Vet Aide Club (VAC)
- VIDA Club (pre health including vet)
- Wild Campus
- Wildlife Society
Questions?

Contact us for more information

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