“UC Davis is a top academic university with a lot of resources and opportunities. The professors are really helpful and get excited about helping students excel. There are a lot of international students in Davis, so you can easily find people who understand you and where you come from.”

ABOUT UC DAVIS

UC Davis is located in the city of Davis, California, in the western United States. Davis is a friendly and welcoming college town where students make up about half of the population. Downtown is just a few blocks from campus and is a popular place for students to explore.

Out of our more than 29,400 undergraduates, over 3,500 are international students. UC Davis also attracts graduate students from around the world to our 90+ graduate programs and professional schools, including business, education, law medicine, nursing and veterinary medicine. There are more than 100 countries represented in the UC Davis student community.

MAJORS

Explore our 100+ majors at ucdavis.edu/majors. Then visit ucdavis.edu/majors/blog for ideas on how to turn those majors into careers.

RANKINGS

• 1st in the world for plant and animal programs (U.S. News and World Report)
• 10th among public universities in the U.S. (U.S. News and World Report)
• 11th among institutions hosting international scholars (Institute of International Education)

NIDA AHMED

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UC DAVIS ACTIVITIES:

• Model United Nations at UC Davis
• Research work for the Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures
• Financial training program with Morgan Stanley
• Vice chair of the External Affairs Commission of Associated Students, University of California, Davis (ASUCD)
• Student job as campus phone operator

CAREER:

Nida’s experience interning in Washington D.C. helped her launch a career as a public-sector consultant for a firm in Sacramento, California.
ADVANTAGES OF A UC DAVIS EDUCATION

• Cutting-edge, hands-on research opportunities through the Undergraduate Research Center
• More than 10,000 resume-building internship opportunities through our Internship and Career Center
• Academic advising through the Student Academic Success Center
• Cultural support and mentorship through the Global Ambassadors Program, and support obtaining and maintaining immigration status through Services for International Students and Scholars
• Friendly, safe campus in a college town known for its peaceful, accepting community and active lifestyle
• Security of a comprehensive emergency management program, full-service police and fire departments, virtual safety escort phone app and a free Safe Ride program
• Department of Middle East and South Asia Studies with distinguished faculty like Suad Joseph, Ph.D. and Madhavi Sunder, J.D.
• Active Muslim Student Association with the Islamic Center of Davis masjid, just across the street from the UC Davis campus
• More than 800 student-run organizations, including the Arab Student Union, the Iranian Student Association, Turkish Student Association, Indian Student Association and more
• Supportive and welcoming residence halls with themed living-learning communities, including a Middle Eastern/South Asian community and a female-only community
• Campus celebrations for major international festivals, such as Eid ul-Fitr and Diwali
• Wide variety of vegetarian and halal eateries both on campus and off campus
• Close proximity to three major airports—San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK) and Sacramento (SMF)—with direct flights from San Francisco to several major cities in the Middle East and South Asia
• Easy access to Sacramento, San Francisco, Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and the Silicon Valley