

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ADMISSIONS

International students attend the University of California, Davis from many countries around the world. We have an international student population of approximately 1,400, as well as an equal number of visiting international faculty and researchers. To be eligible for admission to the university, international students need to meet specific academic and financial qualifications.

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Useful Web Sites:

- Undergraduate Admissions
admissions.ucdavis.edu
- Degree Programs
registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog
- UC Davis Colleges and Departments
www.ucdavis.edu/academics
- Tours
visit.ucdavis.edu

Contact Us:

UC Davis staff are available to help prospective international students, applicants and school officials in all matters pertaining to undergraduate admission.

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AM I AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

You are considered an “international” or “non-immigrant” applicant if you need a visa in order to live and study in the United States. If you are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or refugee, **you will not be considered an international applicant** even if you currently reside outside the United States.

WHAT IF I AM A DOMESTIC STUDENT WITH FOREIGN RECORDS?

If you are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or refugee who has foreign records, you may still need to show English proficiency. Please contact a UC Davis international admissions specialist if you need clarification.

WHEN AND HOW DO I APPLY?

The UC Davis academic calendar consists of three quarters: fall, winter and spring. You must apply for admission to a specific quarter during the designated filing period.

UC Davis accepts freshman and transfer students for fall quarter admissions. Occasionally, winter quarter admissions may be opened to transfer students — please contact Undergraduate Admissions in early July for current winter quarter admissions policy. UC Davis does not accept applications for spring quarter.

Application Filing Periods:

Quarter	Filing Period
Fall	November 1-30
Winter	Contact Undergraduate Admissions
Spring	CLOSED

You may print an application or submit an electronic application from the University of California Web site at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. Please do not use old application forms; doing so will delay processing and inconvenience you.

DO I QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Unfortunately, there is no federal financial aid available for international students studying at UC Davis. However, students are welcome to apply for various scholarships through the University of California application for undergraduate admissions and scholarships.

WHAT ARE THE TUITION AND FEES?

The estimated 2007-2008 annual tuition fees for UC Davis students are \$8,913 for California residents and \$28,532.50 for non-California residents. Non-immigrants holding the following valid visa types — A, E, G, H-1, H-4, I, K, L, N, NATO, O-1, O-3, R or V — may be eligible for California residency along with U.S. citizens, permanent residents and refugees. If you believe that you may be eligible for California residency, visit the Office of the University Registrar's Web site at registrar.ucdavis.edu for more information. **Non-immigrants with F or J status are generally considered non-California residents for tuition purposes.** *Your residency status for tuition purposes will be determined by the Office of the University Registrar after you are admitted to UC Davis.*

INFORMATION FOR FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

1. Non-immigrant freshman applicants studying in the United States **must meet the same criteria as domestic freshman applicants (see Freshman Admission Criteria below)**. If you have been studying in the United States for less than two years and your native language and school language of instruction prior to your study in the United States were **not** English, you must demonstrate English proficiency (**see English Proficiency Criteria below**).
2. Freshman applicants currently studying outside of the United States must be completing secondary school and earning superior marks in academic subjects. You must also take the SAT/ACT exams. Generally we will look for the same academic subjects and exams on all applications, regardless of country of origin, though our review is flexible given the variations in foreign educational systems (**see Freshman Admission Criteria below**). UC Davis has trained specialists familiar with foreign curriculums, grading scales and educational philosophies.

If your native language and school language of instruction are not English, you will also be required to demonstrate English proficiency (**see English Proficiency Criteria below**).

Freshman Admission Criteria

- Please refer to admissions.ucdavis.edu/admissions for freshman admission criteria and exam information.

English Proficiency Criteria

You may demonstrate your English language proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Receive “C” grades or better in two transferable college courses in English composition at an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Achieve a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 213 on the computer-based TOEFL or 80 on the Internet-based TOEFL. For more information, visit www.toefl.org.
- Achieve a minimum score of 7 (academic module) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). For more information, visit www.ielts.org. Your IELTS score must be sent directly to the following address:
Undergraduate Admissions
University of California
One Shields Avenue
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- Achieve a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement International English Language (APIEL) exam. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com.
- Achieve a score of 5, 6 or 7 on the International Baccalaureate (IB), Higher Level examination in English (Language A).
- The new ACT Assessment plus Writing, the Writing section of the SAT Reasoning Test and the Internet-based TOEFL examinations are currently under review.

Helpful Hints

- If you are completing secondary school (high school) in a country that follows the British system of education, you must be planning to complete your Advanced Levels prior to entering UC Davis. Although we may grant university-level credit for A levels with high scores, you will still be considered a freshman applicant.
- You must report foreign course work as it would appear on your foreign record. Do not translate foreign grades to U.S. grades or use an evaluation done by a private evaluation company or another high school on your application.
- Visit admissions.ucdavis.edu/admissions/intl_fr_admissions.cfm for application tips for specific countries and educational systems.

INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS

If you have studied at or are currently studying at a U.S.-accredited university or college, or a foreign university or college that is recognized by UC Davis, then you will need to apply as a transfer student. Students coming from a British-patterned educational system who have completed **only** Advanced Levels should apply as freshman applicants.

1. Non-immigrant transfer applicants studying in the United States **must meet the same criteria as domestic transfer applicants (see Transfer Admission Criteria below)**. If you have been studying in the United States for less than two years and your native language and school language of instruction prior to your study in the United States were not English, you must demonstrate English proficiency (**see English Proficiency Criteria below**).
2. Transfer applicants coming directly from foreign universities or colleges will need to have completed at least two years of full-time study, receiving excellent marks prior to transferring to UC Davis. You will need to meet the same criteria as applicants studying in the United States (**see Transfer Admission Criteria below**). However, we will be flexible given the variations in foreign educational systems. UC Davis has trained specialists familiar with foreign curriculums, grading scales and educational philosophies.

If your native language and school language of instruction are not English, you will also be required to demonstrate English proficiency (**see English Proficiency Criteria below**).

Transfer Admission Criteria

- Please refer to admissions.ucdavis.edu/admissions for transfer admission criteria and exam information.

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- Achieve a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 213 on the computer-based TOEFL or 80 in the Internet-based TOEFL. For more information, visit www.toefl.org.
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- The new ACT Assessment plus Writing, the Writing section of the SAT Reasoning Test and the Internet-based TOEFL examinations are currently under review.

Helpful Hints

When you apply you will be required to report all course work from all universities and colleges you have attended (even if you do not think the courses will transfer). You must report foreign course work as it would appear on your foreign record. Do not translate foreign grades to U.S. grades or use an evaluation done by a private evaluation company or another university on your application. UC Davis has trained international specialists who are familiar with educational systems outside of the United States and will work directly with your foreign subjects and grades. If you have questions about how your records will be evaluated, then you may contact the UC Davis International Admissions office.

- If you attended high school in a country that follows the British system of education and took Advanced Level examinations **you must also report your A-level subjects and scores.**
- Visit admissions.ucdavis.edu/admissions/intl_tr_admissions.cfm for application tips for specific countries and educational systems.

Second Baccalaureate

If you already have a university degree that is recognized by UC Davis as comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree and would like to do a second undergraduate degree, then you will be a Second Baccalaureate applicant. You will need to contact International Admissions by phone, or in person to discuss your options. If your degree program is not considered comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree, then you will need to apply as a regular transfer student. A three-year university degree from India is generally not considered comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Many applicants to the University of California present records from schools in the United States and abroad. These “mixed” records are the most difficult to assess. The following list of frequently asked questions is meant to provide general advice. For additional information, applicants should contact the international admissions specialist at each UC campus they are considering attending, as requirements may vary.

I have completed coursework at schools in a foreign country. Must I list those schools on my application?

Yes. Applicants are required to list all schools, colleges, and universities attended on their application for admission. Applicants must also report dates of attendance and any diplomas or degrees earned. It is a serious matter when applicants withhold information about their academic record. Not providing complete information could jeopardize admission.

I attended a school in a foreign country a long time ago and do not think I can obtain records. What should I do?

The University of California requires applicants to submit academic records from all institutions attended, beginning with the ninth grade. It takes a substantial amount of time to get records from some countries. For that reason, we encourage students to begin requesting academic documents early in the admissions process. When there is evidence of political upheaval or natural disaster we recognize it may not be possible to obtain records. However, these situations are rare.

I have copies of my foreign academic records. Can these be used for admission?

Yes. Unofficial records are used to make preliminary admission decisions. Applicants are advised to send copies directly to UC Davis International Admissions after they have submitted their application for admission to the University of California Undergraduate Application Processing Service. Admitted students will be required to have official records sent directly to International Admissions from the school they attended.

Will you accept the evaluation of a credential evaluation service?

No. The interpretation of records may vary at individual colleges and universities based on their admission and transfer credit policies. Each UC campus has an international admissions specialist who will evaluate your international records and determine transfer credit.

Do my records need to be translated?

Secondary school records normally do not need to be translated unless they are from a country that uses an alphabet other than the Roman alphabet. College and university records must be translated by a certified translator.

I attended a university outside of the United States; do I need to provide course descriptions along with my transcript?

Yes. Course descriptions are necessary to evaluate the content of coursework completed in other countries. Many universities can provide students with course descriptions in English. If your university cannot, we will accept your translation.

The secondary school I attended was advanced. Do you award college credit to students from my country?

Transfer credit is awarded to students who have taken the GCE or Hong Kong Advanced Level examinations and earned grades of “C” or higher. UC Davis does not routinely award transfer credit for the German Abitur, the Swiss Federal Maturity Certificate, the Italian Maturita, or the French Baccalaureate.

I earned a degree in my country and now want to continue my studies in the United States; can I apply for undergraduate admission?

If the University determines your degree is comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree, it may not be possible to apply for undergraduate admission for a second degree. When applications can be considered, the second degree must be in a subject area different from subject of the first degree.

I am having difficulty completing the self-reported academic record section of my application. The educational system in the country where I attended school is different than that in the United States; may I leave this section blank?

No. Admission decisions are based on the information provided in the self-reported academic record. For that reason it is important for you to provide an accurate summary of the coursework you have completed. To do so, you are strongly urged to use grade reports or transcripts; do not work from memory. Incomplete or inaccurate information could jeopardize your admission.

You will need to fill in this section of the application as best you can, listing the individual courses taken, the number of contact hours, credit, or units given, and the grades you earned. List the grades you earned exactly as they were given by your school, be it in numbers, percentages, or words. The university has experienced admission evaluators who are knowledgeable about foreign education systems, including university programs and different grading practices. You may call a UC Davis international admissions specialist for help calculating a grade-point average.

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