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GRADUATE GROUP IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

**Graduate Student Handbook
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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to UC Davis and the Graduate Group in Epidemiology (GGE)! This Student Handbook will provide you with information and resources regarding your transition to Davis, GGE academic information, student resources, and more! Additional information about the GGE Program can also be found on the website: <https://www.epi.ucdavis.edu/>

Where is Davis?

Davis is a small northern California city with a population of nearly 70,000, small enough that you are likely to run into someone you know while buying fresh food at the twice-weekly Davis Farmers Market or while riding your bicycle around town. The climate in the central valley is temperate - summers are hot, sunny, and dry; winters are generally mild and rainy, but can be chilly. Davis is 15 miles from Sacramento, the state capital, an hour and thirty-minute drive from the excitement and culture of San Francisco, and two and a half hours from the snow and camping of beautiful Lake Tahoe.

Go to: cityofdavis.org

Airport Information

Davis is twenty miles from the **Sacramento International Airport (SMF)** and ninety miles from the **San Francisco International Airport (SFO)**. It is easier to fly into Sacramento, since transportation into Davis is less expensive and more straightforward. An UBER ride from SMF will cost about \$35-\$45, or you can use the **Yolobus** service. Yolobus lines #42 A and B both run a loop that stops at the airport and the UC Davis Memorial Union. 42A does the loop clockwise, and 42B does the loop counterclockwise. One-way fare is \$2.25 and daily/monthly passes can be purchased. Refer to the below link for cost and times.

In addition to Sacramento International Airport, there are two additional airports in the Bay Area. **Oakland International Airport** is located 77 miles from Davis and **San Francisco International Airport** is located 85 miles from Davis. Less expensive flights may be found in these two airports.

Go to: www.yolobus.com

Housing

Housing can be one of the biggest headaches for a new graduate student who is unfamiliar with Davis or lives far away. However, don't worry! We're here to help. The vacancy rate in Davis is extremely low, so competition for the best houses/apartments/duplexes/etc. is stiff and housing prices are expensive. The **UC Davis Student Housing Office** (530) 752-2033 will provide you with on-campus living and married/family student housing information. ***If you are an international student, be sure to organize housing as soon as possible.***

Go to: <https://chl.ucdavis.edu/>
<https://housing.ucdavis.edu/>

Many property management companies in Davis rent out houses, duplexes, condos, and apartments. **King Properties** (530) 753-0121; **Zabace Properties** (530) 757-2818; and **Tandem Properties** (530) 756-5075 are three of the most popular.

Go to: www.kingproperties.com

<https://www.zabace.com/>
www.tandemproperties.com

Craig's List Sacramento, DavisWiki, and the Incoming UC Davis Graduate Students Facebook page are additional housing resources.

Go to: <https://sacramento.craigslist.org/>
www.daviswiki.org
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ucdavisgradstudents/>

Most returning students begin looking in March or April for places to live in the fall. However, don't worry if you don't decide to come to UC Davis until later in the spring or even the summer. People are always looking for someone to fill a vacancy in a house or apartment or seeking someone with whom to share a house or apartment. Just check the resources above.

Initial Costs

Paychecks

If you have been offered a Graduate Student Research (GSR) or Teaching Assistant (TA) position, you will not get your first paycheck until **about five weeks after you begin work (November 1)**. This is because you must work an entire monthly paycheck cycle before being paid, and paychecks are only issued once per month so you will need to budget wisely. For more resources regarding fall quarter payment solutions, see <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/fall-quarter-payment-solutions>. If you have been awarded a fellowship which includes a monthly stipend, you will also not typically get your first check until November 1. Employment as a GSR includes full fees, tuition, and health insurance. Employment as a TA includes full tuition (if a resident), fees, and health insurance. TA positions do not cover non-resident supplemental tuition (NRST).

If you are not being offered any funding, you will need to cover your own living and tuition/fee expenses.

Tuition

2024-2025 Tuition and Fees (including health insurance) for full-time students are approximately \$6,915.17 per quarter for California residents. Non-residents incur an *additional* \$5,034 per quarter so approximate tuition for non-residents is \$11,949.17 per quarter. These costs are always subject to change by the California Legislature. It is recommended to have at least \$1,300 per month set aside for monthly living expenses. Credit cards are not accepted by the University Cashier's Office for payment of tuition and fees.

Go to: <https://budget.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/tuition-fees>
for the most up-to-date information on tuition and fees as well as details of what the student fees cover including **mandatory** student health insurance (covered in the fees)
<https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/gradstudies/cost>
for information on Cost of Attendance, including direct and indirect costs

Document Fee

All new students admitted for the academic year 2024-25 will be charged a one-time lifetime Document Fee of \$150.

The Document Fee affords several benefits to covered student and alumni groups such as:

- Current prices of documents and services are locked in, with lifelong access to covered documents.
- Improved service; transactions aren't slowed by payments or billing.

- Document requests are fulfilled in one to three business days; additional time is needed for mailing.
- E-transcript service.

The Document Fee provides the following to students and alumni in covered groups:

- Unlimited Official Transcripts.
- Unlimited Education Verifications.
- Unlimited Completion of Undergraduate Degree Requirements Verifications; e.g., Letters of Degree Certification; may require additional time for processing.
- Unlimited e-transcript service.
- Mailing of the original diploma.

Go to: <https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/doc-fee>

International Student Administrative Fee

Newly admitted international graduate students who are either sponsored by UC Davis for F-1 or J-1 status or would be sponsored by UC Davis for F-1 or J-1 status if physically present in the United States will be charged a one-time fee of \$159. This fee helps support a variety of services provided to international students, including student visa assistance, international student advising, programs to help integrate international students into academic life at UC Davis, and funding to comply with federally mandated regulations.

Go to: <https://siss.ucdavis.edu/fees-and-tuition>

Getting Around Town

Bicycles

Davis is sometimes referred to as “The Bicycle Capital of the United States” because of the large number of people who use the bicycle as their main form of transportation. The city is ideal for bike riding with its flat terrain and its wide bike lanes which can be found all over town and on campus. Davis has many bicycle shops to buy new bicycles (the **Bike Barn**) and used bicycles can be found in the local newspaper (the **Davis Enterprise**) or on bulletin boards on campus and throughout the town. Bicycles are stolen *fairly frequently if not locked*, so be sure to invest in a good U-lock and try not to leave your bicycle overnight on campus. One more bike tip: buy fenders. They go over the wheels and prevent water on the ground from creating what is known affectionately as the “Freshmen Stripe” on your back. Biking accidents do happen, so please protect your head! **Helmet Hair Don’t Care** will provide you with a FREE helmet!

Go to: <https://bikebarn.ucdavis.edu/>
<https://davisbikecollective.org/>
<https://www.davisenterprise.com/>
<https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/health-and-wellness/physical-activity/helmet-hair-dont-care>

Public Transportation

The other major form of transportation is the bus. **Unitrans** is the student-run bus line that runs throughout the city. Buses leave directly for the Memorial Union (MU) or Silo on campus and go to most parts of town. Information on routes and fares can be found on their website. **Yolobus** serves Yolo County and links Davis to downtown Sacramento and Woodland.

Go to: <https://unitrans.ucdavis.edu/>
<https://yolobus.com/>

Car

If you choose to drive a car to campus, you should become familiar with the parking lot restrictions and costs for student parking permits and be prepared to walk from the lots to the inner campus. A valid UC Davis permit is required to park on campus, either paid for through the AMP Park app or a displayed permit purchased from one of the COSMO permit dispensers (located in most campus lots). You can access lower affiliate rates through AMP Park by registering with your UC Davis email address.

Go to: <https://taps.ucdavis.edu/parking>
<https://taps.ucdavis.edu/aggiepark>
https://taps.ucdavis.edu/types_and_rates#rates

Living in Davis and Local Points of Interest

Recreation

Davis has too many recreation choices to list. Make sure to check out the Memorial Union Games Area, the Craft Center, Outdoor Adventures, and the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) on campus. The ARC contains state-of-the-art exercise equipment, weightlifting equipment, racquetball, squash, exercise classes, a pool, etc. Also check out the City of Davis website for information on the Farmers Market, local pools and parks, the indoor sports arena, Putah Creek, and much more!

Go to: <https://memorialunion.ucdavis.edu/games-area>
<https://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu>
<https://asu.ucdavis.edu/>
<https://www.cityofdavis.org/>

Davis is located within driving distance of Tahoe National Forest and Yosemite National Park where you can enjoy swimming, skiing, mountain biking, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, camping, etc. You can enjoy the beautiful beaches of the Bay Area at Stinson Beach (85 miles) and Santa Cruz (140 miles).

Go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe>
<https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>
<https://www.santacruz.org/>
<http://www.stinsonbeachonline.com/>

The Post Office

The main Davis post office is located at 2020 5th Street (at the corner of Pole Line Road) and is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. The post office offers a variety of services, including post box rentals, insurance, parcel post, postal money orders, and registered and certified mail. For more information, call them at 530-753-3496. In addition to the main post office, Davis has a few minimum service branches that provide basic services, such as selling stamps and mailing packages and letters within the United States. One of these is in the UC Davis Memorial Union on campus and another is located on Third Street between C and D Streets.

Shopping

Davis has many businesses to fulfill all your shopping needs. For a full list, visit **the Davis Chamber of Commerce's Directory of Businesses** website. The **Student Book Store**, located in the Memorial Union on campus, is a good source for office, computer, and art supplies. Davis Hardware has housewares, plants, and pet supplies; Office Max has office supplies; and Target is a large store with a variety of household supplies.

Go to: <https://web.davischamber.com/search>
<https://ucdavisstores.com/home>

Outside of Davis, is the **Arden Fair Mall** in Sacramento. It is one the Sacramento area’s larger malls and is about a 25-minute drive from Davis.

Go to: www.ardenfair.com

There is also **Old Sacramento**, an authentically restored Gold Rush-era style area with more than 130 specialty and tourist shops, restaurants, and museums. Many festivals and special events are held here annually.

Go to: <https://www.oldsacramento.com/>

If you’re looking for fresh fruits and vegetables (including certified organic produce), baked goods, flowers, plants, and gifts, head over to the **Davis Farmers Market**. Featured in national magazines and frequently voted “best thing to do in Davis,” the Davis Farmers Market is open year-round – rain or shine. Everything sold in the market is either grown or made by the seller.

Go to: <http://www.davisfarmersmarket.org/>

II. 2024-2025 ACADEMIC-ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

Fall Quarter 2024

Quarter Begins, Monday, September 23
Instruction Begins, Wednesday, September 25
Veteran’s Day Holiday, Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday-Friday, November 28-29
Instruction Ends, Friday, December 6
Finals Week, Monday-Friday, December 19-13

Winter Quarter 2025

Quarter Begins, Friday, January 3
Instruction Begins, Monday, January 6
Martin Luther King Holiday, Monday, January 20
President’s Day Holiday, Monday, February 17
Instruction Ends, Friday, March 14
Finals Week, Monday-Friday, March 17-21

Spring Quarter 2025

Quarter Begins, Thursday, March 27
Cesar Chavez Holiday, Friday, March 28
Instruction Begins, Monday, March 31
Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 26
Instruction Ends, Thursday, June 5
Finals Week, Friday & Monday-Thursday, June 6, 9-12

III. GGE Academic Program Information

Graduate Advisor

A Graduate Advisor will be assigned to you in the GGE, based on your area of interest, either in human medicine, veterinary medicine, or another area. Graduate Advisors are available to help you find elective courses and track your progress throughout the program. If you have any questions about the course work, electives, examination and thesis/dissertation research, contact your Graduate Advisor. It is recommended to meet with your Graduate Advisor **at least once a quarter** for the first few quarters of your graduate program. At the end of each academic year, you will complete a student progress assessment (SPA) that is reviewed by your Graduate Advisor and your Major Professor. If you do not have a Major Professor yet by the time a progress assessment is due, you will complete the assessment with just your Graduate Advisor.

Major Professor

You should find a major professor **as soon as possible**. Think about the areas of interest you have and contact faculty in those areas before the Fall Quarter begins. Faculty members in the Graduate Group can be found through the GGE website. The website briefly outlines their activities on campus and their research interests. The role of the major professor is very important. They will guide you throughout the program and into your research project. They will also act as the chair of your guidance committee and are crucial in securing funding for your dissertation project. Remember, you are interviewing the professor; the professor is not interviewing you. Finding a major professor that fits your needs as soon as possible will ensure that you meet goals within the targeted timeline. Also, do not feel the need to apologize for making an appointment to meet with your major professor or any other professor at UCD. Professors are here to help graduate students with their studies and research.

Go to: <https://gge.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/all-faculty>

Peer Advisor

The **Epidemiology Graduate Group Students (EGGS)** Board implemented a peer advisor program a few years ago to pair current and incoming students for additional mentorship within the program. The purpose of the peer advisor program is to provide each new GGE graduate student with another resource person to approach with questions. Once a prospective student has accepted admission to the GGE, they will be paired up with a current GGE graduate student. Your peer advisor, in addition to your Graduate Advisor and guidance committee, can help you select classes and refer you to appropriate faculty with similar research interests. Your peer advisor can also help you with questions regarding the campus, the city, and anything a person new to the area might need to know.

Registration

It is best that you plan out your class schedule as soon as possible and be prepared to register for Fall Quarter by late August/early September. In addition to the classes offered by the Graduate Group, many elective classes are offered outside of the GGE as well.

Register for classes online using **SISWEB or Schedule Builder**. Class registration numbers (CRN) can be found on the GGE website and are sent via email each quarter, or on SISWEB and Schedule Builder. **To be registered as a full-time student, you MUST sign-up for a minimum of 12 units per quarter.** Be sure to register for the EPI290 seminars each quarter before you pass your qualifying exam!

Resources: <https://students.myucdavis.edu/schedulebuilder/>
<https://sisweb.ucdavis.edu/>

The Fall Quarter [Graduate Student Final Fee Payment Deadline](#) is Wednesday, November 13, 2024. All students are responsible for paying tuition, fees, and any outstanding account balance by the Student Fee Payment Deadline. Payments can be made either at the [Cashier's Office](#) by 4:00 p.m. (PT) or electronically using [MyBill](#) by 11:59 p.m. (PT).

Course Information

Detailed GGE program requirements can be found here:

https://gge.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk5081/files/inline-files/Epidemiology%20Degree%20Requirements_May%2023%202022.pdf

Prerequisite Coursework

If you have not previously taken any courses in calculus or statistics, these courses are recommended in order to meet the prerequisite requirements. If you have, your previous coursework is expected to be equivalent to the following UC Davis courses:

MAT16A and B: Short Calculus, 3 units each, **or**

MAT21A and B: Calculus, 4 units each

and either

STA102: Introduction to Probability Modeling and Statistical Inference, 4 units

STA106: Applied Statistical Methods: Analysis of Variance/ANOVA, 4 units

STA108: Applied Statistical Methods: Regression Analysis, 4 units

Course Requirements: Core

Core courses are made up of the epidemiology series (205-208) and statistics series (202-204). The series may be taken concurrently in the first year or separately in two years. EPI208 is taken following completion of the other courses, either in the second or third year.

EPI202: Quantitative Epidemiology I: Probability, 5 units

EPI203: Quantitative Epidemiology II: Statistical Inference, 4 units

EPI204: Quantitative Epidemiology III: Statistical Models, 4 units

EPI205: Principles of Epidemiology, 4 units

EPI 206: Epidemiologic Study Design, 4 units

EPI 207: Advanced Epidemiologic Methodology, 4 units

EPI 208: Analysis and Interpretation of Epidemiologic Data, 3 units

Course Requirements: Elective

Electives should be selected based on the student's chosen Area of Interest (9 units) plus, for doctoral students and master's students doing a thesis, three additional units from among graduate courses in epidemiology and statistics. Some courses are pre-approved as electives. For any that are not, you can send the syllabus and course information to your Graduate Advisor for approval to count the credits toward your electives.

Areas of interest include: Epidemiologic Methods and Biostatistics; Health Services and Health Economics; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Nutritional Epidemiology; Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology; Reproductive, Perinatal, Developmental and Pediatric Epidemiology; Social and Behavioral Epidemiology; Wildlife Epidemiology; Zoonotic and Vector borne Disease Epidemiology; and Cancer Epidemiology.

Go to: <https://gge.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk5081/files/inline-files/GGE%20AOI%20Approved%20Electives.pdf>

Course Requirements: Seminar

A seminar is offered every other week each quarter (EPI290, 0.5 units per quarter). Students are required to enroll in the seminar until advancement to candidacy (usually three quarters for master's students, six for doctoral students).

Examinations

M.S. Comprehensive Examination (Plan II)

The comprehensive examination is the last requirement for Plan II and is taken when the student has advanced to candidacy, usually during the fourth to sixth quarter of enrollment. It is both written and oral and designed to assess the student's mastery and working knowledge of subjects presented in the required courses. Details are described in the Degree Requirements which are posted on the GGE website and included below.

Dissertation

Ph.D. Pre-Qualifying Written Examination: The Pre-Qualifying Exam is designed to assess the student's mastery and working knowledge of subjects presented in the required courses as well as their ability to evaluate methods, analyze and logically interpret data. The examination consists of three sections: basic epidemiology, advanced epidemiology and statistics. The exam is given once a year during the first week of September. Any student unable to take the exam on the selected dates must take the exam the following year, thus delaying Advancement to Candidacy. For more details see the Degree Requirements.

Ph.D. Qualifying Oral Examination: Students must pass the Pre-Qualifying Written Examination before taking the Oral Qualifying Exam. Passing the Qualifying Oral Examination makes the student eligible for advancement to candidacy and is ordinarily taken by the ninth quarter of the student's enrollment. The purpose of the examination is to assess whether the student is capable of critical and independent thinking related to epidemiology, statistics, their Area of Emphasis, and selected topic and to assess whether the student is qualified to proceed with their dissertation research. For details see the Degree Requirements.

Go to:

https://gge.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk5081/files/inline-files/Epidemiology%20Degree%20Requirements_May%2023%202022.pdf

Research

M.S. Thesis (Plan I)

The thesis must be an original contribution to knowledge and demonstrate creative and independent work. The topic must be approved by a student's Guidance Committee, usually by the third quarter of the student's enrollment. If course prerequisites are met, the thesis should ordinarily be completed by the fourth to sixth quarter. All aspects of the thesis must be defensible and demonstrate the student's knowledge of relevant literature and research methods. For further details, see the Degree Requirements.

Dissertation

The dissertation must be an original contribution to knowledge in epidemiology and demonstrate creative and independent work that is publishable in a peer-reviewed journal. All aspects of the dissertation must be defensible including hypotheses, data quality, methods, results and interpretation. The format of the dissertation typically will include an introduction, critical review of the literature, at least three chapters, each representing a publishable paper in a journal-ready format and a summary. Upon completion, there is a required exit seminar to present a summary of the dissertation. A defense might be required, dependent on the dissertation committee. Typically, a committee will request a defense if no papers have been published, or the dissertation is not in the form of a publishable manuscript.

IV. Cost of Attendance and Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance

Covering tuition, fees, and expenses is the responsibility of each student, but resources do exist to help you with some of these costs. If you have been offered a GSR or TA position, you will not get your first paycheck until about five weeks after you begin work (usually November 1; *this is because you must work an entire monthly paycheck cycle before being paid, and pay checks are only issued once per month, so you need to budget wisely*). If you have been awarded a fellowship which includes a monthly stipend, you will typically not get your first check until November 1 as well. ***If you are not being offered any funding, you will need to cover your own living and tuition/fee expenses.***

Tuition and fees (including health insurance) for California residents and for non-residents can be found at <https://budget.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/tuition-fees>. These costs are subject to change by the California Legislature.

Cost of Attendance for Graduate Studies Programs, which includes living expenses like rent and personal expenses) can be found at <https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/gradstudies/cost>.

Go to: <https://financeandbusiness.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/tuition-fees/estimated/graduate> for the most up-to-date information on tuition and fees and a detail of what the student fees cover including **mandatory** student health insurance (covered in the fees).

Funding

Current graduate students have tapped into several main sources of funding. They include serving as a Teaching Assistant (TA) or a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR), being awarded a fellowship, and writing your own grant(s). By far the most common route is the TA/GSR especially in the first two years. Your major professor is the best resource to use to find a position as a GSR. For GSR positions, if you are appointed for at least 25% time, your tuition and fees are covered in full, including non-resident tuition. For academic appointments, such as TA, if you are appointed at 25% or more, only some tuition and fees are covered: for non-California residents, the non-resident tuition is not covered, and the fees covered are for student services and health insurance. With some exceptions, the maximum appointment a graduate student may take is 50%.

The **Office of Graduate Studies** website is an excellent site to visit for more information. In addition, **Office of Graduate Studies** website contains a list of fellowships offered to new and continuing students every year. Criteria for fellowships vary for each specific fellowship. This is **THE** place to start looking for fellowships for which applications are due January 15th of each year.

Go to: <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/>
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/tuition-and-fee-remission>

Financial Aid and Direct Deposit

Student loans are awarded to eligible domestic and permanent-resident students to fund direct educational and living costs. To apply, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. For application

and other Financial Aid Office information, visit their website at <http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/>.

The Financial Aid Office is located in 1100 Dutton Hall, phone **530-752-9246** or email <https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/contact>. Office hours for email or phone inquiries are 8:00am - 5:00 pm.

You are strongly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit service which allows UC Davis to deposit quarterly financial aid disbursements directly into personal bank accounts. For full details and enrollment instructions for direct deposit, visit the direct deposit website: <https://financeandbusiness.ucdavis.edu/finance/payroll-services/ee-resources/dd>.

V. Graduate Student Resources

There are a ton of different resources at UC Davis available to graduate students. You can visit Graduate Studies Student Resource page for up-to-date information on a variety of them: <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/graduate-student-resource-guide>.

Office of Graduate Studies

The Office of Graduate Studies, commonly referred to as simply “Grad Studies,” is located in 250 Mrak Hall. Grad Studies has a wealth of information online, including information on fees, funding, living in Davis, deadlines, degree requirements, forms, teaching assistant (TA) Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) positions, residency status, etc.

The GGE contact in Graduate Studies is **Sarah Hamid** (smooney@ucdavis.edu).

Go to: <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/>

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

The UC Davis Graduate Student Association (GSA) is a student-driven representative organization, linking students of the diverse graduate programs. Funded by graduate student fees, GSA provides services to graduate students, and protects and promotes their interests at all levels of University administration. Regularly enrolled graduate students, professional students in the Graduate School of Management, and professional students in the teaching credential program are automatically GSA members. The GSA offers coffee and donuts every Friday from 8:30-10:30 am, holds social events throughout the school year and offers travel awards to graduate students. The GSA office/lounge is located at 253 South Silo. Association of Graduate Student Employees (<http://www.uaw2865.org/>).

Go to: <http://gsa.ucdavis.edu>

Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS)

SISS can answer questions related to international student status, passport, visas, immigration advice, counseling and financial information.

Go to: <http://siss.ucdavis.edu/contact.cfm>

Student Health and Wellness

Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) provides UC Davis students with wellness, illness, and injury care. Services are available to all registered students, regardless of insurance. Students pay small fees for most

services. The new Student Health & Wellness Center is located on La Rue Road between Hutchison Drive and Orchard Road, across the street from the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) and next to the Colleges at La Rue.

Your registration fees include mandatory coverage by the University Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP). If your registration fees are paid by a sponsor, make sure the sponsorship covers the health insurance premium; if it does not, you must pay the additional cost for SHIP. If you have other health insurance coverage and do not need to enroll in SHIP, you may submit an [Online Waiver Application](#) with evidence of coverage to the Student Health Services. Visit the [Student Health and Counseling Services website](#) for further information. Students participating in SHIP must go to the Student Health & Wellness Center for treatment of illness and injuries (including animal bites). Please refer to the Student Health Services website for their summer and school year hours of operation. If you have questions regarding your SHIP, please visit the [SHCS Insurance Website](#).

When illness or injury occurs outside of the health service's business hours, you may seek emergency treatment at a nearby facility, but must notify the health services of such treatment as soon as possible (preferably the next business day). Please follow these procedures to realize your maximum insurance benefits. For more information, call the insurance coordinators at 530-752-6055.

Counseling Services are available at no charge to all registered Veterinary Medicine students and provided at Schlam Hall (This location is for pre-scheduled appointments only). They are free and confidential; no record of a visit is accessible to any campus unit without permission from the student. For detailed information please review this website: <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/student-life/career-leadership-wellness/wellness-counseling-services>

Be sure to explain that you are a Vet Med Student when making an appointment. To schedule an individual counseling appointment, use [Health-e-Messaging](#) or call [\(530\) 752-2349](tel:5307522349).

In case of emergencies, call 9-1-1 immediately or for an After-Hours Crisis Counseling Services Consultation call [530-752-2349](tel:5307522349). If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, call 9-8-8.

GGE students enrolled in Davis SHIP have the option to enroll eligible dependents (spouse and children) in a voluntary plan. The plan provides medical insurance and the option to purchase dental/vision benefits. For more information, go to <https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/voluntary-student-dependent>.

Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center and The Pantry

Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center provides resources for UC Davis students who need help with food, finances, housing, wellness, and crisis support. Aggie Compass can connect you with organizations for mental health, tips for budgeting and finding housing, and sources for free or low-cost groceries. The Pantry provides free produce, non-perishable items, and some toiletries - all you need to do is show your student ID. More information and links for resources are available on their website, and they can be reached by phone (530) 752-9254 or email compass@ucdavis.edu.

Go to: <https://aggiecompass.ucdavis.edu/>
<https://thepantry.ucdavis.edu/>

Student Disability Center

University of California, Davis, is committed to ensuring equal educational opportunities for students with disabilities. An integral part of that commitment is the coordination of specialized academic support services through the Student Disability Center (SDC) <http://sdc.ucdavis.edu>.

The philosophy of the SDC is to promote independence and integrated participation in campus life for students with disabilities. The SDC is staffed by professional Disability Specialists who specialize in different areas of disability: learning, vision, hearing, medical, psychological, and mobility. These professionals each work with an assigned caseload of students, determining their eligibility for academic accommodations and ensuring the provision of accommodations necessary to allow the students to participate meaningfully in educational opportunities on campus.

The SDC staff are available to answer questions that prospective students may have about services for students with disabilities on campus. The SDC staff also provide information to faculty on working with students with disabilities. The SDC is located in 54 Cowell Building. Please call 530-752-3184.

LGBTQIA+ Resource Center

The UC Davis Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Resource Center provides an open, safe, inclusive space where people of all sexes, orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are welcomed and celebrated.

Go to: <https://lgbtqia.ucdavis.edu/>

Women's Resources and Research Center (WRRC)

The Women's Resources and Research Center (WRRC) challenges all forms of oppression, through the lens of gender equity. The WRRC provides education, advocacy, resources, and a safe space that centers the experiences of womxn, transgender, femme, and non-binary individuals.

Go to: <https://wrrc.ucdavis.edu/>

Graduate Students of Color (GSoC)

The Graduate Students of Color Mentoring Program assists in the retention of junior scholars from historically marginalized communities to improve their representation in the UC Davis graduate community and, more broadly, in academia. Through faculty mentorship and other social and academic programming, the GSoC Mentoring Program holistically supports its graduate student participants as they navigate the rigors of graduate school.

Go to: <https://ccc.ucdavis.edu/programs-and-services/graduate-student>

Campus Libraries

The main library on campus is the **Shields University Library**. The library provides tours of its facilities throughout the year and also provides regularly scheduled tours during the first two weeks of Fall Quarter. The Shields Library is home to one of the many computer labs on campus and also houses **I.T. Express**, where you set up your UC Davis email account and set your login ID and password. I.T. Express also sells software for installing the UC Davis email program on your home computer for a small fee.

Go to: www.lib.ucdavis.edu
<http://itexpress.ucdavis.edu>