

Graduate Student Handbook

<https://www.cs.ucdavis.edu/graduate/current/>
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/resources/resource-guide>

Make an appointment with Alyssa or Jessica: <http://www.cs.ucdavis.edu/graduate/advisor-hours-contacts/>

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Academic Assistance, Resources, & Professional Development

- **GradPathways:** Over 200 workshops, seminars, and panel discussions are offered throughout the year on topics such as writing and presentation skills, teaching, leadership, professionalism, and career management.
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/professional-development/gradpathways>
- **Mentoring Resources:** UC Davis Graduate Studies supports and advances graduate faculty-student mentoring through a variety of efforts
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/resources/mentoring/mentoring-resources> (scroll down for mentees)
- **Writing Across the Curriculum** (Grad Writing Program tutors)
 - Individual consultations: <http://writing.ucdavis.edu/wac/consultations>
 - Writing workshops: <http://writing.ucdavis.edu/wac/workshops>
- **Student Academic Assistance & Tutoring Centers:** offers one-on-one tutoring and support
<https://tutoring.ucdavis.edu/>

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Forms – For Every Process, There is a Form!

- **Master's Students:**
 - **MS Candidacy Form:**
 - Please make an appointment with Jessica or Alyssa at the end of the quarter before you plan to graduate (for example: a student graduating in Spring Quarter would make an appointment sometime in March, at the end of Winter Quarter)
 - **Final Graduation Forms:**
 - Please make an appointment with Alyssa or Jessica in the middle of the quarter you plan to graduate, to review the final graduation forms.
 - Exam Option students' graduation paperwork is completed at the time of the exam
- **PhD Students:**
 - **Qualifying Exam (QE) Application:**
 - This form is due to Alyssa or Jessica **no later than 4 weeks before the QE date**. Please make an appointment with Jessica or Alyssa well before this time, so we may review the QE application form, and any additional paperwork that may be necessary (for example, if there is an external or remote committee member, etc.)
 - **PhD Candidacy Form:**
 - Please make an appointment after passing the QE to review the PhD Candidacy form with Alyssa or Jessica. **This form takes roughly 4 weeks to process**, so please be mindful of the timeline, particularly if removing NRST is a concern.
 - **Reconstitution of Committee Form:**
 - Should you need to change your committee members (QE committee or dissertation committee), please make an appointment to review this form. A form must be submitted and approved in order to update any committee members.
- **Other Forms:**
 - **Undergraduate Proficiency Form:**
 - All graduate students should complete this form. MS students should complete this form before advancing to candidacy, and PhD students must complete the form before taking the QE. Please see Jessica or Alyssa if you need this form.
 - **Change of Degree Objective:**
 - If a PhD student decides to change to a MS degree, or if a MS student secures funding for a PhD, there is a form to change the degree objective. If this might apply to you, please make an appointment with Alyssa or Jessica to discuss your situation and the process.
 - **PELP/In Absentia/Filing Fee:**
 - If you have questions about any of these student statuses, please make an appointment with Jessica or Alyssa to discuss your situation and if you are eligible.

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Financial Assistance & Funding

- **Financial Aid Office** (Dutton Hall, 1st floor): campus grants, loans, scholarships & work study
<https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/gradstudies>
- **Student Accounting:** Dutton Hall, 2nd Floor.
- **Complete your FAFSA:** Opens in October, deadline of March 2nd every year
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- **UCD Financial Systems Info - Answers:** Which accounting system? Is it visible on MyBill? Is tax withheld?
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/financial-support/financial-info-students>
- **Emergency, Short-term and Assistant Loans:** <https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/loans/short-term>
- **Handshake:** Search and apply for jobs and internships, connect to employers, and sign-up for company interviews and recruiting events. Over 100 internships and jobs (both on- and off-campus) are posted every day. <https://ucdavis.joinhandshake.com/>
- **Fellowship Resources & Opportunities:**
 - **Grad Studies Internal Fellowships:** Review each one and apply for ones in which you're eligible. Annual deadline of January 15th: <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/financial-support/internal-fellowships/internal-fellowship-competition-current-graduate-students>
 - **External Fellowships:** See Grad Studies' website for opportunities:
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/financial-support/a-z-listing>
 - **UC Davis Office of Research:** Funding Opportunities & Limited Submissions:
<https://research.ucdavis.edu/proposals-grants-contracts/funding-opportunities/>
 - **Grad Studies Travel Awards:** for travel to present a research paper at professional meetings. Due annually on October 15th and March 15th
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/current-students/financial-support/internal-fellowships/travel-awards>
 - **GSA Travel Award:** offered twice per year <https://gsa.ucdavis.edu/funding/travel-awards/>
 - **GGCS Travel Award (PhD students only):** application sent via email to PhD students annually
 - **Pivot:** <https://pivot.proquest.com/funding/search>

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- **Child Care Grants:** <https://hr.ucdavis.edu/departments/worklife-wellness/student-parent/ucd-funding>
- **SHIP Dependent Coverage:** <https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance/dependent-coverage>
- **Additional medical coverage under CA's Medi-Cal Access Program:**
<http://mcap.dhcs.ca.gov/Home/default.aspx>
- **CA Dept of Public Health Women, Infants and Children Program:**
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx>
- **UC Davis Lactation Support Program:** <https://hr.ucdavis.edu/departments/worklife-wellness/breastfeeding>
- **Women's Resources and Research Center (WRRC) Student Parent Resources:**
<https://wrrc.ucdavis.edu/resources/family-activities>

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Health and Mental Health Care

- **UCD Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS)** offers free, confidential counseling (individual and groups)
 - Counseling referrals from SHCS can also be made to a Sacramento location <https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/counseling-services>
- **Counseling Services specializing in grad student issues:**
 - **Dr. Bai-Yin Chen** specializes in assisting graduate students, and has an office in the Office of Graduate Studies (Mrak Hall) to meet with graduate students. You may contact her directly via email at bychen@ucdavis.edu or via phone at (530) 752-0871. <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/resources/help-and-support/mental-health-and-counseling>
- **UCD Office of the Ombuds:** a confidential, independent, impartial, and informal problem-solving and conflict management resource for all members of the UC Davis community. The Ombuds can assist by listening to concerns, clarifying issues, identifying policies and resources, and providing coaching and communication strategies: <https://ombuds.ucdavis.edu>
- **Activities & Rec Center (The ARC):** Free for students during academic year. <https://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/arc>
- **Campus Recreation:** Aquatics, Craft Center, ARC classes, sports clubs, etc. <https://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/>

Food/Nutrition

- **The Pantry:** A free resource - bring your student ID to Memorial Union 154 to receive three nutritional meals, food items, or toiletries. Each student is given up to 5 items per day. <https://thepantry.ucdavis.edu/>
- **Aggie Compass:** Student community space located in the East Wing of Memorial Union (1st floor) where you can find fresh fruits and vegetables during Fruit & Veggie Up!, get CalFresh enrollment assistance, and find resources to help you find stable housing and financial assistance. <https://aggiecompass.ucdavis.edu/>
- **CalFresh:** State benefits for food <http://www.benefitscal.org/>
- **Fruit and Veggie Up:** Mondays and Fridays, 11am-12:30pm at the Memorial Union (MU) <https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/services/nutrition-services/fruit-and-veggie-up>
- **Student Health cooking class:** Offered quarterly <https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/services/nutrition-services/teaching-kitchen>
- **Healthy Aggies:** Nutrition/wellness peer counseling and support. MU Aggie Compass desk <https://healthyaggies.com/>
- **UCD On-Campus Farmer's Market:** Fall (the 6 weeks before Thanksgiving) & Spring, noon hour on the Quad <https://healthy.ucdavis.edu/food-nutrition/farmers-market>
- **Downtown Davis Farmer's Market:** Year-round at Central Park: Saturdays, 8am-1pm. March-Oct: Wednesday evenings. Reduced cost produce at the end of the market
- **Student Farm weekly produce box:** approx. \$235/quarter <http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sf/eat-our-produce>

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Travel

- **Unitrans (buses):** grad students do not qualify for free rides but you can purchase discounted 10 Ride Tickets & Monthly passes. <https://unitrans.ucdavis.edu/>
- **UCD-UCD Medical Center Shuttle (Sacramento):** <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/parking/intercampus/>
- **UCD- UC Berkeley Shuttle** for UCD/UCB faculty, staff and registered students: <https://berkbus.ucdavis.edu/>

Entertainment (free or reduced cost)

- **Free access to Xfinity:** <https://housing.ucdavis.edu/xfinity-on-campus>
- **Mondavi Center:** first ticket free <https://www.mondaviarts.org/uc-davis-students-free-ticket>
- **Manetti Shrem Art Museum:** free to all
- **Arboretum events:** <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/events>
- **Free admittance to many UCD sporting events with student ID card:** Here's the calendar: <https://ucdavisaggies.com/calendar.aspx>
- **UCD Outdoor Adventures:** varying costs to experience the outdoors. <https://memorialunion.ucdavis.edu/outdoor-adventures>
- **UCD Craft Center:** varying, low cost crafting classes, including jewelry-making, drawing, welding, screen-printing, textiles, and photography. <https://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/recreation/craft-center/craft-classes>