



# 2 YEARS

## Global Study Program

### Executive Summary 2023

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

## JACOB HOSIER

Dear Friends,

It brings me great joy to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Global Study Program at UC Davis. As a UC Davis graduate myself, I am absolutely convinced that our campus is one of the best in the world, boasting world-class research and educational facilities alongside an exceptionally high quality of life. Recent rankings lend credence to this, with UC Davis coming in among the top 9% of universities worldwide in the 2024 edition of the QS World University Rankings released in June of 2023. The mission of the Global Study Program has been to create a home for top students from select partner institutions to study at UC Davis, while supporting faculty and departments across campus. Within this program, students are able to enroll in campus courses for credit—which apply toward their degree at their home institution—and engage in tailored cultural and social experiences. Students are also encouraged to pursue graduate study at UC Davis and the U.S.

I have spent the last 13 years here with the Global Study Program watching this mission come to life, observing closely as students from dozens of countries and hundreds of partner universities have come and gone. I am impressed with their determination to succeed, to embrace the challenge of studying abroad and to find a new home for themselves in California. I am proud of the contributions these students have made to our campus, the rich diversity of culture and experience they have shared with us and all of the ways they have helped us grow and mature. I am appreciative of our faculty partners and the way they have worked diligently to provide phenomenal teaching and research experiences to our students and grateful for the hard work of dozens of staff members over the years who have dedicated themselves tirelessly to student success.

Finally, I am profoundly grateful for the trust our partners and the families of our students have placed in us here at UC Davis—it is our goal to continue to be worthy of this trust into the future as we rededicate ourselves to the critical mission of creating globally minded young people equipped to overcome the problems we face and create a more positive tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Jacob Hosier  
Director, Global Study Program  
UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education, International Programs  
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[Watch the video to learn more](#)

### About the UC Davis GLOBAL STUDY PROGRAM

Founded in 2003, the Global Study Program (GSP) has been an immensely successful pathway for top undergraduate students from universities worldwide to study abroad at UC Davis. The Global Study Program was created through the partnership of many offices and individuals on campus.

Their visionary leadership, as well as the ongoing collaboration of many units, most notably Continuing and

Professional Education, Office of the University Registrar and Global Affairs, has allowed the Global Study Program to become the longest-running, stable and well-integrated program to provide non-matriculating international students with full access to the campus student experience within the University of California system.

[globalstudy.ucdavis.edu](https://globalstudy.ucdavis.edu)

# GLOBAL STUDY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Global Study Program is to enable top students to enroll in UC Davis courses for credit—which will be applied toward their degree at their home institution—while also furthering students' cultural enrichment and personal growth. The program simultaneously supports the international endeavors of faculty by promoting partnerships with universities around the world.

The tremendous popularity of the program, with 99 percent of students recommending it to their peers, helps to maintain positive relationships with global university partners. The Global Study Program adds geographical and cultural diversity to the undergraduate population of the university, and also provides a robust pathway for attracting talented Ph.D. and master's degree students.

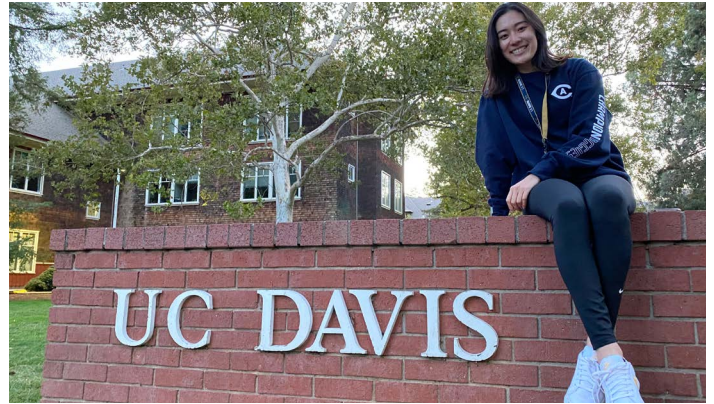


“Due to the wonderful support of the Global Study Program, our students instantly feel at home at UC Davis and they always come back to Aachen having had the time of their lives. Moreover, the program has helped to expand our bilateral partnership significantly and has led to numerous fruitful research collaborations.” **Dr. Daniel Holder, RWTH Aachen University**

## Global Study Program BY THE NUMBERS

- 3.15** Cumulative Grade Point Average
- 125** Global Partner Institutions
- 22** Countries Represented
- 129** UC Davis Departments Involved
- Over 4,000** Students Hosted

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Students in the Global Study Program have performed exceptionally well at UC Davis. From 2009 to 2022, over 4,000 students participated in the Global Study Program. On average, those students achieved a 3.15 GPA. Over that time, over a quarter of the population—1,021 students—earned a GPA above 3.7. Of those, 407 were perfect 4.0 GPAs. Their strong academic achievements are especially impressive given that these students are non-native English speakers who disproportionately enroll in upper-division courses in the sciences and engineering. Students in the program also made substantive contributions to undergraduate research, with over 600 completing research internships under the guidance of UC Davis faculty since 2009.

## In Recognition Of GSP FOUNDERS

### **Professor William Lacy**

Human Ecology (formerly Vice Provost for University Outreach and International Programs)

### **Associate Dean Beth Greenwood**

School of Law (formerly UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education)

### **Professor Nicole Ranganath**

Middle East and South Asia Studies (formerly UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education)

### **Dr. Dennis Dutschke**

(former Associate Vice Provost for International Programs)

### **Dr. Dennis Pendleton**

(former Dean of UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education)

# PARTNER NETWORK

The Global Study Program has helped UC Davis forge strong partnerships with leading foreign universities in 22 countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Oceania and South America.

## PARTNER COUNTRIES

Australia

Brazil

Chile

China

Colombia

Egypt

Finland

Germany

India

Indonesia

Italy

Japan

Kazakhstan

Mexico

Nigeria

Norway

Peru

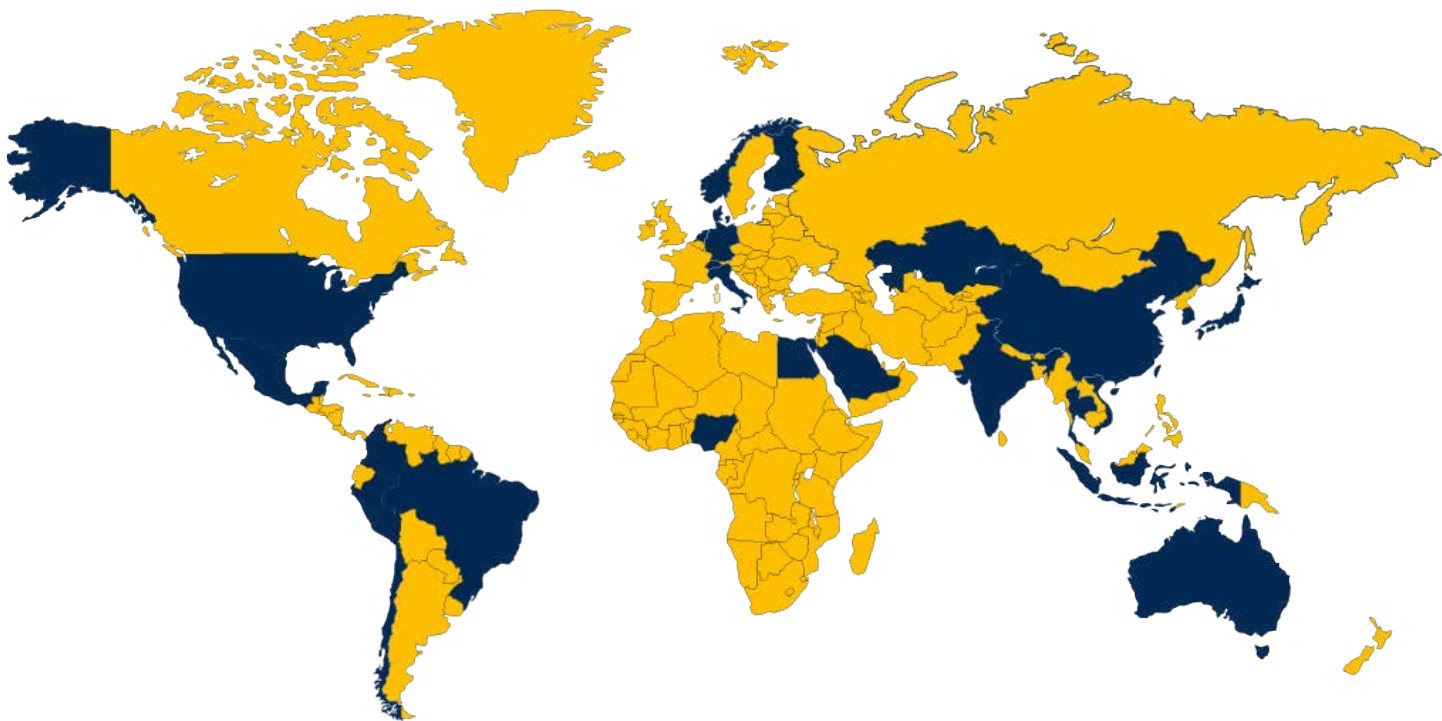
Saudi Arabia

South Korea

Switzerland

Taiwan

Thailand



## SELECT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University,  
*India*

China Agricultural University, *China*

Doshisha University, *Japan*

Ewha Womans University, *Korea*

Instituto Politecnico Nacional University  
(IPN), *Mexico*

Nanjing University, *China*

National Taiwan University, *Taiwan*

Norwegian University of Science and  
Technology (NTNU), *Norway*

Renmin University, *China*

RWTH Aachen University, *Germany*

Technical University of Munich, *Germany*

University of Chinese Academy of  
Sciences (UCAS), *China*

University of Helsinki, *Finland*

University of Tokyo, *Japan*

Waseda University, *Japan*

Zhejiang University, *China*

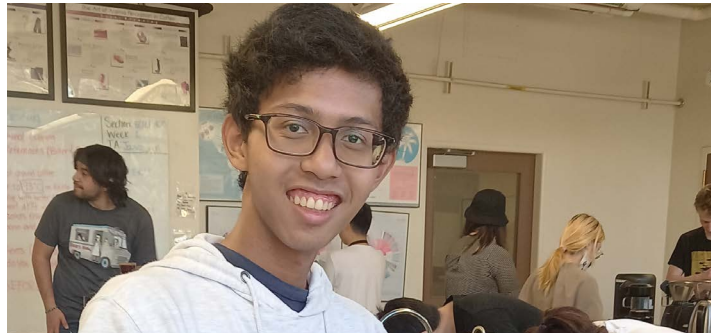
# GLOBAL STUDY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Over the past decade, the Global Study Program has expanded its partnerships with a view towards contributing to the diversity of the student body. Beginning in 2012, the Global Study Program adapted to the needs of a specialized scholarship program, Science Without Borders. This program brought over 400 students with low-income backgrounds from Brazil to study at UC Davis. The Global Study Program remains exceptionally proud to have hosted female students from the Science Without Borders program who went on to academic or professional careers in fields with historically low female representation in Brazil, including mechanical and aerospace engineering.

The Global Study Program also participated in the USAID Lotus Scholarship Program, which allowed for six talented and deserving Egyptian students to pursue short-term studies at UC Davis between 2016 and 2019. These students demonstrated a high financial need and were committed to fields vital for ongoing development in Egypt.

Finally, since 2021, the Global Study Program has hosted over 50 students studying at UC Davis through the Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA). IISMA is an initiative of the Indonesian government with the stated goal of providing Indonesian students the opportunity to “engage with people from different academic backgrounds, cultures and races, and become global citizens.” UC Davis and the Global Study Program were selected from a large pool of American programs for the initial trial, and after just two years, are considered the top choice in the U.S. for students nominated to IISMA.



## INNOVATIVE TEACHING

The Global Study Program has leveraged its position as a bridge between partner universities and campus departments to spur teaching innovations that have benefited the entire campus community. The work and relationship-building involved in placing visiting students in campus courses has led to tailored versions of existing courses as well as the creation of new ones. GSP funded a course that brought together visiting students from Renmin University with UC Davis undergraduate East Asian Studies (EAS) majors. Course topics included the role of marriage and family in Chinese society, the Chinese economic system, and the role of the press in both China and the United States. By collaborating with EAS on this course, GSP created a space for students to exchange ideas and forge academic relationships across borders.

“The Global Study Program has made it possible for us to extend course offerings in East Asian Studies to both international exchange students and domestic students. It offers our exchange students excellent opportunities to interact with UC Davis professors and students on a variety of topics across a broad range of disciplines.” **Xiaoling Shu, professor of Sociology and director of East Asian Studies**



“The IISMA program has been a wonderful opportunity for UC Davis to grow our very important partnership with Indonesia. It not only provides an invaluable global learning experience for students but also sets the stage for future Global Aggies to return to UC Davis for graduate study.” **Michael Lazzara, associate vice provost of Academic Programs and Partnerships, Global Affairs**

## The UC Davis EXPERIENCE

At UC Davis, international students and scholars are welcome, excellence is emphasized and students learn in a supportive environment. It is a place where ideas are shared, knowledge is passed and students can feel safe to be who they are.



## BRINGING FACULTY IDEAS TO LIFE

GSP provides resources and guidance for participating students to connect with UC Davis faculty. This may be in the context of a class, a research project or direct conversation. Students that make these connections frequently cite them as an important benefit of the program.

“During the program, I had the privilege of being in touch with Professor Acredolo, who was conducting fascinating research. This experience played a pivotal role in improving my research skills and nurturing my passion for investigation, setting a strong foundation for my future scholarly pursuits.” **Neil Briand Arias Silva, 2018 GSP student**

The Global Study Program has also formed relationships with faculty that have consistently taught and interacted with our students over the years. We are especially proud when these relationships turn into collaborations that help faculty pursue new research or pedagogical ideas. One example is the Chemical Engineering Summer Academy. This program helped faculty in the Chemical Engineering Department to accommodate more domestic students while providing a valuable, high-academic-level experience to visiting GSP students. A partner university approached UC Davis to host their chemical engineering students and, by skillfully arranging sections, we were able to utilize these extra enrollments alongside students on the waiting list to ensure every student interested in that set of courses received a seat.

Faculty in a number of departments have partnered with the program to create unique courses tailored to the needs of visiting international students. Successful courses have been offered in American Studies, Design, Drama, History and the University Writing Program. The drama course is a frequent favorite of GSP students, dozens of whom have gained confidence and presentation skills in spoken English in the dynamic setting of Instructor Michele Apriña Leavy’s theater classroom. Relationships

like these have allowed GSP students to make the most of their time at UC Davis, while also benefiting campus faculty as they expand their teaching horizons.

“The Global Study Program has been an effective

partner in several ways: facilitating the expansion of our undergraduate summer programs, exposing more of our domestic students to international perspectives, and assisting in the recruitment of more and better-prepared international students to our graduate program in chemical engineering.” **Tonya Kuhl, professor and chair, Chemical Engineering**



## STUDENT FEEDBACK

Students in the Global Study Program are fully integrated into student life. They take challenging courses, participate in internships and research, and form deep and lasting friendships with other students. These positive experiences shape lifelong commitments to UC Davis and further enhance the reputation of the university worldwide.

UC Davis offers international students academic excellence combined with unparalleled academic support, services and opportunities. As **Xueqi (Shirley) Li, GSP student 2010-11**, explains, “GSP staff patiently went through our course preferences and made sure we got to take the courses we wanted. Being part of GSP, I was able to find a lab research internship quickly, which helped tremendously with my grad school application. After earning my master’s degree in food science at UC Davis, I was hired by the UC Davis Olive Center and got promoted to assistant director in the second year. I am truly grateful for all the efforts of the GSP staff in ensuring a positive and diverse experience for international students. As one of the many who have benefited greatly from GSP, I hope my experience inspires other international students and I will always be an advocate for this program.”



The benefits of the Global Study Program can often extend beyond the program itself. This was **Chrysa Bika’s, GSP student 2018-2019**, experience, a computer science and games engineering student from the Technical University of Munich (TUM). “Last year I participated in the Global Study Program through TUMexchange. That’s why I am super excited to announce that thanks to the IFF Gender and Diversity Grant, I am traveling to the United States again, this time to the East Coast! As a member of the IFF Organization (Women in Computer Science) at TUM, I am determined to gain new insights at the Grace Hopper Celebration in Orlando, Florida, and empower more girls and women to believe in themselves and to choose a career in the technical field!”

 [Hear more from our students](#)

# SUPPORTING UC DAVIS DEPARTMENTS

## REGISTRATION MANAGEMENT

Managed by the International Programs team at UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education, the Global Study Program provides students with intensive, wraparound support. The GSP staff operate as a “one-stop-shop,” bringing together campus resources and high-quality professionalism to provide help with:

- Academic oversight and advising (in consultation with departmental advisers)
- Orientation and pre-arrival support
- Cultural adaptation and English language support as needed
- Course registration through BANNER
- Immigration paperwork and housing assistance
- Health insurance advising and emergency assistance
- Cultural excursions
- Integration into the campus community

Course registration for GSP students is jointly provided by Continuing and Professional Education’s Registrar, the Office of the University Registrar and the Global Study Program. **Careful oversight ensures that students in the Global Study Program do not displace degree-seeking students.** Responsible course management allows the university to benefit from the program, while also protecting course priority for matriculating students.

## AN INNOVATIVE CAMPUS PARTNERSHIP



For 20 years, the Global Study Program has combined the flexibility and responsiveness of the Continuing and Professional Education Division with the high-quality academic and research expertise of the main campus. It is the only integrated visiting international student program of its kind in the UC system. Since UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education manages all the logistics and administration, faculty are free to focus on academics and research, ensuring that GSP is an easy-to-implement, revenue-generating opportunity for departments to experiment with new ideas and pedagogical approaches.

Benefits for campus partners:

- Unrestricted revenue generation for departments
- Recruitment of top international students for graduate programs
- Limited bureaucracy—we manage the administration

## Campus Financial Contribution

TOTAL SINCE 2013

~\$13 million



“The invaluable lessons and experiences gained in the Global Study Program will undoubtedly shape my future endeavors and contribute to my personal and professional growth.”

YiFei Li, GSP student 2022-23

[Hear more from YiFei](#)

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