

4-WEEK PROGRAM

Communication and Culture



UC Davis' Communication and Culture Program offers comprehensive, high-quality instruction to help students improve their English conversational fluency and learn more about American culture. Our academic expertise, professional instructors and beautiful campus make this an enriching, transformational educational experience.

Program Benefits

This intensive learning experience is ideal for international undergraduate and graduate students, along with international professionals, who want to **improve their English-language skills**. The educational and professional focus of the program provides long-term value that will **increase academic and employment opportunities**.

- Gain confidence and skills in speaking and listening
- Strengthen pronunciation and verbal presentation skills
- Learn more about American culture and customs
- Practice American English natural speech patterns and idioms

Program Details

This four-week program is offered twice a year (summer and winter/spring) and includes **16 hours of instruction per week** and other extracurricular cultural and social activities. The program is open to students of all English-speaking levels who want an intensive learning experience within a short time frame. Students are grouped based on their level of proficiency to ensure the best possible learning experience.

For more information or to apply

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Study at a World-class University

The University of California, Davis, is ranked **one of the top 100 universities in the world**. At UC Davis international students are welcome, excellence is emphasized and students learn in a supportive, safe environment.

Program Highlights

- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Small classes (about 15-20 students)
- Technology-driven classrooms
- UC Davis students as conversation partners both in- and out-of-class
- Daily recreational, cultural and social activities
- Optional weekend trips
- No F-1 Visas required

RIGOROUS, ENGAGING CURRICULUM

U.S. Society and Culture

- Increase your knowledge of American values and attitudes, institutions, history and culture through readings, discussion, exposure to a variety of media and journal writing
- Build a foundation of specific vocabulary in order to actively participate in discussions
- Better understand American culture as well as other students' cultures

Intercultural Research Project

- Develop questions to research a topic of cultural interest
- Gather information by interviewing native English speakers
- Analyze and organize project information
- Prepare, practice and give a poster presentation

Listening and Pronunciation

- Improve skills through directed practice in various areas of pronunciation
- Strengthen listening comprehension through dictation, exercises, notetaking and other activities
- Meet with conversation partners (UC Davis students) in small groups once a week, in this class or another class, to practice speaking and listening skills in a more informal atmosphere

Everyday Expressions and Idioms

- Learn expressions used by Americans
- Discuss the cultural context of American expressions and idioms, and gain a deeper understanding of American culture by improving knowledge of informal speech patterns of Americans
- Discuss relevant grammar points as needed



“I’m more relaxed and comfortable with my improved English. The university is awesome!”

Sermet Sahaner, Turkey

“I made friends from around the world and gained a better perspective on American culture.”

Basil Masri Zada, Fulbright Scholar, Syria

Personal Service and Support

Our staff genuinely care about our international students and help them get the most out of their UC Davis experience. From visas and housing assistance, to custom programs for groups, our knowledgeable, **friendly staff support students through every step of their journey** and put them on the road to achieve their dreams.

Learn More Online

To learn more about the Communication and Culture Program, including a sample schedule, program dates or to request more information, visit our website.

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