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

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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 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

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"I'm more relaxed and comfortable with my improved English. The university is awesome!"

Sermet Sahaner, Turkey

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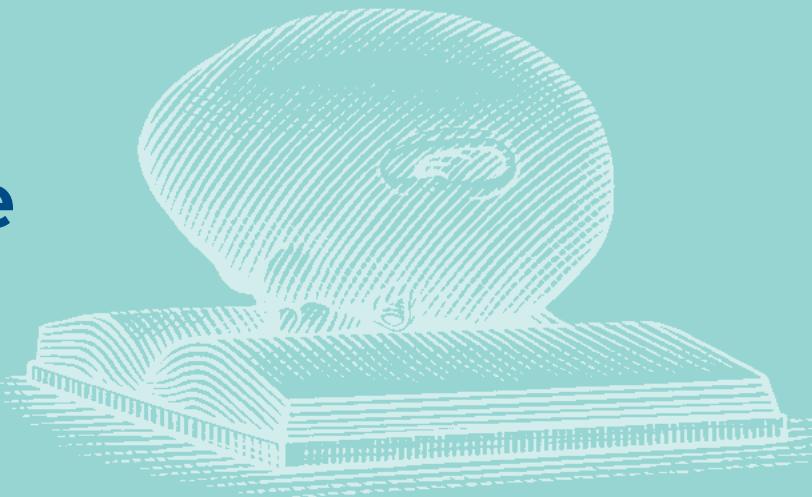
UC Davis' English for Science and Technology Program is an intensive program that helps students improve their technical English-language skills and learn to use English more confidently in the fields of science and technology. It is designed for international undergraduate and graduate students majoring in science, engineering and/or technology and adult professionals who want to improve their technical English-language skills.

Program Benefits

This engaging and academically rigorous program builds language and professional skills, that **empower students to succeed in global, English-speaking technical environments**. The educational and professional focus of the program provides long-term value that will **increase academic and employment opportunities**.

- Expanded technical vocabulary and understanding of emerging technologies
- Increased awareness of current issues in applied science and technology
- Networking with students and faculty

Program Details

This four-week program, held in our new state-of-the-art International Center, is offered twice each year (summer and winter/spring) and includes **16 hours of instruction per week** and other extracurricular cultural and social activities such as workshops, site visits and guest presentations. 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

- Visits to UC Davis campus laboratories and regional high-tech companies
- Small classes (about 15-20 students)
- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Technology-driven classrooms
- Daily recreational, cultural and social activities with UC Davis student leaders
- Optional weekend trips
- No F-1 Visa required

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Hot Topics in Science and Technology

- Improve analytical skills by reading articles, listening to lectures, watching audiovisual programs and discussing current research

- Develop technical English vocabulary

- Discuss and appreciate the power of ideas in science and technology that are changing people's lives and the world

Intercultural Research Project

- Develop questions to research a topic of choice

- Conduct information gathering by interviewing native English speakers

- Collect, analyze and organize project information

- Prepare, practice and give a poster presentation

Listening and Pronunciation for Science and Technology

- Improve pronunciation skills through directed practice

- Strengthen listening comprehension with dictation, close exercises, notetaking and other activities

- Focus on frequently used vocabulary/expressions in science and technology

Introduction to Entrepreneurship in Science and Technology

- Realize the power of R & D (i.e., research and development) in science and technology through studying entrepreneurship

- Feel the spirit of entrepreneurship that has advanced science and technology and changed the way people live in recent years

- Think flexibly about your future career choices

- Enhance understanding of mandatory extracurricular activities such as site visits, presentations and/or workshops
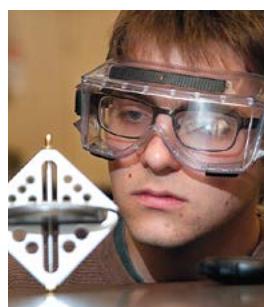
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> "I am majoring in medicine, and this program was very useful."
>
> **Tamar Mosulishvili, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Mandatory Extracurricular Activities

- Observe applied science and technology first-hand through presentations and/or site visits to local high-tech companies and UC Davis research centers and laboratories

- Communicate directly with experts

- Enhance knowledge of current advancements in science and technology

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Entrepreneurship and International Business

UC Davis' Entrepreneurship and International Business Program helps students increase their awareness of the global market while also improving their English-language skills. Designed for international undergraduate students interested in entrepreneurship, this program focuses on analyzing current issues affecting our society and finding creative solutions through design thinking.

Program Benefits

In this engaging and dynamic program, students will **develop critical and analytical thinking skills** to apply to complex business problems and **improve intercultural communication skills** to promote ethics and succeed in an international business environment. Located at the crossroads of three (San Francisco, San Jose/Silicon Valley and Sacramento) tech hubs in the U.S., **Davis is a center for innovation and entrepreneurship**. The program features:

- Collaboration, leadership, problem solving and creative thinking skills
- Understanding of hot topics in international business
- Connections to industry experts and entrepreneurs

Program Details

This four-week program includes **16 hours of instruction per week** and extracurricular cultural and social activities, including site visits and guest lectures. Students are grouped based on their level of proficiency to ensure the best possible learning experience.

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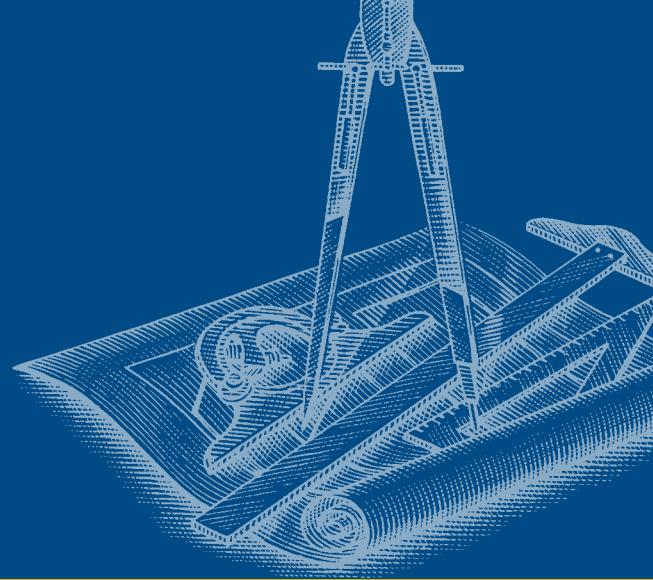
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Program Highlights

- Visits to local companies and presentations from entrepreneurial experts
- Small classes (about 15-20 students)
- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Technology-driven classrooms
- Daily recreational, cultural and social activities with UC Davis student leaders
- Optional weekend trips
- No F-1 Visa required

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Introduction to Entrepreneurship

- Learn about the initial phase of research, development and beta testing
- Gain skills to analyze business and market trends, data and reports
- Evaluate various business situations
- Discuss recommended courses of action
- Engage in role-play to stimulate practical learning
- Consider flexibility in searching for a career
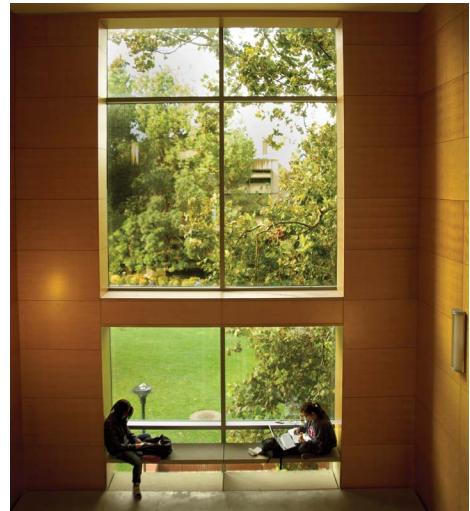
Problem Solving through Design Thinking

- Tackle complex problems by framing the issue through soft skills
- Understand a non-linear design-thinking approach
- Nurture teamwork and leadership through an interactive process
- Identify creative solutions that cater to human needs

Intercultural Research Project

- Learn to make effective oral and visual presentations in English
- Learn to design and conduct effective research interviews
- Collect, organize and analyze data
- Enhance collaborative and leadership skills

Hot Topics in International Business

- Improve critical thinking and analytical skills by reading articles, watching talks and engaging in guided discussions on international business themes
- Understand transnational and cross-cultural management issues
- Learn current approaches to innovation, sustainability and entrepreneurship that are changing the future of the business world

Mandatory Extracurricular Activities

- Enhance your knowledge of innovation and sustainability in business practices and entrepreneurship through presentations, workshops and/or site visits to local companies
- Communicate directly with experts and professionals

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