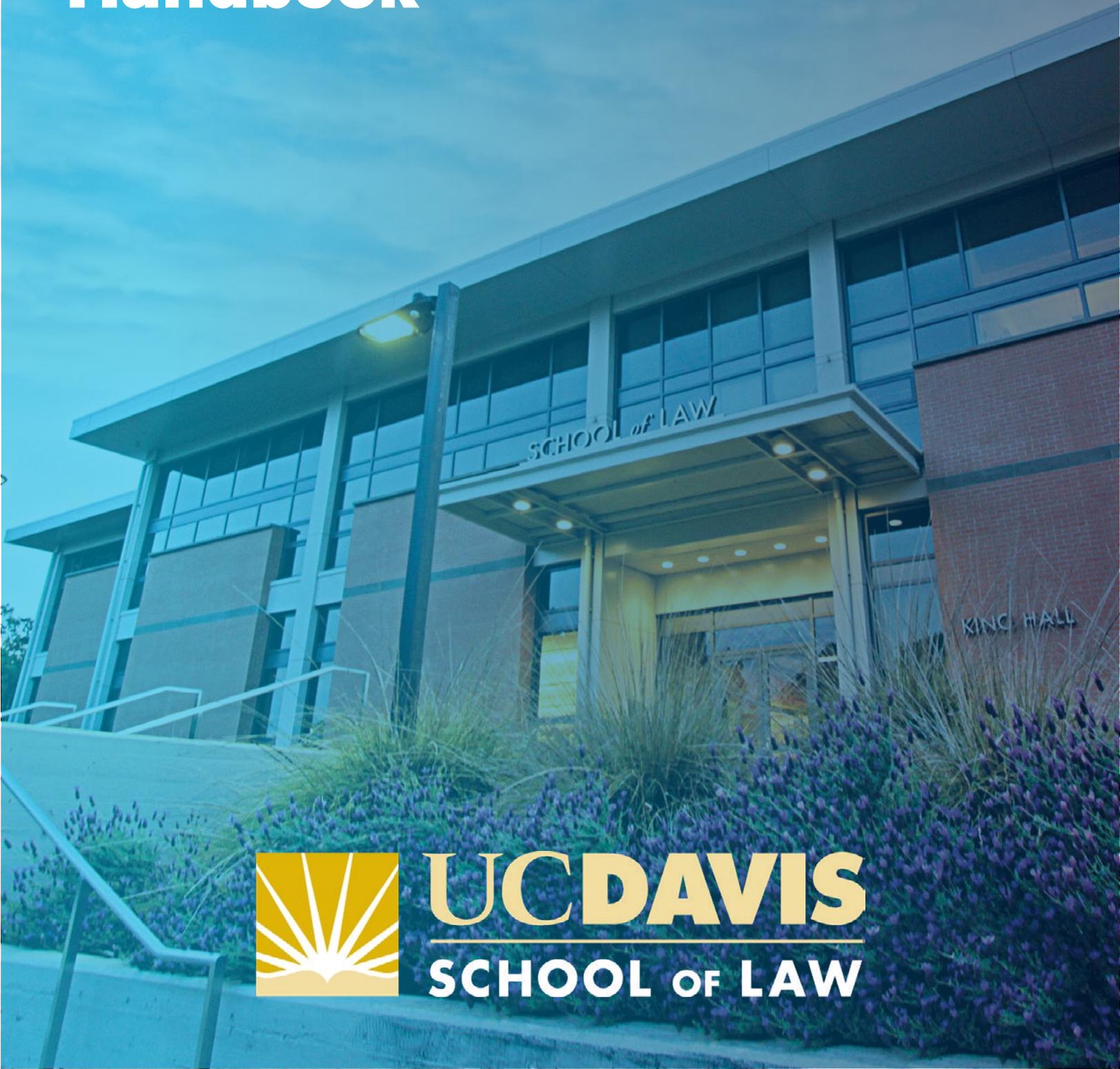


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**UC Davis School of Law
International Student
Handbook**



UC DAVIS
SCHOOL OF LAW

Dear Incoming Students:

We are delighted to welcome you to the University of California Davis, School of Law! Whether you are an LL.M., Exchange, or summer law programs student, our law school offers high-quality academic, professional and personal experiences that will meet your needs.

The UC Davis School of Law is a leader in international legal education. Over the past 30 years thousands of students and legal professionals have attended our international programs. Our participants have been overwhelmingly satisfied with the superior academic quality, cutting edge knowledge, individualized attention, and deep sense of community that we provide here at the UC Davis School of Law. When you attend our educational programs, you become a valued member of our select and special King Hall family.

In this handbook, you will find information about preparing for your arrival, housing, and other important matters related to your attendance at King Hall and daily life in our community and on campus.

If I can be of help to you in any way, please feel free to contact me at bgreenwood@ucdavis.edu or (530) 752-6081.

I very much look forward to the opportunity to meet you in person soon.



Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Greenwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth Greenwood

Associate Dean, International Programs
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About The School of Law

The School and Programs

The School of Law

The University of California, Davis, School of Law, is one of five law schools in the University of California system and is a premier institution for legal education. It has an outstanding faculty, renowned for its teaching and scholarship, and a reputation for producing exceptional lawyers in a highly supportive learning atmosphere.

Over the last few years, our graduates have consistently achieved some of the highest bar passage rates in California. The limited size of the student body and the school's idyllic setting contribute to a tradition of close association between students and faculty. The UC Davis School of Law provides excellent care for students, and the atmosphere is regarded by students as nurturing and collegial.

While the law school favors a generalist rather than a specialist curriculum, it also offers students some of the leading legal thinkers in specialized fields. Faculty members have shaped the law in such areas as scientific evidence, business law, conflict of laws, public and private law, intellectual property law, constitutional law, environmental law, international law, and others. They have helped to form environmental law in Washington, D.C., constitutions in Eastern Europe, commercial law in China, family law in England, the Netherlands and Germany, and arbitration and alternative dispute resolution in Indonesia.

Master in Laws (LL.M.) Program

The UC Davis LL.M. program integrates American and international law students at all levels of study and provides LL.M. candidates with a broad curriculum of many different courses over one or two academic years of study. Through the LL.M. program, students are able to gain a basic knowledge of the U.S. legal system and also have the opportunity to develop special expertise in a particular area of law. Students may choose from any of the following degree options:

- General LL.M.
- LL.M. Degree with a Specialization
- LL.M. Degree with a Concentration: Business Law, Intellectual Property Law, Environmental Law, Criminal Law and Policy, Immigration Law and Tax Law)
- Bar Preparation

Exchange Program

Each semester, our law school welcomes a select number of exchange students from prominent partner universities around the world. Through our exchange program, students develop an understanding of U.S. law and explore new cultures in an academic setting through a comparative perspective. By integrating with the King Hall JD classes, they gain the additional benefits of studying and connecting with American and international students. Students have access to a broad range of classes, student clubs and social activities.

Summer Program

English for Legal Professionals

Since 1992, this intensive program has provided an ideal introduction to and review of English and legal analysis as used by legal professionals in the United States. Interactive and supporting, English for Legal Professionals provides excellent preparation for legal professionals, or law students who want to improve their legal English and legal analysis or who are preparing to enroll in an LL.M. program.

Orientation in U.S.A. Law

For over 30 years, the Orientation in USA Law program has served lawyers, judges, prosecutors, business professionals and pre-LL.M. students who wish to gain a better understanding of the theories and practices of the U.S. legal system. This renowned program offers a general overview of U.S. law and introduces students to the main concepts of U.S. law and the U.S. legal system, and allows students to become more proficient in legal English. It is also ideal for pre-LL.M. students who want to gain a general understanding of U.S. law and legal concepts to succeed in their programs. Students also enjoy connecting with fellow participants from around the world during social events and cultural excursions – many of our Orientation in USA Law program alumni continue to maintain a professional network of friends and colleagues across the globe, well after the end of the program.

About Davis, California

The Community and Nearby Attractions

Davis, California

Davis is centrally located in beautiful Northern California with a population of approximately 68,000 people, not including UC Davis students. The location boasts close proximity to many natural and metropolitan areas in Northern California:

- 20km west of Sacramento
- 115km east of San Francisco
- 69km east of Napa Valley
- 299km west of Yosemite National Park
- 211km west of Lake Tahoe

Davis is known for its dry and warm Mediterranean-style summer days and marine-cooled nights. The flat, open spaces are ideal for bicycling, jogging and pleasure driving throughout the year. The parks and recreational department of the city of Davis offer numerous educational, artistic and sporting activities that the entire community enjoys. The university offers additional recreational and fitness activities and facilities, including a modern sports complex, tennis courts, baseball and soccer fields, and a game area.

Weather in Davis

Davis weather is warm (29 - 38 C) and dry (5 - 20% humidity) in the summer, but not very cold in the winter (-1 C).

Recreational Activities

- Bicycling
- Jogging
- Community parks
- Community pools
- Greenbelt walking paths
- Farmers market
- Athletic centers
- Tennis
- Movie theaters
- Off-Broadway plays

Situated in a prime agricultural area, Davis offers many outdoor and indoor activities that are family-friendly or universally enjoyed by the student body. There are many community parks, swimming pools and landscaped greenbelts to explore. A popular biweekly event is the local farmers market, which is held Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Central Park and offers fresh produce from local growers, as well as arts, crafts and live music from community artisans.

The Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, celebrates the legacy of UC Davis' world-renowned first generation art faculty and provides a hub of creative practice for today's thinkers, makers and innovators, now and for generations to come.



The Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, next to the law school, features internationally known artists and speakers and showcases offerings of the university's music, theatre and dance departments.

The UC Davis campus offers several museums, concert halls, and additional recreational and fitness activities and facilities, including a modern sports complex, tennis courts, baseball and soccer fields, and a games area. A pass for the UC Davis Activities and Recreation Center (which includes a fitness and weight-training center, as well as indoor racquetball courts) and swimming pool is included in the program costs for degree students. Non-degree students and scholars may purchase passes at a discounted price for the Activities and Recreation Center and the swimming pool.

Nearby Attractions

- Old Sacramento
- Railroad Museum
- State Indian Museum
- Crocker Art Museum
- Yosemite National Park
- Lake Tahoe
- Napa Valley wineries and vineyards
- San Francisco
- Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts

Sacramento, the California state capital, is a short, 20-minute drive east of Davis. Now a bustling metropolitan area, Sacramento's history dates back to the California Gold Rush of the mid-1800s. The historically restored commercial district of that era, Old Sacramento, has become a tourist center with historic museums, specialty shops and restaurants helping to preserve its Old West charm and character. The California State Railroad Museum houses more than 20 vintage locomotives and rail cars. The California State Indian Museum in midtown Sacramento celebrates California's Native American cultures with special events and a collection of artifacts from more than 100 native tribes. The Crocker Art Museum is the oldest public museum in the western United States and displays a vast art collection ranging from 18th-century paintings to modern sculptures.

Picturesque Yosemite National Park is only four hours south of the Davis/Sacramento area. Lake Tahoe, one of the oldest lakes in North America, offers spectacular hiking, water skiing, mountain biking and sightseeing opportunities and is only two hours east of Davis. The world-renowned Napa Valley wine country is less than one hour to the west and is recognized for its award-winning wines and spirits. The spectacular California coastline lies an additional hour west of Napa. In addition, San Francisco is only an hour and a half to the southwest of Davis. World-famous sightseeing attractions in San Francisco include the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown, cable cars, Golden Gate Park, Coit Tower, Union Square, the Cliff House, Alcatraz and Fisherman's Wharf.



PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL



Visa and Immigration Information

Information for all incoming students

LL.M. and Exchange students, please expect to arrive at least one week prior to your orientation date. Summer Program students, please expect to arrive at one to two days prior to the start of your program.

Visa Information for LL.M. Students

Once admitted, we will email you instructions for applying for an I-20 form, which will be issued by the UC Davis Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS). The I-20 is the certificate of eligibility for the F-1 “student” visa. Along with your I-20 application, you will be required to submit electronic copies of your passport and financial documentation which demonstrates that you possess the necessary funds to pay for the costs of tuition and living expenses for your first year of study.

After receiving and processing these items, SISS will issue an electronic version of the I-20 form. After receiving the I-20 form, you must make an appointment at a U.S. embassy or consulate in order to apply for an F-1 student visa to travel to the United States. Please make an appointment well in advance of the date you intend to travel to the United States, as some embassies and consulates take several weeks (or even months) to process visa requests.

Financial Requirements for LL.M. Students*

• Fees and Tuition	\$62,892
• Books and Supplies	\$2,036
• Housing and Food (Non-University Housing)	\$18,311
• Personal Expenses	\$2,076
• Transportation	\$2,942
• Health insurance (if applicable)	\$7,446
TOTAL	\$95,703

UC Davis Services for International Students and Scholars Contact Information

[Services for International Students and Scholars \(SISS\)](#)

Telephone: +1 530-752-0864

Email: siss@ucdavis.edu

**Tuition and Fees are subject to change without notice.*

Visa Information for Exchange Students

As an exchange student, you will apply for a J-1 student visa. Information regarding attaining a J-1 student visa will be sent to students after acceptance as an exchange student. Students will need to be prepared to submit the documents outlined below to obtain a DS-2019, which is the document needed to request a J-1 visa at a US Embassy or consulate.

UC Davis Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS) will issue a DS-2019 once you provide a copy of your passport and financial documentation which demonstrates that you possess the necessary funds to pay for the cost of living expenses and books.

Room and Board (non-University housing)	\$9,100 per semester
Books and Supplies	\$1,114 per semester

The reciprocity agreement between our universities covers the tuition so there are no other financial requirements other than the costs of books and medical insurance. However, it is highly advised students research the cost of living in the United States.

Please submit the appropriate documents to SISS as soon as possible after your acceptance in the exchange program as it can take them 2-3 weeks to issue your DS-2019. After receiving the DS-2019 form, you must make an appointment at the U.S. embassy or consulate in your country of residence in order to apply for a J-1 student visa to travel to the United States. Please make an appointment well in advance of the date you intend to travel to the United States, as some embassies and consulates take several weeks (or even months) to process visa requests.

Visa Information for All Students

Fees associated with obtaining a visa:

- [I-901 SEVIS Fee](#)
- Administrative fee charged by [SISS](#) - Contact us for more information
 - [U.S. Department of State Visa Application Fee of \\$160](#)
 - Visa issuance fee, if applicable. [This varies by country](#)

Please contact our office at internationallaw@ucdavis.edu or call +1 (530) 752-6081 for information on the appropriate visa for our summer law programs.

HOUSING INFORMATION



Short-Term Housing Options

Ideal for Summer and Exchange Students

Summer Housing

Summer On-Campus Apartments

Summer program registrants can book short term accommodations through UC Davis Conference Housing. This is an ideal choice for those who are only planning to stay for our summer programs (June 24-July 26th, 2024). Accommodations include three meals per day and lodging in non-smoking residence halls close to most university resources and facilities.

To reserve accommodations, please complete and submit a [Reservation Form](#). Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis, and will not be guaranteed if payment is not received 5 business days before arrival date; rooms will be guaranteed only when full payment is received in advance.

Please note that the UC Davis campus is a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free campus. You may not possess, partake in nor distribute any of these substances on campus grounds at any time.

Summer Off-Campus Housing

Davis offers plenty of hotels for off-campus housing options that put you within proximity to the campus and downtown. You can find a list of hotels here: davischamber.com/Hotels-Lodging. Please make sure you make accommodations early so your spot can be guaranteed by the time the summer session begins.

Summer Hotels

We have made special arrangements with the Aggie Inn and the Best Western Palm Court Hotel.

English for Legal Professionals

JUNE 24 - JULY 5, 2022

Cut-off date: June 3, 2024 *for both hotels*

- [Aggie Inn](#)
- [Best Western Palm Court Hotel](#)

Orientation in USA Law

JULY 8 - JULY 26, 2024

Cut-off date: June 17, 2024 *for both hotels*

- [Aggie Inn](#)
- [Best Western Palm Court Hotel](#)

Long stay for both programs

- [Aggie Inn](#)
- [Best Western Palm Court Hotel](#)

Exchange Housing

We recommend beginning your housing research as soon as possible once you have been accepted. This will minimize your stress once you have arrived. Consider cost, length of lease, and proximity to campus and shopping. Typically, exchange students arrange for off-campus housing which includes apartments, rental houses, home stays and other options.

Short-Term Off-Campus Apartments and Houses

Rental housing in Davis includes apartments, duplexes, town homes, condominiums, rooms-for-rent and houses. You will need to initiate your search well before your expected visit. Residents (including homeowners or other students) may be looking for housemates or roommates. With this type of living arrangement, you can expect to share general spaces like the kitchen, living room and bathroom. *If your exchange program is in the spring semester, you may request that we to check with our departing fall semester exchange students to find out if they need a lease/sublet taken over for the second half of the academic year.* Check these sites to find potential short-term housing options (*additional options on the next page*):

- [Facebook Group](#): Join a “Sublease and Short Term Housing” or “Housing” group on Facebook where the community posts short-term housing options.
- [Associated Students of UC Davis](#): ASUCD Community Housing Listing is a service offered to UC Davis students. You must register with your UC Davis email address.
- Vacation Rental: [Airbnb](#) and [VRBO](#)
- [Sabbatical Houses for Rent](#): University Farm Circle lists sabbatical houses for rent.

Home Stay

A homestay typically refers to a lodging option where students stay in the home of a local resident or family. This a culturally immersive experience. Home stay options include:

- [Davis Housing Services](#)

Long-Term Housing Options

Ideal for One & Two Year LL.M. Students

LL.M. Housing

Many rental leases in the city of Davis are for one year, and often, the leases begin in September since most of the campus is on the quarter system. If you are arriving earlier than the start of the semester and are unable to secure a rental for the month or so prior to the start of our semester, you may wish to stay at a local hotel (see *previous page for short term housing options*) until the lease date begins and then move to the more permanent apartment/housing option. You can find a list of hotels here: <https://web.davischamber.com/Hotels-Lodging>. If the lease is for one year, you should be able to sublease for the remaining time on the lease. It is highly advised students research the cost of living in the United States. This will minimize stress once you have arrived.

On-Campus Apartments

Campus apartments are available to a variety of UC Davis students. Campus apartments function independently of the residence halls (aka “dormitories”), allowing for more flexibility and privacy for graduate students. Unlike the residence halls, campus apartments are equipped with private kitchens and bathrooms, but they do not include dining plans.

Five apartment complexes are conveniently located on the main campus and are privately operated;

- [Orchard Park](#)
- [The Colleges at La Rue](#)
- [Atriums at La Rue Park](#)
- [Russell Park](#)
- [West Village Apartments](#)
- [8th & Wake – Elevated Graduate Living](#)

Off-Campus Apartments and Housing

Excellent off-campus apartments are available throughout Davis. Here are some resources to help you find apartments that are available for rent or sublease:

- [UC Davis ULoop](#)
- [Associated Students of UC Davis Community Housing Listing](#)
- [University Farm Circle Sabbatical Housing Rentals](#)
- [Apartment Finder](#)
- Social Media: Join a “[Sublease and Short Term Housing](#)” group on Facebook where the community posts short-term housing options.
- [Nextdoor App](#): The Nextdoor App is a free mobile application that connects the user with their neighbors. Through this app, users are able to get information on housing listings, community events, safety alerts, and find recommendations for goods and services in Davis.

You might try contacting local property management companies and ask if they have any short-term rentals. Here is a list of some of the well-known property management places in Davis:

- [Zabace Property Management](#)
- [King Properties](#)
- [Lyon Property Management](#)
- [Tandem Properties](#)
- [Z1 Properties](#)
- [Simmons Property Management](#)

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Please note that UC Davis is not affiliated in any way with, and we are not endorsing, any homestay or private housing options listed above. The above information is provided for informational purposes only.



Housing and Accommodations

Information for LL.M., Summer, and Exchange Students

Important Considerations

1. All rental accommodations require some kind of lease agreement.
2. If you sign the lease for one year, you should be able to sublease for the remaining time on the lease – this is something that students do frequently here in Davis
3. Almost all apartment managers require a security deposit. This will be disclosed in the rental agreement.
4. You will usually need to pay the first month's rent and last month's rent before you can move into an apartment along with the security deposit.
5. Many apartments are unfurnished.
6. The cost of heat and water are often included in the rent, but this is not always the case. Be sure to ask the apartment manager.
7. Many apartment managers expect you to pay your rent by the first day of each month.

Avoiding Scams

Scams are dishonest, illegal schemes to make money. There are several ways that people try and defraud, like a phone call from a stranger posing as a government official or law enforcement, a potential employer or landlord asking for personal and financial information before ever meeting you, or emails from unknown addresses requesting information urgently. To learn about common scams including rental scams, visit: <https://siss.ucdavis.edu/scams/common-scams>

Moving Into Your New Place

Buying Furniture or Supplies

If you're moving into residence halls or on-campus housing, they often come fully furnished, so you may not need to buy furniture, but you may need bedding or bathroom products.

If you are living off campus, you may need to furnish your own living space. There are many different types of stores that carry furniture and housing supplies such as Target, Walmart, and IKEA.

Setting up Utilities and Services for Off-Campus Housing

Tenants are typically asked to pay for Internet and electricity in addition to their rent.

Electricity

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) provides both natural gas and electricity in Davis. To set up an account or find out more about cost, visit pge.com.

Internet

There are a few options for Internet providers in Davis. To find reliable service in your area and compare costs, visit inmyarea.com/Internet.

Grocery Stores

In grocery stores, you'll find fresh produce, dairy, meats, bread, and non-perishable food. They also sell a variety of drinks, and some grocery stores have their own section of freshly baked goods.

If you're cooking a meal from home, you may need to visit a cultural grocery store to find the ingredients you need. Davis and the surrounding cities offer a variety of cultural markets featuring ingredients and food from Asian, Eastern European, Mediterranean, Latin and African countries.

Pharmacies

Pharmacies are retail establishments where you can get your prescription medications, find over-the-counter medicine and receive limited medical services, like vaccinations.

Similar to supermarkets, pharmacies sell some household items, baby-care supplies, menstrual products, beauty and personal care products, and usually have packaged snack foods and drinks.

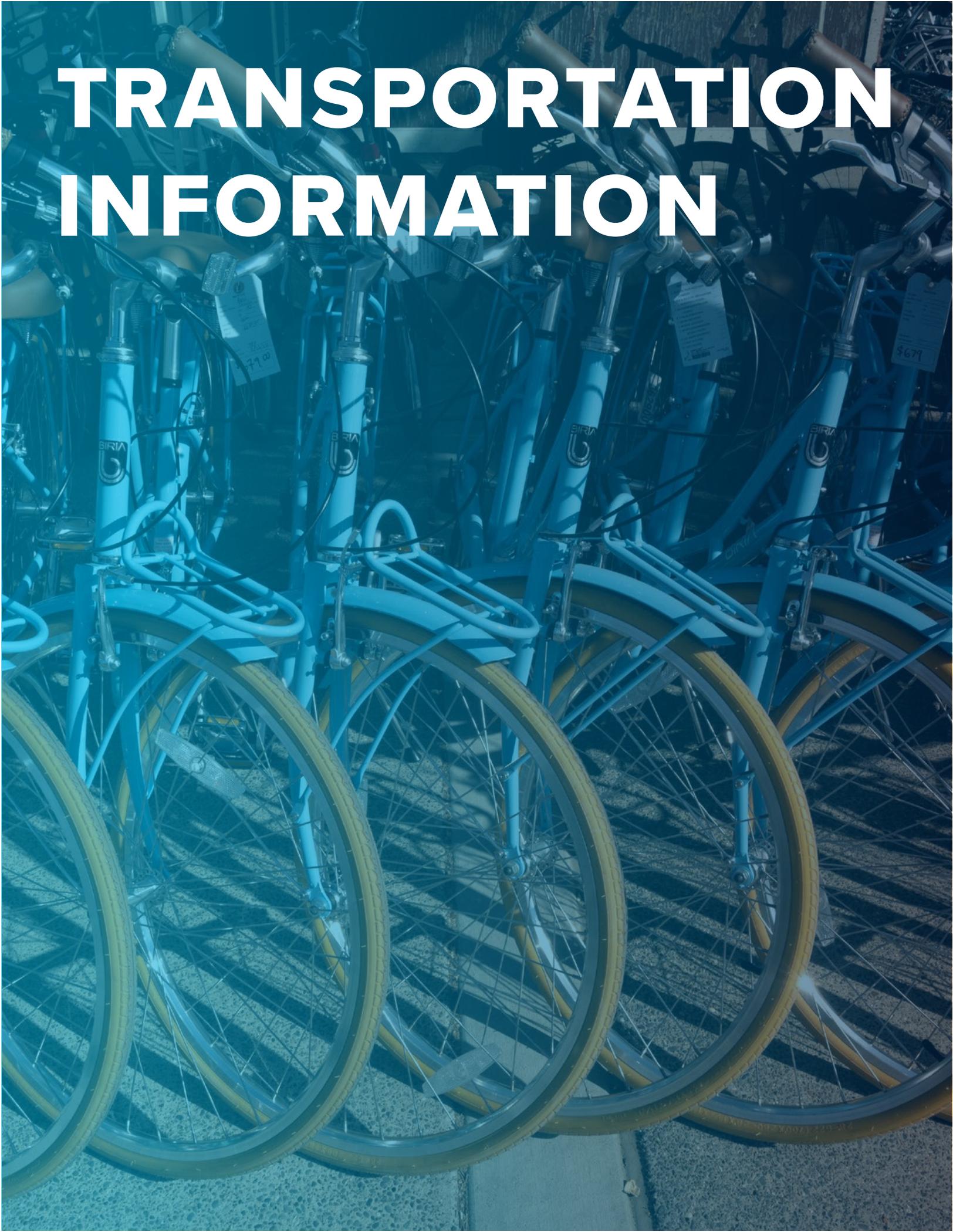
Local pharmacies include: Rite-Aid, Target, Safeway, and CVS.

Clothing

Davis, Sacramento, Woodland and Vacaville all have many options for buying clothing before or during the year. Additionally, there are local boutiques and common name brands available at shopping centers in these cities.

As a rule, attire at UC Davis is casual; however, for some events and activities, we recommend business attire. We will notify you of occasions where business attire is desirable. **Note:** Classrooms are air conditioned, so you may want to bring a lightweight sweater or jacket.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Transportation Options

Information about arrival and securing transportation

Transportation Information

Recommended Airport

Arrival and departure: Sacramento International Airport (SMF)

Transportation from Sacramento International Airport to Davis

- Popular ride-sharing apps (Uber and Lyft) are available
- Taxis are available outside at the curb
- Contact SuperShuttle in advance. You can book a reservation online at supershuttle.com or via telephone at (800) 258-3826
- Visit the SMF website for additional ground transportation information
- Car rental is available at the airport. Ask your travel agent for details prior to your departure for the best rates and to ensure vehicle availability

Transportation from San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to Davis

- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) provides service from the airport to the station in Richmond. Connections are available in Richmond with Amtrak for service to Davis. Upon arrival in Davis, you may call a local taxi/rideshare driver to your housing accommodation. For more information, please refer to the following websites: bart.gov/guide/airport or the BART app and amtrakcalifornia.com. You may also ask for directions and information at the San Francisco Airport Information booths
- Uber and Lyft are available as well
- There are also other methods to arrive in Davis. Check the “Information” kiosk at the San Francisco baggage claim area upon arrival for the latest information. You may wish to refer to the following website for additional transportation options: flysfo.com
- Car rental is available at the airport. Ask your travel agent for details prior to your departure

Getting Around Davis

Bicycles

Davis is a small college community known as the “bicycling capital” of the United States. Bike lanes and bike paths can make riding to and from campus very safe and the topography of the city makes bicycling easy and convenient.

Students are encouraged to rent or buy a new or used bicycle at any of the following places:

- [UC Davis Bike Barn](#)
- [Green Bike Depot](#)
- [Freewheeler Bicycle Center](#)

Public Buses

Unitrans: Unitrans is the university-operated bus system that runs regularly throughout the entire Davis area. Walking is an alternate way to access the campus, classes, most sports facilities and the downtown business area while in Davis. Bus fares are low, and multi-ride tickets are available.

Yolobus: Yolobus provides public transportation throughout Yolo County and into downtown Sacramento, western Sacramento County and northeastern Solano County.

Train Service

Amtrak is the primary provider of rail service in California. Amtrak has routes throughout California, including to the Bay Area. There is a depot in downtown Davis at 840 Second Street.

Transportation Options (Cont.)

Information about arrival and securing transportation

Transportation Information

Car Rental

If you wish to use of a private car, you should make car rental reservations in advance from your home country prior to arrival in the United States for the best rates.

As pricing and restrictions vary widely, it is usually advantageous to contact a local travel agent or international car rental agency in order to make arrangements to have a car available at either the Sacramento International Airport or the San Francisco International Airport. It may also be possible to make car rental arrangements while in Davis at local car rental agencies.

Campus Parking Access

All parking regulations are enforced year-round, including during quarter breaks and summer. UC Davis parking access validation (permit) is required to park on campus, through the [AMP Park app](#) available in your phone's app store. Failure to pay for parking may result in a citation.

Driving in California

If you plan to buy a car in California and have a valid driver's license from your home country, you can drive with it for up to six months. After that time, you must obtain a California Driver's License.

It is against the law to drive in the United States without automobile insurance. It is extremely important that you buy adequate automobile insurance that includes both liability and comprehensive insurance. Insurance prices vary considerably, from a minimum of \$800 to \$2,000 per year. Prices depend on a variety of factors such as age, time period for coverage, driving experience, number of drivers, type of car, and choice of insurance coverage.



Other Helpful Information

Important Semester Dates and Employment Information

Semester Dates (2024-2025)

Fall Semester

- Mon-Fri, Aug 12-16 (Fall Start Students Only) Orientation Week
- Mon-Fri, Aug 19-23 Introduction Week
- Monday, Aug 26 First Day of Instruction
- Monday, Sept 2 Labor Day Holiday
- Tuesday, Nov 5 (no classes) Presidential Election Day
- Monday, Nov 11 Veterans' Day Holiday
- Thu-Fri, Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, Dec 6 Last Day of Instruction
- Sat-Mon, Dec 7-9 Reading period
- Tue-Fri, Dec 10-20 Examination period

Spring Semester

- Mon-Fri, Jan 6-10 (Spring Start Students Only) Orientation Week
- Monday, Jan 13 First Day of Instruction
- Monday, Jan 20 MLK, Jr., Holiday
- Monday, Feb 17 Presidents' Day Holiday
- Mon-Fri, Mar 24-28 Spring Recess
- Friday, Mar 28 César Chávez Day
- Tuesday, Apr 29 Last Day of Instruction
- Wed-Sun, Apr 30-May 4 Reading period
- Mon-Fri, May 5-16 Examination period
- Fri May 16 or Sat May 17 Commencement

Summer Session

- Monday, Jun 24-July 5 English for Legal Professionals
- Thursday, July 4 Independence Day
- Monday, July 8-26 Orientation in USA Law

Orientation Week

Attending Orientation is mandatory for all LL.M. and Exchange students.

During Orientation Week you will learn more details about the program, the law school, the campus, and the community. You will have an opportunity to discuss your class selections with the director of the program and make any changes needed in your program. There will also be an opportunity to discuss and resolve any problems concerning visas, housing, transportation, health services and insurance. Additionally, this time will be used to provide computer lab and library training, obtain your

student id and purchase books (see information on book costs below). It is **STRONGLY** recommended students arrive one week before orientation week to allow time for settling in.

Please check in with us before you buy your airline tickets, and we can verify if there have been any changes to the orientation schedule.

Traveling While on Breaks

Necessary documents for F-1 travel outside the United States and for reentry to the U.S. include a valid passport, a valid F-1 or F-2 visa stamp, and an unexpired UC Davis I-20 with a recent SISS signature. It may not be necessary to extend an expired visa when traveling to Canada or Mexico for less than 30 days.

Employment During the Program

The UC Davis school of law is a rigorous program so working and studying is not encouraged. However, it is possible for students on F-1 and J-1 visas to receive permission to work on-campus in the United States during their time in the program on campus. For more information about employment options, please contact us at internationallaw@ucdavis.edu.

On-Campus Employment

F-1 and J-1 students maintaining a full course of study and in good academic standing are eligible for on-campus employment authorization. Employment is limited to 20 hours a week except for official school breaks, when it may be full-time.

For J-1 students, on-campus employment must be authorized in advance by the International Student Advisor at Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS). Be aware that a lot of the jobs available on campus are in the service industry (restaurants, coffee shops, etc.).

If you receive a job offer letter for on-campus employment and hold a J-1 visa, paid or unpaid, please meet with your International Student Advisor. If approved, your SEVIS (DS-2019) record will be updated, and you will receive a revised DS-2019.

Transcripts

Students will be responsible for ordering transcripts directly, the payment, and international mailing. You can find information about this [here](#).

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

ENT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER



Health Insurance Requirement

Information for LL.M., Summer, and Exchange Students

LL.M. and Exchange Health Insurance and Immunization Requirements

All incoming UC Davis LL.M. and Exchange students are **REQUIRED** to obtain specific vaccines and undergo screening for tuberculosis prior to enrollment. This requirement is satisfied by entering your vaccination dates and completing a Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire via the [Health e-Messaging website](#). **Please note that a hold will be placed on your account, which may prevent you from enrolling in your preferred courses, if the immunization requirements are not met.** For more information on which vaccines UC Davis requires, please visit the [Student Health and Counseling Services for New Students web page](#).

All UC Davis LL.M. and Exchange students and their dependents are required to have health insurance. Program staff will contact you after you register to provide instructions for acquiring appropriate insurance coverage. It may be possible to obtain comparable coverage in your home country through your business, organization, travel agency or other available sources. However, we will require that you sign a waiver assuming the risk for medical coverage should you decide not to purchase the medical insurance we offer. **If you do not sign a waiver, you will be automatically enrolled in the health care plan called UC SHIP.** If you have comparable insurance and do not want to be enrolled in UC SHIP, you must apply for a [UC SHIP waiver](#) by the due date listed in the UC Ship email. **If you have not received this email, please email us at internationallaw@ucdavis.edu.** The services at [Student Health and Counseling Services](#) are available to all students, even if you waive UC SHIP. However, there is a higher per visit cost for those not enrolled in UC SHIP. Fees for UC SHIP coverage are charged to your student account each term along with your registration fees.

Note: It is your responsibility to understand the way your insurance policy works, and how to access health care providers who will accept your insurance plan.

Summer Program Insurance Information

We require that all participants have short-term medical insurance coverage while in the United States (carrying a minimum of \$500,000 U.S. dollars in coverage plus \$50,000 U.S. for medical evacuations and \$25,000 U.S. for repatriation of remains). As a precaution, we strongly recommend that you bring an extra pair of eyeglasses (if worn)—or your optometry prescription as well as any additional supplies of necessary medications or prescriptions—in case of an emergency situation. If you have any questions, please contact us.



COURSE REGISTRATION



Course Registration Procedure

Information for LL.M. and Exchange Students

What You Need to Begin

To help you select courses, please review the following:

- Course List (These will be sent to you via email)
- [Course Descriptions](#)
- Curriculum: [First Year](#) / [Upper Division](#)
- Course selection worksheet (this will be sent to you via email)
- Course registration form (this will be sent to you via email)

Please return your course registration form as soon as possible so that we may reserve your spot in your classes.

LL.M. Degree Requirements

Before selecting your courses, please note the following LL.M. degree requirements. You must:

- Earn twenty semester credits. You must have a minimum of 10 units each semester. If you have been admitted to a 2-year LL.M. program, you must earn forty semester credits.
- Complete two required courses:
- US Legal System Seminar (2 units); and
- Legal Research (1 unit)
- Write an analytically rigorous legal research paper (2 units).
- Complete two semesters in residence. If you have been admitted to a 2-year LL.M. program, you must complete four semesters in residence.

Exchange Course Requirements

Students may enroll in most of the courses from the J.D. curriculum, including first year courses. Classes are limited in size (especially seminar classes), so a request does not guarantee registration.

Enrollment in clinical courses requires approval of the instructor and completion of any prerequisite requirements. A minimum of 10 units per semester must be taken as this is required for J-1 visa purposes. Students typically take 4-5 classes totaling 11-15 units.

When students submit their class requests, they should select 15-20 units of coursework in case one or two classes are full, or if they decide to drop one class after the first week. This will ensure they maintain the 10 unit minimum.

The UC Davis School of Law operates on the semester system. One semester unit is approximately equivalent to 2 ECTS.

Registration Materials Packet

- Study the registration materials.
- Fill out the LL.M. Professional and Personal Goals form (this form will be sent to your email). This form will help you to consider what you want to accomplish in your LL.M. studies. Dean Greenwood will meet with you to discuss your goals and course selections before classes begin and your registration is finalized.
- Fill out the Registration Form (Proposed Classes Selections) using the information from your Course Selection Work Sheet and sign and date the form. Please select the proposed courses that you would like to take during your LL.M. studies. Registration will be finalized after your meeting with Dean Greenwood. You can still make changes to your schedule during the first week of classes.
- Email both forms to llm@ucdavis.edu as soon as possible.

Cancellations, Withdrawals, Planned Educational Leave (PELP) & Refund Policies

Law students who wish to withdraw from school or apply for Planned Educational Leave Program (PELP) must obtain official approval from the Dean. PELP allows any continuing registered student to temporarily suspend academic work at UC Davis.

For students who paid fees and cancel, withdraw, or PELP with official approval from the Dean before the end of any semester, fees are refunded according to [UC Davis campus-wide refund policies](#). Refunds are based upon the date you discontinue enrollment - you may receive a full or partial refund of your fees. Contact the LL.M. Office at llm@ucdavis.edu for more information about refund and cancellation policies.

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SELF REGISTER OR MAKE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE ON THE UCD REGISTRATION PORTAL WITHOUT MEETING WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR FIRST.

Payment of Tuition and Fees

Information for LL.M. Students

Tuition and fees are subject to legislative and gubernatorial action - they may change without notice.

If you received a scholarship, please wait for it to post to your student account before paying for tuition.

The LL.M. program staff will provide assistance with tuition payments at the LL.M. Briefing Orientation. However, the following information will help you to prepare for making payments smoothly:

For students who plan to pay their tuition and fees with bank drafts, personal checks or travelers checks, we provide the following suggestions:

- If using bank drafts, these must be drawn on a US bank and all information must be type written and made payable to the Regents of the University of California.
- If using personal checks, please bear in mind that if you open up a checking account with a bank draft, Davis banks will place a hold on it for at least two weeks to verify if sufficient funds are available. In opening checking accounts, we advise you to use travelers' checks (with at least \$500 in smaller denominations) so that you will be able to draw on your account immediately.
- UC Davis and Bank of America (UC Davis Official Bank) has partnered with [Flywire](#) for international payments. It's a secure and streamlined payment process that makes it easy to pay from accounts in your home country. With Flywire, you can pay online from any country and any bank, typically in your home currency. UC Davis does not accept overpayments on student accounts. Please transfer only the amount due on your student account.
- For students who plan to pay by wire transfer, the following information must be included on the transfer. Failure to include all of the following information may result in delays. Please email a copy of your wire transfer to our office at llm@ucdavis.edu.

Banking Information

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| 1. Bank institution name: | Bank of America |
| 2. Bank institution address: | 1655 Grant St. Bldg. A
10thFloor.
Concord, CA 94520
U.S.A. |
| 3. Account title: | Regents of the
University of California
12337-14115 |
| 4. Account number: | 0260-0959-3 |
| 5. Routing transit number: | BOFAUS3N |
| 6. Swift Code: | KING HALL "WRITE
YOUR STUDENT ID IF
YOU HAVE IT" |
| 7. Student ID: | "WRITE YOUR NAME" |
| 8. Your name: | |
- As a safety precaution, we strongly recommend that you do not carry large amounts of cash. Instead, you may use travelers' checks, which are accepted by most businesses.
 - Credit Card payments are not accepted by the Student Accounting Office at this time (except for the Discover card which is only issued in the U.S.).
 - If your tuition and fees will be paid by a government, sponsoring agency or company, please contact the LL.M. office at llm@ucdavis.edu.

Student Services

Information on resources available for students

Duo Two-Factor Authentication

Be sure to enroll in UC Davis's multi-factor authentication security system, otherwise known as DUO. You will not be able to access certain UC Davis websites until you set this up. You must have a sim card to get started.

To set up DUO, please go to the following website, <https://computingaccounts.ucdavis.edu/cgi-bin/services/index.cgi>, and log in to "Duo Multifactor Authentication" using your UC Davis Kerberos (username) and passphrase. Follow the instructions that you see on the screen to enroll.

Student Services Information

Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus

UC Davis is a Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus. Smoking is not allowed in campus buildings, including dormitories, or on campus property, including parking lots and rental units. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on campus, including all areas of the residence halls.

Counseling Services at King Hall

Law students may see Dr. Eric Burns, the counselor in King Hall who is affiliated with Student Health and Counseling Services, but dedicated to serving law students. Contact counseling@law.ucdavis.edu for appointments.

Student Disability Center

UC Davis School of Law is committed to ensuring equal educational opportunities for students with disabilities, in collaboration with the [UC Davis Student Disability Center \(SDC\)](#). The SDC coordinates disability accommodations for all UC Davis students, including law students. The SDC offers advising, assistance and resources to students with physical, psychological, medical, communicative, or learning disabilities, as well as for temporary impairments. Students seeking accommodations must register with, and provide appropriate documentation to, the SDC, which will then provide recommendations to the law school Registrar/Registrar's Office for each approved student.

Safety

We offer several resources aimed to keep our students safe and informed. We urge you to sign up for campus-wide alerts via the "[WarnMe](#)" system. This alert system will send texts and/or emails in case of a campus-wide emergency. We also offer services

such as "[Safe Rides](#)" free of charge for students who have safety concerns while traveling around Davis after dark. The campus itself is equipped with dozens of blue-light call stations where you can request help if you're having or witnessing an emergency. We will discuss the many ways that UC Davis is here for your safety and wellbeing further during your orientation.

Campus

An interactive map of UC Davis can be found here: <https://campusmap.ucdavis.edu/>. The main library on campus, Peter J. Shields Library, and King Hall (School of Law) offers a 24-hour study room with student ID card access.

Memorial Union

The "M.U." houses our UC Davis Bookstore, apparel store, dining services, a bowling alley, and school supplies. There is also an Amazon store attached so you can pick up or return Amazon purchases.

Banking Services

There are several banks in Davis that offer a variety of [banking services](#).

Child Care and Schools

If you require child care, the [UC Davis Student Parent website](#) provides free information on day care centers, nursery schools, school-age programs, and licensed family home day cares. If you would like further information and assistance about child care, please contact llm@ucdavis.edu.

School aged children who will be attending school in Davis, will need to provide proof of birth and immunization records before you may register your children into school. A child's birth or baptismal certificate will be accepted as proof of birth. The immunization records must show the month, day, and year of the vaccine which was given, and by whom (such as private doctor or clinic). Students must be immunized against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, mumps, rubella, and measles, hepatitis B, and varicella. Please provide a translation for these important documents. Additional information on immunization requirements can be found [here](#).

