SOCIAL SCIENCES
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS
(530) 752-6185
agecon.ucdavis.edu/graduate-program
Ph.D., M.S., Joint M.S./M.B.A.

Students in this world-renowned program study the production, distribution and consumption of food, fiber, and energy in both developed and less-developed countries. To address these issues, the program emphasizes the development and application of rigorous economic theory and quantitative methods. Graduates become leaders in understanding and improving government policy, market performance, environmental quality, the efficiency of natural resource use, and total income and its distribution. The program is rigorous and demanding, but the department fosters a working and social atmosphere in which students and faculty interact as colleagues.

ANTHROPOLOGY
(530) 752-4147
anthropology.ucdavis.edu/graduate
Ph.D., M.A.

Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

UC Davis offers graduate study in two broad areas: (1) evolutionary anthropology (with specialties in archaeology, behavioral ecology of nonhuman primates, biological anthropology, evolution of primate and human behavior, human evolution, molecular anthropology, archaeological theory, hunter-gatherers, and North American prehistory); and (2) sociocultural anthropology (with specialties in critical theory, experimental ethnography, politics, globalization, political economy, religion, science/technology and society, urban space, environmental politics, and cultures of history, identity, sexuality, film, media and visual anthropology).

BUSINESS ANALYTICS
(530) 752-7658
gsm.ucdavis.edu/msba-masters-science-business-analytics
M.S.

Big data has forever altered the way businesses operate, from marketing and supply chains, to competitive strategy and human resources. A tidal wave of data continues to wash over companies. The challenge is how to harness that flood to make informed decisions that propel firms forward. The UC Davis M.S. in Business Analytics program integrates STEM perspective into business education and analysis and is designed to prepare you to thrive as an innovative leader in this data-driven era. From day one of the program, you’ll join a four-member team to tackle a real-world business analytics project for a corporate client. The year-long project course gives you the opportunity to solve complex business problems starting with an analytical framework, collecting and analyzing data, extracting insights and presenting recommendations for action to the client company.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(530) 752-4109
humandevelopment.ucdavis.edu
M.S.

This interdisciplinary program provides an in-depth examination of human behavioral development from infancy through adolescence as a basis for developing new and applying existing knowledge. It investigates the influences of such contextual variables as the family, neighborhood, schools and other cultural institutions as they interact with the biology of the child to shape typical and atypical cognitive and socio-emotional development. The course offerings and research activities of the group are broadly based and draw upon the interests and expertise of faculty members from a variety of departments including anthropology, education, human development, nutrition, pediatrics, psychiatry and psychology. Students receive training in research along with opportunities for supervised, practical experience in such settings as early childhood programs, elementary and secondary schools, hospitals, and other facilities serving children and families.

COMMUNICATION
(530) 752-3464
communication.ucdavis.edu/graduate
Ph.D., M.A.

The program focuses on the social scientific study of human communication using quantitative research methods. Students may specialize in such areas as mediated communication, information and communication technologies, and social interaction. Our faculty focus on such topics as the convergence of traditional and new media in entertainment and political communication; online communities; the uses and effects of communication technologies in health; and the processing of messages in mediated contexts. The program prepares students for careers in research, teaching, industry and government. Admissions priority is given to students applying to the Ph.D. program, but applications for the M.A. program will also be considered. A master’s degree is not required for admission into the doctoral program.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(530) 752-4119
communitydevelopment.ucdavis.edu
M.S.

This program is designed to prepare students for careers in nonprofit and governmental organizations as
The Graduate Group in Ecology is an interdisciplinary graduate program that offers students a combination of both basic and applied ecology within nine organized areas of emphasis, as well as a joint Ph.D. program working with faculty in the biology department at San Diego State University. With more than 100 faculty members, the GGE offers unparalleled diversity and depth in coursework and research opportunities in terrestrial, freshwater and marine systems. In the field of ecology/evolutionary biology, UC Davis has received the nation’s top ranking from U.S. News and World Report for research productivity, and a top-five ranking from The National Research Council.

**ECOLOGY**

(530) 752-6752
ecology.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.S., Joint Ph.D. with San Diego State University

The Graduate Group in Ecology is an administrators, designers, planners, researchers and technicians. The program helps students link knowledge with cutting-edge practice so they can influence the social, economic, cultural and political forces that affect the well-being of communities, whether small towns or large cities, in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world. The program draws upon the expertise of faculty members from a variety of disciplines including art, civil and environmental engineering, cultural studies, education, environmental science and policy, geography, landscape architecture, regional and urban planning, and sociology, among others. Students typically specialize in one of the following areas: community design and planning, community health, housing and economic development, sustainable agriculture, sustainable development, transnationalism and immigration, and youth development.

**CULTURAL STUDIES**

(530) 752-1548
culturalstudies.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.A.

Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

Cultural studies offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of culture and society that highlights how sexuality, race, ability, citizenship, gender, nationality, class and language organize embodied identities, social relations and cultural objects. Drawing on faculty from a wide range of disciplines and intellectual interests, the program cuts across the humanities, social sciences, the law school, and agricultural and environmental studies. With the close guidance and supervision of a faculty committee, students in the program pursue interdisciplinary research in areas such as studies of comparative and critical race, ecofeminism, disability studies, fashion, queer theory, traditional and digital media, popular culture, science and technology, food, physical and cognitive abilities, cultural geography, transnational culture and politics, globalization, religion, rhetoric, performance, social justice, borders and migration, militarization and security, arts and activism, and critical theory.

**ECONOMICS**

(530) 752-0743
economics.ucdavis.edu/graduate-program
Ph.D., M.A.

Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

In its graduate teaching and research, the department specializes in the following areas: international economics, labor economics, public economics, economic history, industrial organization, econometrics, macroeconomics and microeconomic theory. By the second or third year of the graduate program, students decide in which of these areas to specialize through their choice of courses and by submitting a written literature review and subsequent third-year paper. Students also participate in a weekly seminar as a means of staying in close contact with faculty and classmates who have similar interests. Through these research seminars, students develop topics for their dissertation research. Graduates from the program go on to pursue careers in research and teaching at universities, firms, and government agencies.

**GEOGRAPHY**

(530) 752-4119
geochemistry.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.A.

The Geography Graduate Program emphasizes spatial interactions between humans and the biophysical environment. Faculty interests include: landscape change and sustainable resource management; human and physical geography of diverse world environments; domestication and geographical dispersal of plants and animals; biogeography and climate change; acculturation of indigenous peoples and immigrants; indigenous agrosystems, especially in tropical regions; women in development; and medical-nutritional geography. Master’s students develop professional competence in a topical and a regional specialization and in geographical information system skills. Ph.D. students develop refined skills in the acquisition, analysis and synthesis of information. They specialize in one major region and one topical subfield.

**HISTORY**

(530) 752-9141
history.ucdavis.edu/graduate
Ph.D., M.A.

Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

UC Davis offers advanced study in the fields of United States; medieval, early modern and modern Europe; China and Japan; Middle East and/or South Asia; Latin America; and Africa. Other areas of specialization include borderlands; critical theory; cross-cultural women’s and gender history; economic and labor history; empires; environmental history; ethnicity, race and nationalism; law, culture, and society; mass, popular, and folk cultures; mobilities; religion and history; science, technology and medicine; and Middle East, North African and South Asian Studies. In addition to taking courses in the major field, students take an advanced historiography course, courses in a minor field of study, and a course outside of the major and minor fields. After the first year of study, students complete a yearlong research seminar course culminating in a major research paper and a departmental conference. The program generally offers multiyear funding to admitted students through a combination of fellowships, teaching assistant positions, reader positions and graduate student researcher positions. The program also has a strong record of securing external and internal fellowship support.

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

(530) 754-4109
humandev.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D.

This program emphasizes an interdisciplinary understanding of various aspects of human behavioral development and the contexts in which they take place across the lifespan. Upon completion of the foundation provided by core coursework, students can choose an area of specialization focusing on one of four domains: biological; cognitive;
socio-emotional; or family, culture and society. Within their focal area students may also choose to emphasize a life-cycle phase, e.g., infancy and early childhood; middle childhood and adolescence; or adulthood and aging. Affiliated faculty members are from anthropology, education, human and community development, nutrition, pediatrics, and psychology. They are also members of a number of research centers on campus including the MIND Institute, the Center for Mind and Brain, and the Center for Child and Family Studies. Applicants with backgrounds in human development, psychology or biology, are particularly suited to the program. Graduates from this program pursue careers in research and teaching at universities, in other educational or health care settings, or in human service organizations.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW
(530) 752-6081
law.ucdavis.edu/lm/icl
LL.M.

The master’s degree program in international commercial law provides in-depth knowledge in international commercial transactions and enables legal practitioners to represent clients more effectively in a global commercial environment. This part-time summer program typically takes two to five summer sessions to complete at the UC Davis School of Law and other locations abroad. Candidates begin the program by examining the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system, with special emphasis on business and trade law. They complete the Orientation in U.S.A. Law Program and two of the specialized programs in international commercial law: (international joint ventures, financing international transactions, and global trading systems: substance and dispute resolution). In addition, participants take intensive elective courses with an international perspective designed specifically for the master’s degree program in such areas as securities, intellectual property, comparative law, private international law, anti-trust, business associations and others.

LINGUISTICS
(530) 752-3464
linguistics.ucdavis.edu/graduate-program
Ph.D., M.A.

The Ph.D. program is supported by a wide array of faculty and encompasses numerous research areas. Linguistics at UC Davis distinguishes itself from programs at other UC campuses by offering an area of emphasis in second language acquisition and development, or SLAD, which responds to a growing need for researchers trained to investigate issues of multilingualism and the acquisition and teaching of nonnative languages. Other possible areas of emphasis include language and society, language and mind/brain, and language structure and theory. The M.A. program prepares students to teach English to speakers of other languages, or TESOL, and provides them with a strong background in formal and descriptive linguistics.

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY
(530) 752-5834
gsm.ucdavis.edu/master-professional-accountancy-mpac
M.P.Ac.

The master of professional accountancy program admits students from broad backgrounds in economics, statistics, engineering and other degrees that fulfill the prerequisites. The program is open to students with a bachelor’s degree from an accredited (by local or national accrediting agencies) college or university, and who meet the minimum entrance requirements. The UC Davis M.P.Ac. is a one (academic) year program. There are no electives, labs or experiential credit hours required.

MATERNAL AND CHILD NUTRITION
(530) 757-8734
extension.ucdavis.edu/nutrition
M.A.S.

During the last decade, the need for nutrition specialists in public health, and maternal and child health programs has increased, along with the recognition that low birth weight, diabetes, and childhood overweight and obesity are important national health concerns. There is also an increasing demand for lactation specialists, as greater numbers of women choose to breast-feed their infants. In response, private and public health agencies have focused on improving the nutrition of mothers and children. The UC Davis Master of Advanced Study in Maternal and Child Nutrition Program is designed to provide a strong scientific background in these topics, and to train professionals to design, implement, and evaluate nutrition intervention programs for mothers and children from a wide variety of cultural, ethnic, and social backgrounds.

PHILOSOPHY
(530) 752-0607
philosophy.ucdavis.edu/graduate-program
Ph.D., M.A.

The graduate program in philosophy is a small, collegial and supportive program with a largely analytic orientation. The faculty specializes in a variety of areas, including history of philosophy (both ancient and modern), metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of science (especially biology), philosophy of mathematics, philosophical logic, ethics, meta-ethics, and social and political philosophy. The program has both M.A. and Ph.D. tracks. Students who aim to complete a Ph.D. should apply directly to the Ph.D. track, even if they have not yet earned an M.A. in philosophy. Ph.D. students may earn the M.A. in the course of working toward the Ph.D. Students who do not aim to complete a Ph.D. in philosophy should apply for admission to the M.A. track.

POLITICAL SCIENCE
(530) 752-0969
ps.ucdavis.edu/gradprogram
Ph.D., M.A./J.D., M.A.

Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted. For more information on the M.A./J.D. degree, please contact the program.

This graduate program provides strong substantive and methodological training in political science and promotes close working relationships between faculty and students. Students choose from a curriculum of five fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory and methodology. Students may also develop an open field that can include coursework in other disciplines. Enrollment in the Ph.D. program is selective and limited in order to encourage collaborative work between faculty and students, both in research and teaching, to prepare students for academic careers in political science and other areas. The program has a strong placement record, with graduates working in a range of institutions from top-tier research universities to liberal arts colleges, as well as positions in government and political consulting. The program generally offers multiyear financial packages to admitted students, with support available through fellowships, research assistantships and teaching assistantships.
**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**PSYCHOLOGY**
(530) 752-9362
psychology.ucdavis.edu/graduate
Ph.D., M.A.
Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

The psychology department offers a graduate program oriented toward training qualified students to pursue careers in the areas of research and teaching. The psychology department at UC Davis does not offer training in the areas of clinical or counseling psychology. Resources and faculty personnel are concentrated in five areas: developmental; perception, cognition, and cognitive neuroscience; biological psychology; social-personality; and quantitative. The psychology department takes pride in the tradition of informality and supportiveness in student-faculty associations.

**PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES**
(530) 754-4992
mph.ucdavis.edu
M.P.H., Ph.D. (Pending approval)

The public health sciences programs include instruction in epidemiology, biosocial statistics, environmental and occupational health, health services and administration, and social and behavioral science, and they prepare students for an expanding range of professional opportunities and roles in public health and medicine. The Master of Public Health program is designed for people interested in disease prevention and community health. The program’s mission is to develop the public health leaders of the future by providing a high-quality master’s degree curriculum in partnership with the public health community. The Ph.D. in public health sciences is designed to create graduates who will be experts in generating and disseminating new knowledge about health and disease prevention and effective programs in public health. The doctoral students in this program will be educated in research design, implementation and analysis as well as public health practice.

**SOCIOMETRY**
(530) 752-4147
sociology.ucdavis.edu/graduate-program
Ph.D., M.A.
Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

The graduate program emphasizes rigorous preparation in sociological theory and research methodologies as the basis of sound scholarship. Enrollment in the Ph.D. program is selective and limited.

Students are encouraged to begin active research early in their graduate careers. The department promotes collaborative work between faculty and students, and prepares students for academic careers in sociology and other areas. The department offers graduate study in: culture, knowledge and science; qualitative and quantitative methodologies; gender and families; economic and political sociology; comparative and historical research; race, ethnicity and immigration; law, deviance and social control; social psychology, identities and networks; community and urban sociology; and organization and stratification.

**STUDY OF RELIGION**
(530) 752-5799
religiongradgroup.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.A.
Although an M.A. degree may be obtained while pursuing a Ph.D. degree, only Ph.D. applications will be accepted.

This graduate group offers advanced opportunities in the study of religion. Students receive classical training in the literatures of particular religious traditions, and they are encouraged to understand these traditions at the intersection of contemporary thematic and regional phenomena. Students have the opportunity to concentrate primarily on one of three regional specializations: American religious cultures, Mediterranean religions and Asian religions. An additional regional specialization typically serves as a secondary area of competence. Students further shape their scholarship through intensive engagement in one of the following thematic specializations: values, ethics and human rights; modernity, science and secularism; visual culture, media and technology; language, rhetoric and performance; body and praxis; theory and method. This curriculum guides students through a rigorous course of study, providing the breadth and depth necessary to produce exciting, rigorous scholarship at the forefront of the field of religious studies.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY**
(530) 752-0247
engineering.ucdavis.edu/ttp
Ph.D., M.S.

The Transportation Technology and Policy program is an interdisciplinary graduate group designed to meet the world’s growing need for highly qualified, thoughtful and dedicated leaders in sustainable transportation. Our students come from a variety of disciplines and can pursue either a technology or policy track. The curriculum includes courses in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, environmental engineering, economics, policy sciences, statistics, travel behavior, management, technology assessment and environmental studies. The TTP degree gives students the tools and ability to pursue leadership roles in government, academia, nongovernmental organizations and industry.