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AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS
(530) 752-6185
http://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
http://www.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, cultures of history, identity, sexuality, film, media and visual anthropology, globalization, political economy, religion, science technology and society, urban space, and environmental politics).

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(530) 752-4109
http://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/or 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 drawn 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
http://communication.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.A.

The Department of Communication's program focuses on communication theory and scientific research as they pertain to the processes involved in the exchange of messages to satisfy various goals and plans in social interaction and mediated forms of communication. The program prepares students for careers in research and teaching. Admissions priority is given to students applying to the Ph.D. program, but applications for the M.A. program will also be considered.

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

This program is designed to prepare students for careers in non-profit and governmental organizations as 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 combination of theoretical knowledge and applied practical skills are specifically geared towards community development interventions that most effectively support under-served populations. 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
http://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
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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, ecocriticism, disability studies, fashion, queer theory, media, popular cultural, science and technology, Marxist theory, travel and tourism, food, physical and cognitive abilities, cultural geography, transnational culture and politics, globalization, religion, rhetoric, performance, and critical theory.

ECOLOGY
(530) 752-6752
http://ecology.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.S., Joint Ph.D. with San Diego State University
The Graduate Group in Ecology (GGE) 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, 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. The GGE achieves excellence in graduate education. In the field of Ecology/Evolutionary Biology, UC Davis has received the nation’s top ranking from U.S. News and World Report in terms of research productivity, and a top five ranking from The National Research Council. The more than 1,000 GGE alumni are comprised of leaders in their fields in state and federal natural resource managing agencies, private conservation organizations, environmental consulting firms and biotech companies. In addition, GGE alumni are represented on the faculty of more than 85 universities worldwide.

ECONOMICS
(530) 752-0743
http://www.econ.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 five main areas: applied microeconomics, macroeconomics, international studies, microeconomic theory, and economic history, with additional strength in econometrics and the history of economic thought. 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 preliminary examinations. 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND MANAGEMENT*
Phone: TBA
Website: TBA
M.S.*
* Pending approval
The Environmental Policy and Management program is ideal for students interested in professional careers in environmental policy and management in either governmental or non-governmental positions. These positions require a mix of scientific and technical understanding as well as understanding and skills related to policy, economics, law and administration. The program combines a background in scientific preparation with training in diverse social science, management and professional disciplines. A focus of this program will be interdisciplinary training on the roles of science that is directly relevant to real-world environmental policy and management issues. This program provides students with an integrative background of communication, organizational and policy skills that students must have to practically implement scientific and technical findings. Graduates of this program will integrate technical and scientific expertise in a social-political context to provide effective environmental policy and management solutions.

GEOGRAPHY
(530) 752-4119
http://geography.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. During the past several years, group faculty and graduate students have conducted research in the Caribbean; Central and South America; Western and Eastern Europe; Africa; Mediterranean lands and the Middle East; the former Soviet Union; East, Central, South and Southeastern Asia; and the American West and Southwest, especially California. 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.

GLOBAL HEALTH
Phone: TBA
Website: TBA
M.S.*
* Pending approval
The Global Health M.S. program meets a world-wide need for well-trained professionals to lead global health efforts, including global health policy, health care delivery, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and research and development, and to serve populations in limited-resource settings in the U.S. and abroad. The program will include training in the fundamental building blocks of public health, including quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, biostatistics, and epidemiology. The Global Health M.S. program includes two specialization tracks: ‘Migration and Health’ (understanding how and why migration occurs and health impact of migration) and ‘One Health’ (an integrated approach to examining diseases that are the result of a confluence of factors that work concurrently and synergistically to affect human health).
HISTORY
(530) 752-9141
http://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, ancient, medieval, early modern and modern European, Russian, East Asian, Indian, Islamic, Latin American history, and the history of science and medicine. Research strengths include: pre-modern and modern East Asian history; the 19th and 20th century political, social, and labor history of the U.S.; African American history and Mexican American history; early modern and modern European and Russian history; Latin American social and cultural history; European, U.S. and East Asian cultural and intellectual history; the comparative and cross-cultural history of women; and social theory and comparative history.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
(530) 754-4109
http://humandevelopment.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, or middle childhood and adolescence, or adulthood and aging. Affiliated faculty 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 M.I.N.D. 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) 757-8569
http://www.law.ucdavis.edu/prospective/LLM/summer-program-information.html
LL.M.
The master’s degree program in International Commercial Law provides in-depth knowledge in international commercial transactions and enables professional 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 and is especially suited for practicing legal professionals. 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 all three of the Advanced Programs in International Commercial Law (International Joint Ventures, Global Trading Systems: Substance and Dispute Resolution, and Financing International Transactions), plus additional specialized classes offered in such areas as securities, intellectual property, comparative law, private international law, anti-trust, business associations and others. Graduates go on to study global trading systems and the dynamic financial and economic forces driving economic internationalization and trade liberalization. Participants may complete some units at the International Commercial Law Seminar given each summer at the University of Cologne in Germany.

LINGUISTICS
(530) 752-3464
http://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 (SLAD), which responds to a growing need for researchers trained to investigate issues of multilingualism and the acquisition and teaching of non-native 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 (TESOL) and provides them with a strong background in formal and descriptive linguistics.

MASTER of PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY
(530) 752-7658
http://www.gsm.ucdavis.edu
M.P.Ac.
The Master of Professional Accountancy is a nine-month degree program to meet a rising demand for certified accountants. The degree has three distinguishing features: (1) Meets California’s new requirement beginning in 2014: Those seeking a CPA license must complete five years of post-secondary education at an accredited college or university; (2) Understanding professional responsibilities and ethics; (3) Learning international accounting standards that apply to publicly traded firms, and U.S. standards that will still apply to many smaller corporations and businesses.

MASTER of PUBLIC HEALTH
(See PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES)

MATERNAL and CHILD NUTRITION
(530) 757-8734
http://extension.ucdavis.edu/macnutrition
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.

DISCOVER WHAT MATTERS
NURSING SCIENCE AND HEALTH-CARE LEADERSHIP
(916) 734-2145
http://nursing.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.S.

The Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Group prepares nurse leaders, researchers and faculty in a unique interdisciplinary and interprofessional environment. The graduate group is composed of faculty from across campus with expertise in nursing, medicine, health informatics, nutrition, biostatistics, public health and other fields. Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership research and education emphasizes healthy systems and healthy people. Healthy Systems – improving health-care systems and designing policies to be effective, efficient and responsive. Research in healthy systems includes health policy, organizational change, informatics, implementation science and leadership. Healthy People – promoting health for individuals, families and populations in partnership with communities, with an emphasis on aging, rural and diverse populations. Research for healthy people includes community health, public health, epidemiology, gerontology, rural health and health disparities. The doctoral program prepares graduates as leaders in health care, health policy, and nurse faculty and researchers at the university level. Master’s degree program graduates will be well prepared for health-care leadership roles in a variety of organizations and as nurse faculty at the community college and prelicensure levels.

PHILOSOPHY
(530) 752-0607
http://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 specialize 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
http://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 multi-year financial packages to admitted students, with support available through fellowships, research assistantships, and teaching assistantships.

PSYCHOLOGY
(530) 752-9362
http://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 department 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
http://mph.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D.*, M.P.H.

* Pending approval

The Public Health Sciences programs include instruction in epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, health services and administration, and social and behavioral science, and prepares 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. These programs promote a practical public health focus through a historically strong partnership with federal, state, and local public health communities, including the California Department of Public Health.

SOCIOLOGY
(530) 752-4147
http://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) 752-5979
http://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.

UC Davis' newest 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 forefront of the field of Religious Studies.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY
(530) 752-0247
http://www.its.ucdavis.edu
Ph.D., M.S.
The TTP program offers a cutting-edge, interdisciplinary preparation for modern transportation challenges. Students specialize in either technology (e.g. clean-fuel vehicles) or planning/policy/management, while taking some courses in each track. Entrepreneurship opportunities exist through partnerships with the Graduate School of Management. Public- and private-sector internships are also available. The curriculum includes courses in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, environmental engineering, economics, policy sciences, statistics, travel behavior, management, technology assessment, and environmental studies.