



UC Davis CPE Summer College Study Skills Program credit bearing Program Recap | June 19, 2022 Intake

The UC Davis Experience

We are delighted to share with you a glimpse into one of our UC Davis experiences this past summer. The students in this program found their time enriching, fulfilling and fun. The focus of their daily lives was on the credit bearing class and everyday campus life - the cafeterias, athletic and recreational facilities and college town. Beyond the classroom, the students also visited UC Davis' showcase research centers and met with advisors and researchers across departments. To top it off, the students enjoyed a number of eye-opening excursions into the Bay Area. We were pleased that these international students were able to experience some of the best of the America.



Classroom Learning

Students enrolled in the daily College Study Skills course which focused on college readiness. Aside from the practical skills taught - from note-taking techniques to academic citations - the UC Davis instructors spent time further developing students' writing skills. The small group classes made it easier for students to receive instructors' feedback on their work. Students completed assignments, essays and as their final project, a presentation on their Dream College.

Classes were held in the beautiful International and Global Affairs Center at the center of campus, close to the Segundo Residences and Dining Commons as well as the Memorial Union, the central hub of student life on campus.



After class, understanding university studies

Admissions office talk

On the first day, students arrived at the Welcome Center and listened to a talk by a UC Davis admissions officer. Thereafter, they embarked on a campus tour led by UC Davis student representatives. UC Davis boasts the 3rd largest UC campus - the students visited the highlights.

Department visits

Students are often not sure about what majors they are interested in, although they are often asked this in their college applications. As they were on campus, the students had a chance to meet with representatives from departments ranging from economics to psychology. Some students had specific requests and we brought them personally to their departments of choice.

Audit classes

What is it like to attend a college lecture with other college students? The students had opportunities to select from courses of their interest and audit these classes. They were able to practice their note-taking skills and learn more about a subject of their interest. It wasn't always easy to follow the lectures, but it was a valuable, real-life experience!



After class, exploring university research

UC Davis features dozens of museums and research centers accessible to pre-college students. During this intake, the students were able to visit some of the most popular on-campus destinations.

Bohart Museum of Entomology

This museum has the 7th largest insect collection in North America and year in, year out, is one of our students most popular visits. Bohart's researchers introduced the world of insects to our students and shared highlights from their research. This visit is sometimes life-changing for some students, in terms of bolstering their bravery in personally handling the large insects!

Mondavi Food Institute

UC Davis is #1 in agriculture and food science in the U.S. The Mondavi Food Institute is one of the most coveted visits, allow students to witness food technology, wine making and breweries in action. This visit, students investigated the herb farm and worked with lavender during their visit tour.

UC Davis Student Farms

Davis is surrounded by expansive farms and a wide variety of farm animals. Students enjoyed visiting the UC Davis Dairy Teaching and Research Facility with a herd of over 100 milking cows. They also visited the adorable llamas. UC Davis is #1 in veterinary studies in the U.S.



After class, experiencing university life

It's the everyday life in Davis that is particularly special. The range of cafeterias - in which over 20% of the foods are organic or locally sources - as well as athletic and recreational facilities are second to none. The campus is beautiful with the egghead sculptures peppered around campus. Davis itself is regarded as a top 10 college town, with the most public art per square mile of any city in the U.S. Art galleries, bookstores, coffee houses, pizza parlors, bubble tea and more... one can find anything in this quaint college town.



Excursions...

more universities,
culture and fun



San Francisco

The students toured the highlights of San Francisco, including Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf. They also visited Crissy Field, seeing the best of San Francisco.



Stanford University Campus Tour and Laboratory Visit

Visiting Stanford's pristine campus is always awe-inspiring. The students' visit this time was no different. Students were given a guided tour around campus by a Stanford PhD graduate and researcher. While the Cantor Art Center was unfortunately closed due to a mechanical issue that day, the students enjoyed a bonus tour into the Stanford physics laboratories.



UC Berkeley Campus Tour and Admissions Office Talk

UC Berkeley is also an impressive contrast to Stanford and student also enjoyed a guided tour by UC Berkeley students. After the tour, students sat down for a private chat with an admissions director from UC Berkeley. They found the first-hand information gained very helpful to their understanding of university expectations and admissions.



Alameda County Fair

The Alameda County Fair has been an annual event since 1912. Student enjoyed a fun and carefree day at this traditional county fair together with summer students from other UC Davis programs.



Closing Ceremony

The program finished with a closing ceremony where the students received UC Davis completion certificates, personal recommendation letters and an official transcript with 2 college credits. It was a happy and emotional moment – the students experienced a lot in two weeks. We look forward to seeing some of them back at Davis as a college student!

