

COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE

4 WEEKS

About the Program

The Communication and Culture Program is a comprehensive four-week program, which is ideal for participants of all English levels who want an intensive, communicative learning experience. This program is offered in both winter and summer and focuses on American culture and conversational fluency. The core classes are *U.S. Society and Culture*, *Intercultural Research Project*, *Listening and Pronunciation*, and *Everyday Expressions and Idioms*. Elective classes (e.g., *Academic Preparation Skills*, *Business Communication Skills* and *Critical Thinking*) may be offered at the advanced levels. Program highlights include:

- Offered four times per year: January, February, July and August
- Open to students of all English proficiency levels (beginning to advanced)
- Small classes (14-18 students) for high interaction among instructors and students
- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Daily recreational, cultural and social activities
- Optional weekend trips to Napa Valley, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco and Los Angeles

Program Objectives

Students will:

- Gain confidence and skills in speaking and listening
- Strengthen pronunciation and verbal presentation skills
- Learn more about American culture and customs
- Practice American English natural speech patterns and idioms

Who Should Attend

- International students with a high-school diploma or at least 18 years of age
- International undergraduate or graduate students
- Adult international professionals who would like to improve their English language skills

University of California, Davis (UC Davis)

The University of California, Davis, is ranked in the top 100 universities in the world, and is a university where international students and scholars are welcome, excellence is emphasized and students learn in a supportive environment.

Northern California Culture

UC Davis is located in beautiful Northern California where students can explore nearby cultural and historic sites like San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, Yosemite, Los Angeles and Napa Valley. Known as the “Bicycle Capital of the United States,” Davis is an open, welcoming and diverse community where students are sure to feel welcome and safe.



“Here, I made friends from around the world and gained a better perspective on American culture. Davis is an artistic, eco-friendly city built for bikes!”

—Basil Masri Zada, Communication and Culture Program student, Fulbright Scholar, Syria

YOUR ACADEMIC PATH

U.S. Society and Culture

- Increase your knowledge of American values and attitudes, institutions, history and culture through readings, discussion, exposure to a variety of media and journal writing
- Build a foundation of specific vocabulary in order to actively participate in discussions
- Better understand American culture as well as other students' cultures

Intercultural Research Project

- Develop questions to research a topic of cultural interest
- Gather information by interviewing native English speakers on and off campus
- Analyze and organize project information
- Prepare, practice and give a poster presentation

Listening and Pronunciation

- Improve skills through directed practice in various areas of pronunciation
- Strengthen listening comprehension through dictation, exercises, note taking and other activities
- Meet with conversation partners (UC Davis students) in small groups once a week, in this class or another class, to practice speaking and listening skills in a more informal atmosphere

Everyday Expressions and Idioms

- Learn expressions used by Americans
- Discuss the cultural context of American expressions and idioms, and gain a deeper understanding of American culture by improving knowledge of informal speech patterns of Americans
- Discuss grammar points as needed and relevant or

Placement by English Language Ability

Students will be given an English placement test and placed in an appropriate level with students of similar ability.

Housing Options

For pre-arranged housing, students should contact our International Housing office. Family homestays, shared student apartment living, university dormitories (summer only) and rooms in private houses or apartments may be available.

Please contact:

Email: ciehousing@ucdavis.edu

Tel.: +1 (530) 757-8988

Web: extension.ucdavis.edu/housing



“I decided to first take the four-week Communication and Culture program, and the four weeks passed so fast, like a dream. This was a great decision. I’m more relaxed and comfortable with my improved English. The teachers and others are friendly and the university is awesome!”

–Sermet Sahaner, Turkey

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Sample Program Schedule*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:40 - 1:30 p.m.	Everyday Expressions and Idioms (daily)				
1:40 - 2:30 p.m.	Intercultural Research Project (daily)				
2:40 - 3:30 p.m.	U.S. Society and Culture (daily)				
3:40 - 4:30 p.m.	Listening and Pronunciation (daily)				
4:30 p.m. (optional)	Games	Movie and Popcorn	Bowling	Conversation Club	Ice Cream Social

*The program schedule can vary.

For More Information or to Apply

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