

# BEFORE ARRIVING TO UC DAVIS

## Checklist for International Students



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### Submit your Statement of Intent to Register – SIR – yes!

Once you have received your Letter of Acceptance, you will need to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR):

#### Undergraduate Students

- Follow the steps outlined for admitted students in MyAdmissions, log into [myadmissions.ucdavis.edu](https://myadmissions.ucdavis.edu)
- For any questions you have about admissions, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at [admissions@ucdavis.edu](mailto:admissions@ucdavis.edu)

#### Graduate Students

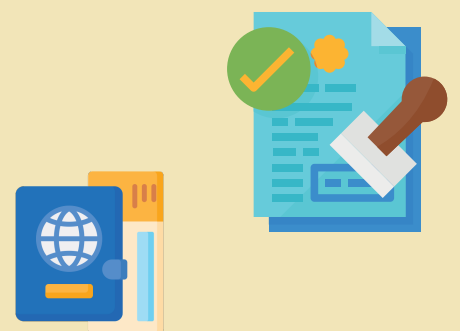
- Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) as directed by the Office of Graduate Studies: [grad.ucdavis.edu](https://grad.ucdavis.edu)
- Telling your new graduate program that you are coming to UC Davis won't activate you as a student in the system
- For questions contact the Office of Graduate Studies at [gradadmit@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gradadmit@ucdavis.edu).

*\*Students admitted to professional school programs should follow the instructions provided by their school. Students admitted to the following programs should contact Michelle Baker in UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education at [mabaker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mabaker@ucdavis.edu): International English and Professional Programs, Global Study Program, GREAT Summer Research Program, Global University Access Program or other custom programs.*

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### Request an I-20 or DS-2019 from Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS)

Beginning in April, you can request an I-20/DS-2019 from SISS through iGlobal at [iglobal.ucdavis.edu](https://iglobal.ucdavis.edu)



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### Pay the SEVIS Fee or Request a SEVIS Record Transfer

You must pay a SEVIS I-901 fee to obtain a visa, visit [fmjfee.com](https://fmjfee.com)

You will need to present the receipt at your visa appointment.

Students already studying in the United States in F-1 or J-1 status must request that their current school transfer the SEVIS record to UC Davis

The UC Davis school code for an (F-1) I-20 transfer is SFR214F00614000 and program number for a (J-1) DS-2019 transfer is P-1-02538.

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### Apply for your Visa

For information about the visa process and what you need to come to UC Davis, check out: [sis.ucdavis.edu/visa-and-entry-united-states](https://sis.ucdavis.edu/visa-and-entry-united-states)

Follow the instructions on the website for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you will be applying: [usembassy.gov](https://usembassy.gov)

Additional information on visas can be found on the U.S. Department of State website: [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)

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### Look at Housing Options

First-year undergraduate students are guaranteed housing on campus, but other incoming students need to secure housing on their own.

Start searching early! For more information visit [sis.ucdavis.edu/housing](https://sis.ucdavis.edu/housing)



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### Register for Orientation

Orientation is mandatory and includes information about what international students are required to do to maintain lawful status in the U.S.

For more information about schedule of events, visit the orientation webpage: [sis.ucdavis.edu/orientation](https://sis.ucdavis.edu/orientation)



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### Make Flight & Ground Transportation Arrangements

Plan to arrive in Davis with enough time to recover from jet lag before your mandatory International Student Orientation.

For more information about how to get to Davis once you've arrived in country, check out the airport transportation webpage: [sis.ucdavis.edu/airport-transportation](https://sis.ucdavis.edu/airport-transportation)

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### Pay Your International Student Administration and Orientation Fees

SISS charges a fee to all international students studying at UC Davis in F-1 or J-1 student status.

The fee helps to pay for the costs associated with orientation and advising provided by SISS and will appear in your UC Davis billing.

For information about the International Student Administrative Fee visit: [sis.ucdavis.edu/fees-and-tuition](https://sis.ucdavis.edu/fees-and-tuition)



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### Check out the Pre-Arrival Guide

This guide is designed so international students can best understand academic responsibilities and meet important deadlines.

Arrive prepared!

[iae.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/prearrival](https://iae.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/prearrival)

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### Have questions? Get in touch with your international academic advisor

Do you have questions about registration or academic courses? There are international academic advisors in each college who are here to help you with:

- Degree and general education requirements
- Course planning for your first year
- How to change majors
- Academic policies, regulations and petitions
- Options if you are having academic difficulty
- Advising holds that prevent course registration
- How the university grading system works and American classroom expectations
- Transfer credit for out-of-state courses, IB credit, A-level exams, etc.
- Resources on campus and any questions about academics at UC Davis



You can reach out to them with any academic questions you have before coming to campus, but remember to keep these questions related to classes and coursework – if you have questions about things like living in Davis, getting a bike, or where to do shopping, save those for orientation.

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: [caesadvising@ucdavis.edu](mailto:caesadvising@ucdavis.edu)

College of Biological Sciences: [cbsundergrads@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cbsundergrads@ucdavis.edu)

College of Engineering: [engugrad@ucdavis.edu](mailto:engugrad@ucdavis.edu)

College of Letters and Sciences: [lsinternational@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lsinternational@ucdavis.edu)

If you have an urgent question related to visa or travel, contact [siss@ucdavis.edu](mailto:siss@ucdavis.edu)