

GLOBAL STUDY PROGRAM

2018/2019 – A YEAR OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



The **Global Study Program** is UC Davis' visiting student program that enables students from select partner institutions to take courses and enjoy the safe, peaceful environment of Davis, while studying under some of the top professors in the nation.

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- **317** Students enrolled
- **49** Partner universities
- **12** Countries participating
- **92** UC Davis departments involved
- **3.48** Average GPA
- **105** Students earned a 3.7/4.0 GPA or above

NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

- Southwest Jiaotong University, China
- Fujian Normal University, China
- Xi'an Jiaotong University, China

99 PERCENT
OF STUDENTS
RECOMMEND THE
GLOBAL STUDY PROGRAM



CHRYSA BIA, The Technical University of Munich, Germany

"I not only got to know Americans, but also GSP students from South Korea, Egypt, Norway and more. My housemates are all American, so it's really cool to hang out with them and do American things that are normal for them, but special for me."



PHAVIKA ANANTHANASUWONG, Kasetsart University, Thailand

"GSP helped me improve my English communication skills. I wanted to get familiar with American culture and American learning/teaching systems."



SAE MATSUMOTO, Doshisha University, Japan

"I like being able to talk to classmates. I couldn't make friends spring quarter because I was scared, but I talked to students during the summer and fall quarters, and I made friends. That was a big achievement for me. I've grown since I've come here—I'm more adventurous, open-minded and outgoing now."



MARTIN ARTEZ, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

"The staff were always really helpful. I had a lot of issues at the beginning because I had to rearrange classes. Even if I emailed them 2-3 times, they always gave me advice."



GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR ALL: BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At UC Davis, we understand that one way to ensure that studying abroad is more meaningful is to intentionally bring together local and global students in the classroom, teaching them how to work together, understand different perspectives and recognize the interconnected nature of our global society. This spring, Chinese, South Korean and Japanese students from UC Davis' Global Study Program joined American UC Davis undergraduate students in an East Asian Studies Research Seminar. The second offering of its kind, this course is a collaboration between the Global Study Program and the East Asian Studies Department.

Led by Xiaoling Shu, professor of sociology and director of East Asian Studies, the seminar discusses the state of research in the social sciences and humanities in East Asia. The teaching faculty is composed of prominent scholars in social sciences and humanities, including Drs. Beverly Bossler (History), Wing Woo (Economics), Sheldon Lu (Comparative Literature), Bo Feng (Communication) and Jaeho Cho (Communication).

International students participating in the course provide unique insights and help fellow students—from diverse fields ranging from Computer Science to East Asian Studies—have a more global classroom. Visiting international students in the Global Study Program value the focused educational environment that UC Davis provides. “Fellow classmates had attended UC Davis for their study abroad, and I thought I would also do well in this environment,” said Chen Jing of Renmin University in Beijing, China. “I came to study and learn without the distractions of the big cities.”

RECOGNIZING UC DAVIS' COMMITMENT TO ITS STUDENTS, SOCIETY AND BEYOND

UC Davis was named one of the top colleges advocating for mental health awareness, coming in at number two on the list. Published in *College Magazine*, the article, “Top 10 Colleges Advocating for Mental Health Awareness,” describes the campus and our students as the top of its class in combating the stigma surrounding mental health. In particular, the article stated that “UC Davis recognizes everything wellness entails—both physical and mental.”

The American Association for the Advancement of Science recognized UC Davis for its work in advancing diversity, equity and inclusion—and its commitment to do even more. The school was awarded the scientific society's Bronze Award certification in the new STEM Equity Achievement (SEA) Change Initiative.

UC Davis also makes great strides in helping people around the world. Professor Keith David Watenpaugh, a distinguished UC Davis professor and director, wanted to address the sufferings caused by attacks on students and scholars in other countries. Thus, Article 26 Backpack was created to serve as a humanitarian tool for refugees in Lebanon. It allows displaced people to securely store and share documents, such as transcripts and résumés, with universities, scholarship agencies and employers.

Finally, UC Davis continues to grow its vision for changing the world by maintaining its “greenest-in-the-U.S.” status. Based on GreenMetric, which measures each participating school's commitment to developing an “environmentally friendly” infrastructure, UC Davis is 3rd in the world out of 719 universities in 81 countries. This makes UC Davis the GreenMetric leader in the United States for the second year in a row, highlighting UC Davis' promise to bettering the world around us.

FROM OUR STUDENTS

“I was surprised that every week, the GSP staff would send me an email and offer events with tips. It was really helpful”.

—**ISABELLA BECCALOSSO**, **Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UNICATT), Italy**

“As a GSP student, I get to come to the U.S. and meet new people and explore new cultures. And being a student is even better because I get to explore new courses.”

—**DUY TRAN**, **Hanoi University of Mining and Geology, Vietnam**

“It's a wonderful experience. I have friends from different countries now, so if I want to travel there, I can call them and they'll take me to their favorite places—places that maybe only local people know.”

—**BINGYI SONG**, **Wuhan Technical University, China**

“The campus is beautiful, and I prefer that everything is on one campus (in Germany there are multiple campuses). Davis is a small campus and a small town, a student town, and that makes it really comfortable and fun.”

—**FABIAN WELKER**, **RWTH Aachen University, Germany**

