

Welcome to UC Davis!

Over the next few days and weeks, you are sure to discover that UC Davis has its own language. To help you better understand and adjust to being in this academic community, we in the office of International and Academic English Support have prepared a glossary to get you started. I hope you find this helpful and invite you to send additional terms and acronyms that we may have overlooked to me at dmtakaoglu@ucdavis.edu.

All the best,

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AAC	Academic Advising Centers (TAAC, SAAC, CAAC)
AD	Academic Dismissal
AP	Academic Program (also Advanced Placement exam)
ARC	Activities & Recreation Center (gym facilities, exercise classes, etc. on west side of campus)
ASAP	Academic and Staff Assistance Program (confidential free counseling for faculty and staff)
ASSIST	Unit within Undergraduate Admissions to provide advising and assistance to transfer students
ASUCD	Associated Students of the University of California Davis (undergraduate student government)
AWPE	Analytical Writing Placement Exam. Grade "C" or better fulfills the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement
BASC	Biology Academic Success Center (advising for the College of Biological Sciences)
BioSci	College of Biological Sciences
BUSP	Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program (enrichment program for undergraduate research in biology)
CAES	College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
CAPS	(see SHCS)
CETL	Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning
COHO	Coffee House (in Memorial Union building)
CPT	Curricular Practical Training (work authorization for F-1 visa international students for internship/work)
CRN	Course Record Number (5-digit number assigned to specific class in specific quarter used to register for that class)
CVPP	Campus Violence Prevention Program (education, prevention, and response to violence)
DC	Dining Commons (residence hall dining areas in Segundo, Tercero, and Cuarto)
Deathstar	Nickname for the Social Sciences Building
ELWR	University of California's Entry-Level Writing Requirement (formerly Subject A)
ENG	Engineering (not English)
EOP	Educational Opportunity Program (student-focused unit providing academic and personal support)
ESL	English as a Second Language (classes and services available to non-native English speaking students)
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions (often listed on web sites to provide commonly needed information)
Fatal Hold	A hold that prohibits a student from using the library, ARC , and parking services or registration services
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (1974)
GE	General Education (required classes not specifically related to major)
GPA	Grade Point Average (calculated by the Registrar every quarter, averaging grades received for all classes)
GSR	Graduate Student Researcher
HEPB	Hepatitis B Immunity Statement required for admission (established in 2014)
I	Incomplete (temporary grade given for class for which student has not completed all assignments)
ICC	Internship & Career Center
I-House	International House (Davis community organization with resources for international visitors)

INO	International and National Orientation (first-year orientation held in pre-fall for out of state students)
L&S	College of Letters & Sciences
LGBTQIARC	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Resource Center
MP	Minimum Progress (requirement for full-time status to maintain average of at least 13 units over all quarters)
MU	Memorial Union
MURRPS	Mentorship for Undergraduate Research Participants in Mathematical and Physical Sciences
OL	Orientation Leader (staff/students from Orientation office/Student Housing)
OPT	Optional Practical Training (SISS workshop for F1 students for prospective off-campus employment)
P/NP	Pass/No Pass grade for a class (alternative to letter grade of A, B, C, D, etc.)
PAL	Partners in Acquiring Language (domestic/international student pairing program for English conversation)
Peer Advisor	Junior or senior student trained to provide academic advising to undergraduates
PELP	Planned Educational Leave Program; allows continuing registered students to suspend academic work
PTA	Permission to Add (a class, if you are late in registering)
PTD	Permission to Drop (a class)
R	Abbreviation for Thursday in course descriptions, to avoid confusion with Tuesday
RHAT	Residence Hall Advising Team
SASC	Student Academic Success Center
SCC	Student Community Center
SD	Subject to Disqualification (or Dismissal)
SDC	Student Disability Center
SHCS	Student Health and Counseling Services (medical and psychological assistance for stress)
SID	Student I.D. (9-digit number assigned to each student upon entering UC Davis)
SIR	Statement of Intent to Register (confirming that you accept the offer of admission to UC Davis)
SIS / SISWEB	Student Information System website
SISS	Services for International Students and Scholars
SJA	Student Judicial Affairs
SLR	Statement of Legal Residence (form required to qualify for resident status and tuition)
SRRC	Student Recruitment and Retention Center (student-run holistic, multi-cultural center)
TA	Teaching Assistant (graduate student hired to assist professor with lectures, workshops, etc.)
TOP	Transfer Opportunity Program (see ASSIST)
TRV	Transfer Reentry Veterans Center
UHP	University Honors Program
URC	Undergraduate Research Center (to facilitate research opportunities for UCD undergraduates)
Wellness Center	UC Davis Student Health & Wellness Center on west side of campus
WRRC	Women's Resources and Research Center provides space and academic and social resources for women