

# Global Study Program



**YiFei Li, Renmin University, China**

“The program has significantly enhanced my personal growth, giving me a sense of confidence. The supportive environment at UC Davis allowed me to push beyond my comfort zone and discover my true capabilities. The resources, mentorship and opportunities allowed me to engage in activities that aligned with my interests and aspirations.”



**Ryunosuke Akima, Chuo University, Japan**

“The Global Study Program has definitely broadened my horizons—testing my capabilities and competency, making lifelong friends and witnessing different lifestyles. I also enjoyed the environment of the Davis community, which is perfect for studying.”



**Bimo Rizki Abdusshamad, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia**

“Living the Californian way of life has been truly enjoyable, because it challenged and improved me to be healthier both mentally and physically. The campus is very peaceful, the buildings are beautiful and the campus feels truly alive.”



**Taichi Kitagawa, Meiji University, Japan**

“One of my most memorable experiences was being a member of Bakuhatsu Taiko Dan. Through the club activity, I made so many friends, did many performances and had many cultural exchanges. Members of this club treated me as if I were a regular student. I am so grateful to have spent such a meaningful time with them.”

## A Visiting Student Program

The Global Study Program at UC Davis allows students from select partner institutions to **take courses in a safe, peaceful environment, while studying under top professors** in the nation.

## 2022-2023 Highlights

- **209** students attended the Global Study Program
- **3.50** average GPA
- **99** students achieved a 3.7 GPA or higher
- **45** participating universities representing 8 countries

**100%** of students would recommend the Global Study Program

## Global Study Program Students Use Drama to Build Communication Skills and Confidence



Strong communication and presentation skills are valuable in any setting. But for GSP students at UC Davis, learning to communicate effectively in English is not only essential for academic success, it is also empowering. In addition to helping students both inside and outside the classroom, being a confident speaker helps them develop important soft skills for success in a variety of professional environments. The course *Presentation, Communication and Collaboration Skills*, offered in conjunction with the UC Davis Department of Theater and Dance, is highly regarded by students as an opportunity to experience something unique that may not be available at their home universities.

The goal of the course is to help students develop clear oral and physical communication and collaboration skills that build confidence, presentational style and clarity while using the English language. They also build essential soft skills that employers value, such as teamwork, interpersonal communication, creative problem solving, empathy, adaptability, critical thinking, open mindedness, dependability, organization and a willingness to grow. Students engage with classmates in formal and informal settings and are challenged to think outside the box with fun exercises ranging from group storytelling to TED Talk-style presentations.

“The course is experiential and participatory in nature. The majority of what we do is based on human interaction and communication,” says instructor Michele Apriña Leavy. “Many of these students do not have theater or acting classes in their home universities. This course offers a practical opportunity to learn communication skills that apply in the real world as they navigate a global community and encounter people with different cultural mores and work environments.” Leavy adds, “One of the biggest gifts I hope the students take away from this class is a strong sense of achievement, self-confidence, self-acceptance and a greater ease and facility with the English language.”

## UC Davis Ranked Among Top Universities Worldwide

University of California, Davis, ranks in the top 9% of universities worldwide in the 2024 QS World University Rankings. A world-class university, UC Davis is highly ranked for how it transforms students' lives, the impact of its research, the excellence of its academic programs, sustainability and more.

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### From Our Students

“I’ve learned about many different cultures and languages and experienced new things that I can’t experience in Korea. It broadened my perspective. I think this is one of the best aspects of studying abroad, and one that will stay with me forever.”

**Songhee Kim, Study Abroad Foundation**

“Last year changed my life. I was a little bit anxious about living in Davis, however, many of my friends and the Global Study Program staff made my life splendid!”

**Sho Katayama, Chuo University**

“I was intrigued by the prospect of participating in a course that deviates from conventional classroom teaching and decided to give *Presentation, Communication and Collaboration Skills* a try! The course pushed me to find courage, but the instructor taught me how to be courageous.”

**Gregory Josefano, Indonesian**

**International Student Mobility Award**

