The College of Letters and Science at UC Davis was established in 1951. The college is the largest in the university, educating almost all undergraduate students at some point in their careers at UC Davis. It is made up of three divisions encompassing the broadest offering of disciplines at UC Davis: Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences. The college’s 650+ faculty members are part of the college’s more than 50 departments and programs, many of which are ranked amongst the top in the world.

Letters and Science is committed to providing the best higher education possible, cultivating a brighter future for generations to come. By providing critical thinking and fundamental education to students, it opens doors for future leaders, great thinkers, accomplished scholars, and strong global citizens. The college creates opportunities for undergraduate research and provides enhanced enrichment programs. It is home to seekers of truth in the mystery of the human way, of the stars and everything in between. It is the heart and soul of UC Davis.

US News and World Report Rankings*

Chemistry: 35 (2014)
Computer Science: 39 (2010)
Economics: 32 (2013)
English: 26 (2013)
Fine Arts: 27 (2012)
Fine Arts (Ceramics): 12 (2012)
Geology: 17 (2010)
History: 27 (2013)
History: U.S. Colonial History: 9 (2013)
Mathematics: 34 (2014)
Physics: 29 (2014)
Political Science: 23 (2013)
Political Science: Comparative Politics: 15 (2013)
Political Science: Political Methodology: 15 (2013)
Psychology: 21 (2013)
Sociology: 31 (2013)

University Writing Program: ranked in top 11 in nation as ranked by 1,500 universities (2014)

*Years indicate the last time US News and World Report ranked this discipline.

FACTS

founded 1951
3 divisions, 3 deans
554 faculty
10,660 undergraduate student majors
1,384 graduate students
85,000 alumni
10 of the top 20 majors (by degrees conferred)
53 major programs (of 110 at UC Davis)

$49.8M research awards (2012–13)
$8.26M philanthropic dollars contributed (2013–14)
**Departments**

- Anthropology
- Art and Art History
- Asian American Studies
- Chemistry
- Chicana/Chicano Studies
- Communication
- Comparative Literature
- Design
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- English
- French and Italian
- German and Russian
- History
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Military Science
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish and Portuguese
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Theatre and Dance

**Programs**

- African American and African Studies
- American Studies
- Cinema and Technocultural Studies
- Classics
- Early Modern Studies
- East Asian Studies
- Humanities Program
- International Relations
- Jewish Studies
- Mathematics and Science Teaching Program (MAST)
- Medieval and Middle East/South Asia Studies
- Nanomaterials in the Environment, Agriculture, and Technology (NEAT)
- University Writing Program
- Physical Education
- Science and Technology Studies
- Women and Gender Studies

**Centers**

- California Lighting Technology Center
- Center for Mind and Brain
- Center for Poverty Research
- Center for Science and Innovation Studies
- Center for Transnational Health
- Hemispheric Institute on the Americas
- Language Learning Center
- Native American Language Center
- Richard L. Nelson Gallery
- Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer (TANA)
- UC Center Sacramento

**Institutes**

- Institute for Social Sciences
- UC Davis Humanities Institute