Thinking About Summer School

Generally, summer session at UC Davis is organized into two six-week terms that allow you to spend part of your summer working toward your individual academic goals.

Here are some frequently asked questions about summer school and their answers:

1. I've never thought about taking summer school. What are some of the reasons I should consider it?
   ● Complete additional units towards your degree
   ● Meet minimum progress
   ● Help ensure graduation in four years
   ● Take preparatory coursework for graduate school/professional school
   ● Enroll in hard-to-get courses, and choose from over 500 courses at UC Davis! UC Davis is increasing summer course offerings by 10% this year. For a list of guaranteed courses, visit the summer sessions webpage
   ● Create a more balanced load next year

2. What are advantages of taking summer session at another University of California campus?
   ● To improve your UC cumulative GPA or repeat courses in which you earned a “D,” “F” or “NP” grade at UC Davis. If you are repeating a course at another UC campus, you should verify the equivalency with your college Dean’s Office prior to registering.

3. I’m planning to go to UC Davis Summer Sessions. How do I register for classes?
   ● Students will be given a pass time between May 1-5 to register for classes via Schedule Builder. Your pass time appointment will be available online at MyUCDavis in late April.
   ● During summer registration, you can register for SS1 and SS2 and waitlist a full class at any time.
   ● If you are considering Summer Session at UC Davis, on-campus housing is available for the summer. More information is available online at summer-sessions.ucdavis.edu.

4. I have heard that a lot of UC Davis students take classes at a California community college over the summer. Is that something you would recommend?
   You should consider attending a California community college over the summer because:
   ● It’s close to home
   ● You want to save money
   ● Class size may be smaller
   Session lengths at community colleges can vary. Take note that:
   ● Some summer schedules may overlap with UC Davis finals. Always check the start date of any sessions you plan to take and contact professors about any conflicts in advance
   ● Register early as space often fills quickly depending on the community college
   ● You can check whether your community college classes transfer to UC Davis by using assist.org. Some courses are transferable—meaning you will receive units for the course. Some courses articulate as courses here—meaning you can earn specific UC Davis class credit for the course. This credit can also be used to satisfy General Education or major requirements. See a peer adviser in your Academic Advising Center for more information about how to use ASSIST.
   ● Do not repeat a course at a community college! The grade will not replace your grade at UC Davis.

5. Do you have any other advice about summer sessions?
   ● Be aware that the pace can be very quick. For example, at UC Davis Summer Sessions, the 10-week quarter system is compressed to six weeks. It is not recommended to take more than eight units during each summer session.
   ● Select your summer classes in consultation with an adviser. If you are taking courses towards a professional or graduate study program, you should seek pre-professional, pre-graduate, or Health Professions Advising.