

# 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](http://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](http://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.

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