Orientation
[Parent Schedule and Handbook]

DAVIDSON
Welcome!
to Davidson College

Dear Parents:

We are truly looking forward to welcoming your student to Davidson in August. We certainly expect that the next few years will bring about some of the most meaningful and memorable moments in your son’s or daughter’s life.

I want to personally invite you to join us for our Orientation program on Thursday, August 18, and Friday, August 19. There is no better opportunity for you to understand what the Davidson experience will be like for your student. It is an opportunity to meet with administrators as well as your student’s adviser and hall counselors. I urge you to attend if possible.

To make the opening day of Orientation less hectic, you will be allowed to move your student’s belongings into the residence hall on Wednesday, August 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Although students will not be permitted to stay in the residence hall until Thursday night, moving in on Wednesday will give you a head start. Cars will NOT be allowed to line up before 6 p.m., so I encourage you to enjoy a leisurely dinner. Move-in continues at the residence halls on Thursday, August 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

There are several hotels within twenty-five minutes of the campus. A list of accommodations is printed in this booklet or you can view a list in the Admission section of Davidson’s website at www.davidson.edu/about/visit-davidson/accommodations.

We would like all parents to check in at the registration desk in the Alvarez College Union to receive important information about academic advisers and schedules. Check-in for everyone is from 8:30 to 11 a.m., Thursday, August 18. We would like you and all new students to complete registration and move-in by 11 a.m., and I urge you to limit whom you bring to Orientation if at all possible (the program does not hold much interest for younger children). The schedule calls for you to leave on Friday following lunch. Although it may be difficult to say goodbye, your son or daughter will need to move on with the details of being a Davidson student and meeting new friends.

Please mark your calendars for Davidson’s Family Weekend 2016, October 28–30. Additional information will follow but we urge you to make your lodging and travel arrangements as soon as possible.

We welcome you to the Davidson family. We appreciate and are grateful for the trust you have placed in us and will do all that we can to make your student’s Davidson experience the best that it can be. I hope you have a wonderful summer. We look forward to your joining us for Orientation on August 18.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Shandley
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

New Student Orientation 2016

Orientation is designed to introduce you to the people who will play important roles in the life of your student—professors, advisers, and friends.

This guide provides easy reference to orientation activities for parents. Please bring it with you to campus and keep it with you throughout the Orientation program. This schedule, as well as the student schedule, may be found on the Davidson Web site.
Wednesday, August 17
10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Davidson College Store open
137 N. Main Street

5 p.m.–7 p.m.
Dinner available, cash or checks
Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café
Café closes at 8 p.m.

6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Optional Early Move-In
Residence Halls
You may choose to ease the busy pace of Orientation by placing your student's belongings in the residence halls during these hours. Please observe the signs that will direct you to the unloading area closest to your student's residence hall. You will be able to unload your car near the door of your residence hall. Immediately after unloading your car, please move your car to make room for other new students. New students will not sleep in the residence halls until Thursday night, August 18. Please park in Baker Sports Complex parking lot when you return Thursday morning.

Helpful Hint: Cars will not be allowed to line up for unloading prior to 6 p.m., and the line tends to be at its longest at the start of the evening. You may prefer to enjoy a leisurely dinner and queue up later in the evening (move-in ends at 9 p.m.).

Warehouse open
For pick-up of shipped items: 209 Ridge Road

Thursday, August 18
7:30 a.m.–9 a.m.
Breakfast available, cash or checks
Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café
Café opens at 8 a.m.

8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Davidson College Store open
137 N. Main Street

8:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
Parent Check-In
Brown Atrium, Alvarez College Union
Mariam Cannon Hayes Amphitheatre entrance
Union doors will not open before 8:30 a.m.

Check in at the Alvarez College Union to receive important information regarding your meeting with your student’s adviser. Your student will be involved in check-in on the third and fourth levels for up to 45 minutes. Plan to meet your student after check-in either at the Orientation Fair on the Brown Atrium level of the college union or in his or her residence hall. In order to minimize congestion and confusion at student check-in, we ask that parents remain on the atrium level.

Orientation Fair
Brown Atrium, Alvarez College Union
After you check in, you and your student may want to visit with representatives from different college departments and programs that will be available to answer questions and describe their services. Some of the participating departments include Dining Services, Business Services, Computer Services, CatCard Services, and area banks.

Move-In continues
Residence Halls
Hall counselors will distribute room keys and important information to incoming students once they have checked in at the college union. For students who move in Thursday morning, please follow the signs that direct you to the unloading area closest to your residence hall. Please check in at the union before unloading your car.

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10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
Kitchen Tour
Vail Commons
For students and parents of students with food allergies and special dietary needs, a tour of the kitchen and information on the Food Allergy Policy will be offered at Vail Commons.

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Lunch available
Vail Commons, Davis Café or explore downtown Davidson

1 p.m.
Opening Session
Baker Sports Complex

2 p.m.
Meet the Deans
Duke Family Performance Hall, Knobloch Campus Center

The Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty will address parents. Question-and-answer session follows.

3 p.m.–5 p.m.
Panels for Parents
Parents are invited to attend panel discussions designed to answer common questions regarding college programs and resources. Workshops last approximately 45 minutes.

3 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Student Athletes at Davidson College
Tyler-Tallman Hall, Sloan Music Center
Director of Athletics Jim Murphy and current students talk about what to expect for your varsity athlete.

3 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Resources for Students
Conference Room, Tomlinson Residence Hall (enter from the back of the building)
Professionals from the Residence Life Office, the Student Health and Counseling Center, and the Center for Teaching and Learning address some of the resources at Davidson that are available to your student.

3 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Davidson and the World—An International Perspective
Duke Family Performance Hall, Knobloch Campus Center
Representatives from the Dean Rusk Program and Study Abroad Office discuss ways Davidson students encounter the world beyond Davidson.

3 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Beyond Davidson? But We Just Got Here!
Hance Auditorium, Fourth Floor, Chambers Building
It’s never too early to start thinking about life after Davidson. Center for Career Development personnel help parents understand the four-year process students should use for life planning, and how the Center for Career Development can help.

3 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Mechanics of Money at Davidson
Center for Teaching and Learning, E.H. Little Library
Still confused about such things as Dining Dollars, CatCards, and ECSI? You’re not alone! Come get your questions answered by members of the Business Services Office, Office of Financial Aid, and Auxiliary Services.

5 p.m.–7 p.m.
Dinner available
Cash or checks—Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café
Café closes at 8 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
President’s Convocation
Baker Sports Complex
Students and parents receive a special welcome from President Carol Quillen.

Friday, August 19
7:30 a.m.–10 a.m.
Breakfast available, cash or checks
Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café
Café opens at 8 a.m.

8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Davidson College Store open
137 N. Main Street

8:30 a.m.
Group meetings with your student’s faculty adviser
Faculty advisers’ names and locations for these meetings will be distributed at parent registration on Thursday, August 18.

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
President’s Reception for Parents
President’s House, hosted by President Carol Quillen
Rain location: Brown Atrium, Alvarez College Union

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Farewell Picnic Lunch
Chambers Lawn
Rain location: Baker Sports Complex
Be our guest for lunch under the trees with your student before heading home. First-year hallmates and parents will sit together, as will transfer students and their parents. Come meet your student’s new friends and neighbors! Signs will direct you to your table.
Davidson’s Philosophy of Student Life

Davidson’s philosophy related to student life centers on three words: freedom, responsibility, and honor. These concepts extend from the highly effective Honor Code to the Code of Responsibility. These two codes govern student life at Davidson.

The Honor Code, as excerpted here, states that “Each Davidson student is honor bound to refrain from stealing, lying about college business, and cheating on academic work. Stealing is the intentional taking of any property without right or permission. Lying is intentional misrepresentation of any form. Cheating includes plagiarism, which is representing another’s ideas or words as one’s own. Additional guidelines for each class may be determined by its professor; each Davidson student is responsible for knowing and adhering to them. Each student is responsible for learning and observing appropriate documentation of another’s work. Each Davidson student is honor bound to report immediately all violations of the Honor Code of which the student has firsthand knowledge; failure to do so is itself a violation of the Honor Code. All students, faculty, and other employees of Davidson College are responsible for familiar with and support of the Honor Code.”

The philosophy is well stated in the Preamble to the Code of Responsibility and in the introduction to the Philosophy of Discipline.

“The Code of Responsibility is based upon the belief that Davidson’s educational purpose can best be advanced in a context which emphasizes the responsible use of freedom, as opposed to license. The aim is to encourage individuals to develop responsible judgment capable of directing their conduct with a minimum of specific prohibitions. An elaborate system of rules strictly enforced might promote a surface conformity to the standards of behavior desired, but would not effectively serve to develop the maturity of character which is the aim of the college. Rather, responsible maturity is more likely to develop when members of the college community are both free and obligated to wrestle with principles of conduct and to accept full responsibility for their own actions and decisions. Specific rules are laid down only when they seem necessary to prevent actions which would infringe upon the freedom and well-being of others, or would endanger persons and property, or would be disruptive of community life.”

The philosophy emphasizes the individual’s acceptance of full responsibility for the corporate well-being of the college community. This involves not only counseling with fellow members of the college community concerning their actions, but also bringing the sanctions of the judicial system to bear upon those whose conduct is in violation of the Honor Code and Code of Responsibility.

Academic Life

Davidson students are intelligent, academically talented, and accustomed to achieving excellent grades. Each year, approximately 85 percent of the entering class has graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. The Davidson curriculum is demanding and designed to challenge these exceptional students to achieve their fullest potential. In addition to classes encouraging all students to stretch and grow, major departments often provide opportunities for individual and collaborative research. A number of programs offer funding to support research and similar projects, especially during study abroad or during summer experiences. Speakers and other visitors on campus help enrich the academic experience for all students and top students commonly will engage in honors programs within their majors.

New students accustomed to excellent grades in high school may find at Davidson, as at other rigorous institutions that the adjustment to college, with its academic demands, and its reliance on individual responsibility, requires patience and a willingness to reach out for help.

The college provides a broad network of academic support for all students.

◆ Each student is assigned an academic adviser who advises the student until the end of the sophomore year, when the student declares a major and selects a new faculty adviser. Academic advising is personal, and each student is encouraged to meet often with his or her adviser. All students should know the requirements for normal progress toward graduation and work with their advisers to make sure that they are meeting the requirements.

◆ If difficulties arise in a course, the first person the student should consult is the professor. All faculty members have office hours and are available by appointment, or
often without appointment, to students. The expectation on campus is that students will have access to faculty members. The student should realize that consulting the professor indicates not weakness, but a desire to overcome problems. Students, advisers, and professors can do and draw upon other sources of assistance as appropriate. Possibilities include trained peer tutors for each academic discipline, available through the Dean of Students Office. (These services are usually provided at the student’s expense, but special arrangements can be made if the expense is a burden.) Help and support are provided through the Center for Teaching and Learning, Writing Center, Speaking Center, Math and Science Center, Language Resource Center, and individual departmental programs.

◆ The counselors in the Student Counseling Center can assist students in developing stress-management and time-management skills, as well as in addressing more serious personal problems that may be hampering a student’s ability to study effectively.

◆ Students with diagnosed or suspected learning disabilities may receive appropriate assistance through the Academic Access and Disability Resources Office.

Parents with questions or concerns may contact the student’s adviser or the Dean of Students Office.

Registration

Initial course registration (WebTree) at Davidson College is based on a random-number priority system in which all students have the opportunity to register for one class before any student is registered for two. Students make course preference requests in the spring and fall for the following semester. (New students will make their requests online preference requests in the spring and fall for the following semester. (New students will make their requests online for admission prior to the first day of classes.) Students make course requests in spring and fall. Students are notified of their registration status by mid-July for courses scheduled for the fall semester and mid-January for courses scheduled for the spring semester. Students who have not enrolled in courses through the random-number priority system, and academic determination. Questions or concerns about a student’s schedule should be directed to the student’s academic adviser. To see specific requirements for majors and minors, consult the online catalog catalog.davidson.edu/.

Graduation Requirements and Standards of Progress (Beginning with the Class of 2016)

For a summary of all graduation requirements and for other academic regulations, please consult information on the college website. Under the “Academics” tab on the davidson.edu page, select “Registrar” and follow links as appropriate.

Requirements for entrance to the sophomore class or the third semester:

◆ 7 courses, including the composition requirement
◆ A cumulative grade point average of 1.60
◆ A student with a cumulative grade point average below 1.60 at the beginning of the first semester of the sophomore year will be placed on academic probation. A student on academic probation receives special advising services through the Dean of Students Office and the academic adviser.

Requirements for entrance into the fourth semester (second semester of sophomore year):

◆ A student with a cumulative grade point average of 1.7 or below at the end of the third semester must immediately make an appointment with the Dean of Students Office to clearly assess steps necessary to achieve the average of 1.80 required for entry into the junior class (fifth semester).

Requirements for entrance to the junior class or the fifth semester:

◆ 15 courses, including at least 5 of the distribution requirements and Davidson 101
◆ Declaration of a major
◆ 1.80 cumulative grade point average

For entrance to the senior class or seventh semester:

◆ For May graduation, 24 courses are required
◆ For August graduation, 22 courses are required

The Curriculum Requirements Committee will specify standards of progress for students whose records are irregular and who do not fit the requirements for one of the above categories.

FERPA

Notice of Student Rights with Respect to Education (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords you certain rights with respect to your education records. These rights include:

1) The right to inspect and review your education records (with certain limited exceptions) within 45 days of the day Davidson College receives your request for access.

You should submit any such request to the Registrar’s Office in writing, identifying the records you wish to inspect. The Registrar’s Office will make arrangements for access and notify you of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Records that are customarily open for student inspection will be accessible without written request.

2) The right to request the amendment of your education records if you believe them to be inaccurate.

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3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in your education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One such exception permits disclosure to “school officials” with “legitimate educational interests.” A “school official” is any person employed by Davidson College in any administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including public safety and student health services staff); any person or company with whom Davidson College has contracted to provide a service to or on behalf of Davidson College (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); any person serving on Davidson’s Board of Trustees; or any student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a “legitimate educational interest” if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill the official’s professional responsibility.

Another such exception permits Davidson College to disclose your “directory information,” consisting of your name; local, home, and email addresses; local, home, and mobile telephone number; major field of study (to include minors and interdisciplinary minors); enrollment status and class; dates of attendance; anticipated degree and degree date; degrees, honors, and awards received; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; most recent educational agency or institution attended; photographs and videos; eating house affiliation; and weight and height of members of athletic teams, to anyone within the Davidson College community and to the general public. Students who wish to have their directory information withheld must notify the Registrar’s Office in writing. (Please note that such a notification will prevent Davidson College from providing your directory information to your friends, prospective employers, and others with whom you may wish to share such information, so make your decision carefully.) You may give such notification at any time, but it will be effective only prospectively. Students who do not wish to have their address (or other information) published in the student directory must notify the Registrar’s Office annually by no later than seven days after the beginning of classes.

Upon request, Davidson College also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or where the student is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment or transfer. Information on other such exceptions is available through the Registrar’s Office.

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4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Davidson College to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Residence Life
As a four-year residential college community, Davidson requires students to live on campus all four years. While a few may be granted permission to live off campus, the college is deeply committed to residential living, since the benefits and positive impact of such an experience are well documented. Davidson houses approximately 95–97 percent of its student body on campus. Through their experiences in the residential community, Davidson students will gain the knowledge, awareness, and skills to be ethical, inclusive citizens. The four learning goal “pillars” to build toward that objective are community responsibility, inclusive excellence, self-awareness, and wellness. In addition, daily interaction of students within residence halls builds community and campus traditions unique to Davidson.

The first-year experience is one of the hallmarks of Davidson College. Student Hall Counselors reside on each hall and serve as guides, social programmers, and ready mentors to their first-year students. Strong and fast friendships form on these halls through intramural teams, educational programs, group dining, social activities, and time spent getting to know each other. First-year students are provided a place where they can share the excitement and trepidation of being new. First-year students are paired by the staff in the Residence Life Office; however, a few students request to live with entering first-year students they already know. The pairing process is based on several sources of information, including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and information from the roommate preference form. The primary goal of this process is to pair compatible people, not necessarily lifelong friends. It is also expected that each roommate will bring characteristics and experiences to the pairing that will help each student develop new perspectives. Off-campus housing is not permitted for first-year students.

The care involved in pairing first-year students at Davidson yields positive results. We rarely have students away from home or in adjusting to the changes in family life brought on by divorce or family death. Other students experience serious psychological difficulties with depression, anxiety, eating disorders, substance abuse, and the like. Still others seek information about interests, abilities, and personality. Consultation to enhance time-management and study skills is also available.

The counseling staff includes professionally licensed doctoral- and masters-level psychologists and counselors. Staff members have been employed by the college not only for their training and experience, but for their special interest in the development of young adults. The relationship between student and counselor is professional, and the information the student shares will be considered confidential, except in the following instances: the student’s safety or that of others is threatened, or the student gives expressed written permission via a signed release. There is no charge for services provided to students by SCC staff. Each student is allowed up to 15 sessions per academic year.

If significantly more sessions are anticipated or needed, SCC clinical staff can consult with the student and family about options for obtaining appropriate services privately. In addition to counseling services, arrangements have been made for a private psychiatrist to come to the SCC regularly to see those student clients needing psychotropic medications. The cost for visiting with the psychiatrist is the student’s responsibility.

Located in the Student Health Center, the SCC is open between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are generally made by calling the number for SCC directly at 704-894-2451. Students may volunteer to make an appointment with a counselor on their own, or they may be referred by a faculty or staff member, or by the Dean of Students Office. Finally, a counselor is on call evenings, weekends, and holidays for student psychological emergencies. Instructions on how to contact the Counselor On-Call are included on the after-hours recorded message at the front desk of the Student Counseling Center.

There are times when students would prefer to enter into a counseling relationship with someone apart from Davidson College. Alternate counseling and psychiatric care are available, at the student’s expense, with private practitioners in Davidson, Mooresville, and Huntersville, just minutes from campus. For students requesting off-campus services, SCC staff members are available to make referrals and assist in meeting students’ needs.

Student Health Service
The Davidson College Student Health Center (SHC) provides routine health care with the services of registered nurses on site and part-time physicians who are contracted through nearby Davidson Family Medicine. Nurses are on site from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while the physicians see patients by appointment, each weekday, between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. and two mornings a week. Same-day appointments are available for urgent problems. Nurses run an allergy clinic for students requiring allergy shots. A nurse is on call by pager at 704-337-7047 after hours and weekends, with physician backup. A health educator and two registered dietitians are also on staff and available to meet with students as needed. Students who wish to make an appointment with the nurse, physician, a dietitian, or meet with the health educator may do so by calling 704-894-2300.

The CatCard—Your College ID
When new students arrive on campus, they receive their photo ID—the CatCard. The CatCard is the official college ID, and provides access to campus buildings, serves as a meal card, and holds students’ Dining Dollars and/or Declining Balance accounts.

The CatCard allows students access to the exterior entrances to all residence halls, the college libraries, many academic buildings, Baker Sports Complex, and to other facilities across campus (fitness centers, the Lake Campus, computer labs, Student Health, laundromats). Lost or stolen CatCards should be reported to the CatCard office or Campus Police immediately so access can be deactivated and funds are protected.

Meal Plans
First-year students are enrolled in the full-meal plan fall semester. With this plan, a student gets 21 meal swipes a week and $100 Dining Dollars for the semester. Spring semester, first-year students are enrolled in the 16-meal plan ($300 Dining Dollars) with the option of re-enrolling in the 21 plan.

Meal swipes may be used at Vail Commons, the Davis Cafe in the Union or the Wildcat Den (lunch during the week). Hours for meal plan use are posted at each location, and include breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, and a late-night option at the Cafe.

After the first year, all students enroll in at least a minimal meal plan. Meal plans vary from 75 meals per semester to 21 meals per week. Students will choose and enroll in a meal plan each semester.

Most meal plans also include Dining Dollars that may be used at any college-operated dining location, Union Station, and Coke and snack machines. Dining Dollars may not be
Insurance

Declining Balance Accounts

Students or their family members may open an additional debit card account, called Declining Balance (DB), with the college at any point. Money deposited in a DB account can be used anywhere on campus—dining locations, the College Store, other campus retail locations, copiers, Summit Coffee on campus, and with our off-campus partners.

DB balances remain on students’ CatCards as long as they remain at Davidson. The college cannot disburse cash to students from this account, but students may close the account and retrieve any remaining balance at the end of a school year or if they are leaving the college for any reason.

DB deposits may be made with cash or check at the CatCard Services office (basement Belk) or by mail (Box 7160, Davidson, NC 28035). The college contracts with ECSI, a third-party company, to handle credit card and ACH (electronic check) deposits. There is a fee associated with a credit card deposit. ACH deposits incur no fee and there is usually a 24-hour waiting period until the funds are approved and the money is deposited. CatCard Services charges a $10 fee for the first deposit made each academic year.

Many families ask if their student “needs” a declining balance account, particularly if he or she has a credit card or bank debit card. With a DB account you can help your son or daughter avoid carrying cash on campus and you will know there are only a limited number of places where they can spend it. Many students do rely on credit/debit cards instead of opening a DB account, as those cards are accepted in most locations on campus.

Insurance

Davidson has long been concerned that all students have access to medical care as needed. The college provides limited health care through the Student Health Center and training room. However, students sometimes need specialized care through local clinics, hospitals, and specialists. To ensure that this care is available, all students attending Davidson College are required to carry health and accident insurance.

Students are required to carry the policy offered by the college, unless the student provides proof of U.S. coverage. The cost of the Davidson College health and accident insurance policy for the 2016–2017 school year is $1,690. Students who are U.S. citizens and are covered by comparable insurance may be exempt from the student insurance program only by completing the online waiver and submitting it to Davidson College Business Services by August 1, 2016. After this deadline, student insurance may not be waived. Waiver information will be included in the fall semester tuition billing scheduled to be emailed in early July. All students will also be charged $244 for tuition-refund insurance. For more information about the tuition-refund insurance or to opt out of the coverage, please refer to: www.tuitionprotection.com/davidson.

Center for Career Development

Leveraging the Davidson network, the Center for Career Development empowers students to assess and achieve their post-graduate goals. We fulfill this mission through programs and services that provide students with confidence to explore how their academic and personal interests relate to future professional opportunities; prepare for entrance into internships, employment, fellowships, and graduate school programs; experience the world of work through internship and research opportunities; and succeed in obtaining entrance into post-Davidson employment or further education programs.

Recruiting and Employer Relations: The employer relations team works with the employers and graduate programs seeking to recruit Davidson students and alumni. Services include on-campus interviews, resume referrals for jobs and internships, information sessions, a law school fair, and participation in the Liberal Arts Career Network.

Career Advising, Programming, and Networking: The career advising and preparation team provides individual career advising, assessments, connections to alumni, parents, and recruiters through career talks and networking events, career preparation programs, and resources. Our vision is for all students to have clarity and confidence in their career choices, to be prepared to navigate their search for employment or graduate school opportunities, and to market their experiences, skills, and knowledge effectively online, on paper, and in person.

Visit the Center for Career Development website at www.davidson.edu/career for additional information.

Optional Study Opportunities

Davidson students embrace education abroad! By the time a class graduates, well over half of the class has studied abroad for a year, a semester, or a summer. Students have the opportunity to choose from several Davidson faculty-led programs and many third-party provider programs located all over the world.

Popular times to study abroad is spring of sophomore year or during the junior year. Costs of Davidson study abroad programs typically are comparable to being on campus, while costs of third-party provider programs vary. If a student is currently receiving some form of merit scholarship or need-based financial aid, that aid, minus the money the student earns from working on campus, may be applied to an approved study abroad program during the academic year (fall/spring).

The portion of the student’s family is expected to pay remains the same, and the Financial Aid Office adjusts the amount of aid the student receives to help students pay the rest. If the programs costs are less than Davidson, the aid amount also will be less. If the program costs are more than Davidson, the aid amount (minus what the student receives from working on campus) will be the same as the amount the student would receive being on campus. International students are permitted to use their Davidson financial aid to participate in a Davidson approved study abroad program during the academic year. However, they are not able to use their financial aid to participate in programs in their home country. For more information about study abroad, please visit www.davidson.edu/studyabroad.

Religious Life at Davidson

Davidson encourages students of all faith traditions to grow spiritually during their college years. Some students participate in one of the houses of worship in the area, while others express their convictions apart from religious institutions. Weekly on-campus worship opportunities include Catholic Mass, Episcopal Eucharist, and a student-led Christian praise and worship service. Our Jewish students gather regularly for Shabbat services in residence halls. Our Muslim students coordinate Jumah prayers on Fridays; an ablation room is located adjacent to the prayer space.

Davidson’s chaplaincy staff includes the college chaplain, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister, as well as two associate chaplains, one of whom is our Catholic Campus Minister and the other of whom is our Campus Rabbi (who is also the rabbi of the Reform congregation in the town of Davidson). Our chaplains are available to people from any religious tradition, or none at all, for pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and program planning. Local congregations and national religious organizations also support campus ministers and staff workers who serve as advisers to several student organizations.

Student-led religious organizations and activities flourish at Davidson. Denominational groups include Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Methodist College Fellowship, Mormon Student Group, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Reformed University Fellowship (PCA), and UKIR (PCUSA). Non-denominational Christian groups include Campus Outreach, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Virtuous Praise Gospel Choir, and Young Life College. Davidson Hillel and the Muslim Students Association provide opportunities for the celebration of holy days and other activities related to their respective traditions. Better Together Interfaith Fellowship draws together students of many religious traditions for conversation and reflection. Buddhist and Hindu students, with the support of the Chaplain’s office, occasionally celebrate holy days and bring in speakers representing their faith traditions.

Dining Options

Vail Commons

Vail Commons is the primary dining facility on campus and is an all-you-care-to-eat program. It provides a very broad menu, including hot entrees, vegetarian and vegan options, fresh made-to-order pizza and deli sandwiches, a large salad bar, soft-serve yogurt, wonderful Commons-baked desserts, an extensive beverage service, and frequent special meals highlighting cuisine from all around the world. The staff is prepared to work with individual students with medical allergies. The dietitian on the Student Health Center staff works closely with dining services staff to help students with their options.

First-year students are all required to be on the Full Meal Plan, which provides 21 meals per week. In addition to taking...
meals at Vail Commons, students may choose to utilize a meal at the Wildcat Den during lunch periods and at the Davis Café, effectively providing them with 28 opportunities every week to utilize their plan. After the first year, upper class students will be required to purchase a minimum of a 75-Block Plan each semester (this equates to an average of four meals per week). Meal plans also come with Dining Dollars and may be used at any dining facility with 25% of Dining Dollars used at Summit Coffee location on campus. There is a discount door price when using Dining Dollars.

The Davis Café in Alvarez College Union

The Davis Café is located on the third floor of the Alvarez College Union. The café offers made-to-order sandwiches, great scratch-made pizza, freshly formed all-beef hamburgers, freshly marinated grilled chicken sandwiches, oven toasted grinders, fresh fish and daily specials.

Meal plans transfers, known as equivalencies, are available to use on certain products. In addition to meal plans, Dining Dollars, Declining Balance, credit/debit cards and cash are accepted at the Davis Café. Students staying on campus during Fall, Thanksgiving or Easter breaks may utilize their meal plan in an equivalency manner at the Café during lunch and dinner times, excluding Thanksgiving Day and Easter Sunday.

Union Station in Alvarez College Union

Union Station is a college-operated convenience store located on the second floor of the Alvarez College Union, across from the Post Office. The store offers a wide variety of snacks, beverages, Peer's coffee, school supplies, and health products. Union Station differs from the average convenience store as a large variety of organic, natural, and gluten-free foods, snacks, and drinks are available. Dining Dollars, Declining Balance, credit/debit cards, and cash are accepted at Union Station.

Wildcat Den

The Wildcat Den is located on the ground level of the Baker Sports Complex. It is a made-to-order sandwich shop open during the lunch period Monday through Friday. Meal plans are accepted for lunch. This area also serves as the Concession Den during sporting events throughout the year. A small seating area is available for this “fast break” area. Dining Dollars, Declining Balance, credit/debit cards, and cash may be used at the Den.

Normal operating hours for dining facilities:

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Much Ado—Davidson Catering Group

The catering department provides full-service catering for the Davidson College campus and the surrounding community. Offering gift packages, special occasion flowers, as well as everything from picnics to fine dining, Much Ado is available seven days a week to help you with all your catering needs. We specialize in a variety of “care packages” for students, recognizing birthdays and other milestones, or just to say “we’re thinking about you.” Please contact one of our staff by email at muchado@davidson.edu or call our office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 704-894-2605 to order care packages for your student or for any other information.

Other Dining/Patterson Court

Patterson Court Council (PCC) is a community of support that recognizes the value of unique individuals and organizations and promotes their engagement in the larger community through relationship building, collaborative learning, and the process of self-discovery. It is comprised of 14 different organizations: six Interfraternity Council fraternities, two National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities, two National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities, and four eating houses, which are unique to Davidson. Ten out of the 14 organizations have physical non-residential houses, and these are located on Patterson Court and Nelson Lane; our four NPHC organizations do not have physical houses for their organizations. The 10 organizations with physical houses offer meal plans to all members. These meal plans vary by organization, class year, and dietary restrictions. The majority of meal plans include lunch and dinner on Monday through Friday. These meal plans are part of membership dues and are not a part of the meal plan required by the college. Davidson College is a deferred recruitment campus. In order to be eligible to join a PCC organization students must have attended Davidson College for at least one semester. Also, in order to join a PCC organization students must have a 2.25 cumulative GPA, register for recruitment, attend an informational session, and be in good standing as a student. The Patterson Court Council (PCC) hosts a variety of events during the fall semester to introduce first-year students to the PCC community through educational programs, meals, service projects, and social events. While most membership recruitment events happen in the spring semester (some NPHC organizations conduct recruitment in the fall as well), the actual membership processes vary based on the type of PCC organization. There is not a recruitment fee, but each organization will have an initiation or first-semester membership fee that will be due at the beginning of the membership process. More information is available on the Patterson Court Council website, (www.davidsonpcc.com).

Patterson Court Organizations:

**Male organizations:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Omega, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Female organizations:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Connor Eating House, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Rusk Eating House, Turner Eating House, and Warner Hall Eating House

The College Store and Textbooks

The Davidson College Store is the official source for Davidson College course textbooks and materials, licensed clothing and merchandise, graduation regalia, test materials and other college-related items. The store is located just across Main Street, alongside the Carolina Inn and the IT department, but also operates an online store at www.davidsoncollegestore.com. The store is independently owned and operated by the college. Its primary function is to serve the needs of the students, and any revenue derived from all sales activity contributes to the college’s General Fund.

Course materials such as textbooks, course packets, downloadable documents and articles, lab materials and supplies are assigned for most courses at Davidson College. Though some of these materials may be distributed in class by the instructor, made available on reserve at the Davidson College library or posted on Moodle, it is typically the student’s responsibility to secure these materials independently. The textbook requirements for each course are posted on the store’s website as they are received from each professor, and may be directly accessed through the student’s registration page. Textbooks may be reserved on the store website for pick-up at the beginning of each semester.

The Davidson College Store understands that textbooks can be a significant economic burden to students and is committed to doing everything it can to keep costs to a minimum. More than two thirds of the books for sale in the store are used, and approximately one third of all books are available to rent. There are an ever-increasing number of titles available as e-books for rent or purchase on a variety of platforms. All textbook purchases are fully returnable during the first week of classes, and beyond that if the course is dropped. There is a textbook buy back at the end of each term, and students may return all of their books to the store for the guaranteed highest cash price. The store accepts all major forms of payment, including CatCard, and is linked to the Financial Aid office for all students receiving assistance.

**Store hours during Student Orientation**

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**Store hours during first week of classes**

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Regular store hours
Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Like us on Facebook: Davidson College Stores
Follow us on Twitter: @DavidsonStores
Check out our latest merchandise on Pinterest: DavidsonCollegeStore
Join our mailing list with a message to stores@davidson.edu.

Clothes and Laundry
Students dress casually, but neatly. Jeans, casual skirts and blouses, and shorts are the favorites in hot weather. Comfortable shoes are a necessity. Men find that they need at least one dress outfit—suit or sport coat and slacks. Women need one or two dresses for dressier occasions. Too many clothes, however, will be something of a nuisance. The suggested approach is for the student to come to campus with a minimum basic wardrobe (very much what was worn in high school). Once the student becomes involved in campus life, specific clothing needs will be

Self-service laundry machines are located throughout campus in the residence area and are free to use. All washing machines are high-efficiency models that require use of an HE detergent (conventional detergents create an inordinate amount of suds that trips sensors and disables the machine). Students are encouraged to put their name in all clothing. Students may drop off dry cleaning, knits, large items (comforters, sleeping bags), and dress shirts at the Lula Bell Houston Building behind Belk Residence Hall for cleaning on a pay-per-piece basis. These are processed by a third party and are competitive with the local market. Self-service laundry rooms are open 24 hours a day and are only accessible using your college ID, the CatCard. It is common for students waiting for dyers to remove another student’s clothes when the dry cycle is complete. Each laundry room is equipped with cubbies to hold these clothes (this is also why you should put your name in all clothes!). Laundry Services staff will remove clothes that have been left in a laundry room and hold for some period of time at the office in the Lula Bell Houston Building. Assuming names are in the clothes, they will attempt to contact the student to retrieve them. After some period of time these clothes are donated to local aid agencies. There will be peak use times when a student may not find an available machine in their building. Laundry rooms are networked, allowing a student to check on the status of a load they have left in the machine or to identify available machines via www.laundryview.com.

Residence Hall Rooms
Residence halls offer a wide range of living options. First-year students live in double rooms in communities with other first-year students. Upperclass students have a range of additional living options, including single rooms, four-person suites and on-campus apartment buildings. All residence halls have cable television access, air-conditioning and wireless Internet access. Student rooms include a bed, mattress, desk, desk chair, dresser and closet or wardrobe. Many students bring or rent a refrigerator. Landline phones are available in student rooms upon request. The Residence Life Office (RLO) staff works very hard to provide for the safety and security of person and property, but thefts still happen. All residence halls are on 24-hour limited access and students are strongly encouraged to lock their room doors whenever they are out of the room or asleep. It is important to note that the college cannot take responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged property. Frequently, existing homeowner’s policies carried by parents cover a student’s personal property while at school. Renter’s insurance (e.g., HO-4 type policy) is generally available through the companies that offer car or home insurance. Students and parents are urged to investigate their coverage thoroughly.

Before packing or buying appliances, furnishings, or other objects, students should (1) coordinate with their roommates and (2) consult the Residence Life section of the Student Handbook available on the Davidson College website for guidance. Of note, waterbeds, refrigerators over six cubic feet, space heaters, electric blankets, open-coil cooking units and candles are not allowed. Students will receive information in July that addresses permissible and restricted items more specifically. The college provides lofts in most residence halls. Individually owned built lofts are prohibited. Safety rails for lofted beds are available upon request from RLO.

Information Technology Services
What ITS Does for Students
Information Technology Services (ITS) provides an array of computing services and support to Davidson students, including:

- 10 public computer labs with more than 200 stations, including group study spaces
- Specialized science and media labs
- Wireless is available across campus
- A help desk that supports both Mac and Windows computers
- Unlimited storage on Dropbox and Google Drive, 1 terabyte of storage on OneDrive
- Free Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Printing to any public lab printer via PawaPrint software

What Students Should Do and Bring
Bringing a personal computer is not a requirement at Davidson, but the majority of students do. Laptops are particularly popular, since Davidson’s wireless network provides total mobility. ITS will provide support (Windows and Mac OS only), but this requires a certain minimum level of hardware and software. Be sure to visit the Student Computing website to learn our requirements: www.davidson.edu/offices/its/for-students/computer-recommendations.

Students can also bring peripherals like smartphones, iPods, iPads/Tablets, printers, digital cameras, and so on, though ITS support for peripherals is limited. Please do not bring wireless base stations/routers, wireless printers, wireless backup systems, or other similar devices. They can interfere with the campus wireless network.

Before arrival on campus, students should:

- Make sure their operating systems are updated with all recent patches and updates (both Windows and Mac OS).
- Be running current anti-virus software, and be certain their computers are free of viruses, trojans, and other malware.
- Make certain to pack any system discs and documentation that came with the computer.
- Watch postal mail for information on their email—ITS mails out email account information to you before arrival on campus.

We’re Here to Help
If you’re unsure about any of the above, we’re here to help you figure it out. During orientation, there’s a Tech Setup Fair to help students get connected to the college network. Throughout the school year, ITS will give in-person support to help solve problems with personal computers.
Getting to Davidson

By car, Davidson is easily accessible from I-77 and I-85. The college is approximately 20 miles north of Charlotte, 20 miles south of Statesville, and 15 miles west of Concord. There is a bus stop in Davidson. For a bus schedule, call 704-336-RIDE. Limited rail service is available into Charlotte, but railway express is not recommended because of the distance to the station. To ship trunks and crates by UPS after August 1, address them to your student, Davidson College Warehouse, 209 Ridge Rd., Davidson, NC 28035. Parcel sent early by UPS will be held at the College Warehouse until the student arrives.

The nearest airport is Charlotte Douglas International Airport, about 30 minutes away. The Student Union organizes a shuttle to and from the airport around major college holidays. Entering students who must travel to Davidson without a parent and who inform the Dean of Students Office two weeks prior to their arrival will be met at the airport at designated hours during orientation.

Tuition and Spending Money

Each student, and parent if parent access has been established, receives an emailed bill for tuition and fees in mid-July for fall semester and late November for spring semester. Payment in full is required by the due date on the bill, unless the school’s monthly payment plan (Educational Computer Services, Inc.) is used. Payment plan information can be viewed at www.ecsi.net. For 2016–17, the comprehensive fees are $61,444. First-year students should add $150 to this amount for their New Student Orientation fee. Upper-class students who pay board to fraternities or eating houses may need to adjust the board line item.

Upper-class students living in a single, suite, or apartment will need to adjust the room line item.

The comprehensive fee does not include miscellaneous expenses or books. Transportation to and from school should be considered in computing the entire cost. Books may cost as much as $300–$1,000 per year. The College Store accepts cash, checks, CatCards, and major credit cards. Students should not buy used books until they are sure what their professors will require, as course text requirements may change.

Recreation requires spending money. Students receive free tickets to most college and athletic events, but there are costs for food, transportation, and out-of-town games, etc. The student activity fee covers many social and cultural events on campus, but some others are extra. Most students, even those on the 19-meals-per-week plan, need additional money for snacks and extra meals.

The CatCard is an excellent way to provide your student with spending flexibility on campus. The card cannot be used at an eating house or fraternity, or to pay a student’s balance on his or her account. Any funds not used by the end of the year can be refunded, but withdrawals mid-semester are not permitted. Deposits can be made to the CatCard via cash, check, or credit card.

New Student—And New Parent—Orientation

Each year, parents are invited to activities of New Student Orientation. There is no better way to develop an understanding of your student’s life here. Orientation provides parents with an opportunity to meet the student’s academic adviser, hall counselor, and roommate. All parents should take advantage of this time. Parent Orientation for 2016-17 will begin August 18 (optional early move-in begins on August 17).

Odyssey

Odyssey is an optional pre-Orientation program designed to provide students with a unique, challenging, and fun transition to life at Davidson. It is an early opportunity for new students to experience those elements crucial to life at Davidson—community, personal responsibility, and service. New students rely on each other for encouragement and cooperation as they hike a section of trail, set up camp, paddle through rapids, or complete a service project. It is an opportunity to develop friendships, explore issues concerning life at Davidson, and ease the transition from high school.

Two different Odyssey experiences are offered:

Backcountry Odyssey is an outdoor adventure of backpacking, canoeing, and service. From upper-class trip leaders, new students will learn the basic skills necessary to travel and live comfortably in the outdoors with minimal impact on the environment. This is a vigorous program with all the challenges and rewards that come with time spent in remote areas. Backcountry Odyssey addresses and supports Davidson’s commitment to the education of the whole person.

Service Odyssey uses intensive community service to build relationships among participants, increase social awareness, and challenge individuals to work constructively within a group. During the program participants will serve with many Charlotte and Lake Norman area nonprofit agencies. In addition to their service, participants will learn about the agencies, social issues, and the local community. Service Odyssey reflects and enriches Davidson’s commitment to develop the spirit of service within each student.

Backcountry Odyssey is offered by Davidson Outdoors, a program of the Davidson College Union. Service Odyssey is run by the Center for Civic Engagement. Backcountry trip leaders have completed an eight-week wilderness leadership course through Davidson Outdoors, are currently certified in wilderness first aid and CPR, and participate in an extensive two-week training prior to the Odyssey. Service trip leaders have extensive experience working with groups in a service environment, have a strong knowledge of local community organizations and social issue areas, and are certified in first aid and CPR.

A number of Odyssey sessions are offered over the course of the summer, prior to New Student Orientation. After registering for the Odyssey, students will receive detailed information regarding clothing, gear, arrival at Davidson, shuttles from the airport, train or bus station, and contact during the Odyssey. For session dates and more detailed information, visit www.davidson.edu/odyssey.

Frequently Asked Questions About Odyssey

Do students need to be outdoor or service “experts” to enjoy Backcountry or Service Odyssey?

No. Odyssey is open to all incoming first-year students and is designed to accommodate any level of experience. Beginners are welcome. Backcountry Odyssey participants will spend the entire week outdoors and Service Odyssey participants will spend the entire week serving.

What kind of shape does a student need to be in for Backcountry Odyssey?

Students will enjoy Odyssey more if they are fit. Forty minutes of aerobic activity three to four times per week for at least one month prior to the Odyssey should be adequate conditioning.

What equipment will a student need?

Participants on both Service Odyssey and Backcountry Odyssey will need sleeping bags and pads (which can be provided free of cost by request in the registration process). On Service Odyssey participants should pack sturdy, closed-toe shoes, and comfortable clothing that can get dirty. For Backcountry Odyssey, students will need to bring some specialized clothing and a good pair of hiking boots. Davidson Outdoors can provide packs and any other required group gear.

During Odyssey will I be asked to do anything I am not comfortable with?

Part of the value of Odyssey hinges on the presence of reasonable risks: The emotional risks of meeting new challenges and making new friends and the physical risk involved in backcountry travel and some service work. These risks cannot be completely eliminated, but they can be minimized by the student’s active involvement in monitoring their safety and the safety of the group. The service site manager and trip leaders will provide appropriate training and instruction in each activity. We intend to have a fun, safe, meaningful week and each participants help is necessary to make this possible.

Is financial aid available?

Yes! If students qualify for financial aid from Davidson College, they should note that on the Odyssey registration form.
Campus Visits
After orientation, students usually need time to find their way into campus life. Family Weekend is scheduled to meet parents’ needs to see how things are going and students’ needs to touch base with home. Family Weekend for 2016-17 will be October 28–30. The schedule includes programs for parents, the fall theatre production, sports events, and more. Information will be mailed to all parents well in advance. The weekend also provides an occasion to visit informally with your student and new friends.

In the spring, many parents find Spring Awards Convocation a rewarding time to visit the campus again. The seniors march in caps and gowns, the college presents awards and honorary degrees, and there are activities in which parents and students can share.

We also encourage parents and their students to use the Carnegie Guest House as a place to meet when coming to campus. Located between the President’s House and Little Residence Hall, it has an area to sit, rest, read, or use the telephone while waiting to meet your child. The Carnegie Guest House is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Where to Stay
The college operates the Carnegie Guest House on campus. Advance reservations are almost always necessary. Rates at the guest house include a continental breakfast. For reservations call 704-894-2127, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. or visit www.davidson.edu/offices/carnegie-guest-house.

The Davidson Village Inn is located within walking distance of the campus. For reservations call 704-892-8044, 800-892-0796, or visit www.davidsoninn.com.

Homewood Suites by Hilton is located less than two miles away from campus at Exit 30, I-77. For reservations call 704-987-1818 or visit www.davidson.homewoodsuites.com.

Additional options are available at the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce website at www.visitlakenorman.org/places-to-stay.

What To Do Between Visits
Borrowing from the good advice in Letting Go by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger, parents can be most helpful by expressing confidence in their student’s maturity. Students can manage most problems and inquiries themselves with the help of the college staff. The confidence and coping skills they develop from confronting problems successfully on their own serve them well when they graduate and begin their careers. When they exercise poor judgment, the college setting and staff members provide a safety net to help them correct or learn from their mistakes.

Even the most mature and independent students want the support and attention of their parents. They may not remember to call home and report their successes, but they will almost certainly call home when they have problems or feel blue. Usually they do not expect parents to do anything (and may be offended if they try). Parents who offer sympathy, support, and carefully worded suggestions as to how the student might approach the problem will be appreciated.

Mail, care packages of goodies or inexpensive gifts, notes, or funny cards help students feel they are still connected to home and family. Students want to be informed about what goes on at home and may feel resentful if they are not told of family crises. Telephone calls just to chat are appreciated—if they do not come too early in the morning.

Students are individuals and respond in their own ways to events during their first year. However, parents may anticipate several stress points when many first-year students need extra support from their parents.

How to Contact the College
The college switchboard may be reached at 704-894-2000 and is usually open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Outside those hours, this number will reach the Information Desk when the Alvarez College Union is open. People there may be able to help you reach the party you need. If an emergency arises and you can’t reach anyone at the college or the union, call the Campus Police and Public Safety office at 704-894-2178. Davidson is a small community and the police are helpful.

Remember that Davidson’s deans know your son or daughter and would be glad to talk to you by phone or in person. You can make arrangements by calling the Dean of Students Office at 704-894-2225 during office hours. After hours, please call the Campus Police and Public Safety office at 704-609-0344.

Helpful Phone Numbers

| Business Services | 704-894-2208 |
| Career Development | 704-894-2132 |
| College Chaplain | 704-894-2420 |
| Dean of Students Office | 704-894-2225 |
| Financial Aid | 704-894-2232 |
| Parents Council Information | 704-894-2411 |
| Residence Life Office | 704-894-2188 |
| Campus Security | 704-894-2178 |
| Student Counseling Service | 704-894-2451 |
| (Nights and Weekends) | 704-894-2451 |
| Student Health Service | 704-894-2300 |
| Information Desk | 704-894-2140 |

Parents may also contact Davidson faculty, administrators, and staff via the Internet.

Most Davidson email addresses use the form username@davidson.edu (for username simply substitute the first two letters of your intended recipient’s first name and their entire last name, e.g., gewashington@davidson.edu). Use all lowercase letters and do not put spaces between the words.
**Frequently Asked Orientation Questions**

**I've heard that there is a common reading book for all new students.**
An Orientation book selection committee selects the common reading book for new students. We are excited to announce that the common reading selection for New Student Orientation 2016 is *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. New students need to obtain a copy for themselves and have it read before the Book Discussion session during orientation. In preparation for the discussion, you can download the book discussion guide later in the summer at www.davidson.edu/offices/dean-of-students/new-student-orientation/common-reading-book.

**Where do we check in?**
**Wednesday Arrivals:** If you are arriving on Wednesday evening for optional early move-in, there is no check-in before you unload at your residence hall. Hall counselors will unlock your room when you arrive on the hall. If you’re coming to campus from I-85 down Davidson-Concord Road, you will turn into campus on Baker Drive. If you are coming from I-77 down Griffith Street, you will be directed onto Glasgow Street. Campus police officers will direct you to your residence hall. You may not stay in your room Wednesday night. On Thursday, you will need to go to check-in at Alvarez College Union to get the rest of your information for orientation. Please park in the Baker Sports Complex parking lot on Thursday.

**Thursday Arrivals:** Before you move into your room, you need to go to Alvarez College Union for check-in. This process can take up to 45 minutes, and needs to be completed before you move in. You may park in the Baker Sports Complex parking lot, check-in at the Union, and then drive to your residence hall. Campus police officers will help you get to your residence hall and there is signage throughout campus. You will meet your hall counselor to receive your room key and information.

**When do I meet with my adviser?**
On Friday, Aug. 19, students will meet with their adviser and his or her other new student advisees as a group from 9:30 to 10 a.m. During student check-in you will receive information on who your adviser is and where your group will meet. During that initial meeting, you discuss the general class registration process and will set up an individual meeting with your adviser that will take place sometime between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. that same day in your adviser’s office.

**Where can I get a copy of the Health Form that I need to complete and return?**
The Student Health Center requires that each student complete and return the Health Form before June 30, 2016. You may download the form at www.davidson.edu/Documents/Student%20Life/Health%20Center/Incoming-Student-History-Physical-Form.pdf. Please call 704-894-2300 if you have any questions about the form itself.

**What is an “optional early move-in”?** About two-thirds of new students choose to take advantage of optional early move-in. Optional move-in allows students to come to Davidson one evening early in order to move their belongings into their residence halls the night before formal orientation begins. Students are able to unload all of their belongings into their rooms. However, students are not able to stay overnight in their residence hall rooms that evening.

**Where do I pick them up when I arrive?** During orientation, we have special package pickup times available for students who have mailed items to themselves to collect when they arrive. You may pick up your items at the warehouse, which is located on Ridge Road on campus. Below are the following pick-up times for Orientation 2016.

- **Wednesday, August 17,** 6–9 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 18,** 8:30–11 a.m.

To send packages: address packages to 209 Ridge Road, Davidson, NC 28035 and make sure to clearly include your name on the package. You do not need to have a college box number on the package for orientation pick-up.

**When do upper-class students arrive?**
Most upper-class students move into their residence halls beginning Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

**What is the appropriate attire for Orientation events?** There is no set dress code for the orientation events. However, most people wear very casual clothing for most events (shorts, tennis shoes, comfortable shirt). In August, it can be quite warm in Davidson, especially for move-in. There are some events, however, where people like to dress in business casual. Those include the President’s Convocation and the Honor Code and Code of Responsibility Commitment Ceremony. However, we ask that you wear whatever feels appropriate to you and we want you to be as comfortable as possible.

**You can find more Orientation information on our website at:** www.davidson.edu/offices/dean-of-students/new-student-orientation.
Making Davidson Home

Useful Phone Numbers
College Switchboard ................................................................................ 704-894-2000
Campus Center Information Desk .................................................................... 2141
Campus Police .................................................................................................... 2178
Baker Sports Complex ....................................................................................... 2800
Davidson College Store ..................................................................................... 2349
CatCard Services .................................................................................................. 2952
Counseling & Guidance ...................................................................................... 2451
Dean of Students Office ....................................................................................... 2225
ITS Help Desk ....................................................................................................... 2900
Library Reference Desk ....................................................................................... 2425
Residence Life Office ............................................................................................ 2188
Registrar ............................................................................................................. 2227
Your hall counselors ..............................................................................................
Your adviser .......................................................................................................... 
Your roommate ..................................................................................................... 

Shipping Information
If you need to ship an item to campus via UPS, FedEx, or DHL, address it to:

Your name
Your box number
209 Ridge Road
Davidson, NC  28035

If you need to ship an item to campus through the U.S. Postal Service, address it to:

Your name
Your box number
Davidson, NC  28035
Dear Davidson College families,

Our Towns Habitat for Humanity has partnered with Davidson College to create a program that allows you to enjoy local hospitality and help Habitat build, restore, and recycle homes. When you choose to stay with one of our host families, 100 percent of your contribution is donated to Our Towns Habitat as part of Davidson College’s fundraising efforts toward the current Youth Program’s house sponsorship.

Enjoy the comforts of home while visiting your Davidson student and help build a family a decent home, through the Davidson College Campus Chapter of Our Towns Habitat for Humanity!

How does it work?
Stay with one of our friendly host families, as an alternative to a hotel, and 100% of your suggested $85 per room, per night donation supports Davidson students’ efforts on behalf of Our Towns Habitat for Humanity.

The HomeStay program is available during the following Davidson College events:
- **Freshman Orientation**
  - August 17–18, 2016
- **Family Weekend**
  - October 28–30, 2016
- **Graduation Weekend**
  - May 19–20, 2017

Need more information or to make a reservation?
Please email sabrina@ourtownshabitat.org or call 704-896-8957, ext. 131.

ourownshabitat.org

Our Towns Habitat extends our thanks to Davidson College for partnering with us to offer this fundraising opportunity.

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**Breakfast Gram**

Sponsored by the Davidson Cheerleaders and Dance Team

Send your student breakfast, delivered by the Wildcat Cheerleaders and Dance Team, to his/her dorm before the first class on Monday.

**Breakfast gram includes:**
Juice, fruit, muffin, and breakfast bar.
Attach a personalized note from home.

To participate, fill out the form below and return with $12 donation (cash/check) to:

**Wildcat Spirit Team**
Box 7158
Davidson, NC 28035

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**Breakfast Gram**

TO: __________________________________________
DORM: _______________________________________
(Must have first and last name) (Must have dorm and room #)

FROM: _______________________________________

Breakfast Gram
### FALL SEMESTER

**AUGUST 17**
6:30 p.m.
Optional Move-In for New Students

**AUGUST 18**
8:30 a.m.
Orientation Begins
Residence Halls, OPEN
Move-in for New Students

**AUGUST 20**
8:30 a.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. OPEN
Move-in for Returning Students

**AUGUST 22**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Begin

**OCTOBER 1**
Homecoming

**OCTOBER 7**
4:20 p.m.
Fall Break Begins

**OCTOBER 12**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Resume

**OCTOBER 14—29**
Family Weekend

**NOVEMBER 17**
4:20 p.m.
Thanksgiving Break Begins

**NOVEMBER 28**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Resume

**DECEMBER 1**
Classes End
Classes Dec. 5–7, professor’s option

**DECEMBER 4**
8:40 a.m.
Exams Begin

**DECEMBER 12**
5:15 p.m.
Exams End

**DECEMBER 15**
Noon
Residence Halls/Apts. CLOSE for Winter Break

### SPRING SEMESTER

**JANUARY 14**
9 a.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. OPEN

**JANUARY 17**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Begin

**MARCH 3**
4:20 p.m.
Spring Break Begins

**MARCH 12**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Resume

**APRIL 14**
4:20 p.m.
Easter Break Begins

**APRIL 19**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Resume

**MAY 16**
4:30 p.m.
Classes End
Classes May 8–10, professor’s option

**MAY 17**
Reading Day

**MAY 19**
8:40 a.m.
Exams Begin

**MAY 20**
5:15 p.m.
Exams End—Seniors

**MAY 18**
5 p.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. Closed for Non-Seniors

**MAY 20**
5 p.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. Closed for Non-Seniors

**MAY 21**
10 a.m.
Commencement

**MAY 21**
5 p.m.
Commencement
Dean of Students Office
Box 7179
Davidson, NC 28035-7179
704-894-2225

Assistance and services are available for people with disabilities. Please contact the Office of the Dean of Students to make arrangements.