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 is any practice, method, or assistance, whether explicitly forbidden or unmentioned, that involves any degree of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit. 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 familiarity 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.

LEARNING AT DAVIDSON

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 and do 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 throughout the month of June.) Many students do not receive a full schedule at the outset, which is no reason for panic; they have an opportunity to complete the registration process through add/drop (Banner Self-Service) on campus during specified periods before the beginning of each semester and during the first two weeks of class.

As all students are required to take four credit courses per semester, the college ensures that they receive four courses during the registration process. The college cannot guarantee, however, that a student will be able to enroll in any particular course. Enrollments are guided by course ceilings, stated prerequisites, space requirements, the random-number priority system, and academic determinations. 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

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 1.8 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.

You should submit any such request to the Registrar’s Office in writing, clearly identifying the records that you want to have amended and specifying the reasons you believe them to be inaccurate. The Registrar’s Office will notify you of its decision. (Grade appeals are handled differently. Please see the Registrar’s website for more information or contact the Registrar’s Office.)

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 us 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.

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.

Center for Career Development

The Center for Career Development empowers students to assess, explore, clarify, and achieve their post-graduate goals and professional success.

We fulfill this mission by empowering students with a highly-leveragable suite of programs, platforms and resources, and readily-navigable "Career Roadmaps" tailored for student professional development needs, beginning in the First Year. We advance students’ success by offering professional development programming, on-campus employer recruitment, an extensive Davidson network, and a highly-impactful and customized approach to navigating job, internship, fellowship, and graduate school opportunities.

The center prepares students for success in exploring and clarifying their career interests and enables them to engage in high-impact experiential learning and professional immersion.

At our student-centric center, students can leverage our all-day “walk-in” service to meet with dedicated career advisors, or schedule appointments for in-depth career assessments and coaching. Our career exploration and professional development workshops and programs foster continuous learning and professional growth. We have extensive programming throughout the academic year that includes hosting top caliber employers and firms from all sectors and geographies, in addition to fellowship, graduate, and professional school programming. On-campus events include the annual Career Exploration Symposium, the Law School Fair, and more than 200 individual companies and employers hosted for individual and group on-campus recruiting and networking visits. Off-campus programming includes Career Treks, our Davidson on Wall Street program, and tailored internship and externship programs.

Our vision is for all students to build clarity, confidence, and career-readiness skills to empower them to navigate professional development opportunities with ease, and successfully embark on lives of impact and leadership in their professional lives. Through in-depth assessments and advising, including virtual appointments and all-day walk-in session availabilities, and a highly sophisticated suite of online platforms and resources, our center is always accessible to support students to explore, develop, and launch their career journey with success.

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

Study Abroad 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 partner provider programs located all over the world, and with proper planning, students will stay on track to graduation.

Popular times to study abroad are spring of sophomore year or during the junior year, although students are not limited to these terms. Courses are available in many disciplines and can be taken in the host language or in English. The Study Abroad Office is available to assist students through every step of the process, including program exploration, application processes, pre-departure preparation, support while abroad, and readjustment to life at Davidson upon return.

Costs of Davidson study abroad programs typically are comparable to being on campus, while costs of partner provider programs vary. If a student currently is 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 the student’s family is expected to pay remains the same, (unless the program fee is more than a term at Davidson). For summer programs, students may apply for a number of internal and external scholarships and grants to subsidize the cost. 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 davidson.edu/studyabroad.
LIVING AT DAVIDSON

Area Facilities

Post Office

Students have mail boxes in the Alvarez College Union. Students will receive their Post Office box number during the summer from the Business Services Office.

Banking

Wells Fargo, BB&T, and Fifth Third Bank all have branches in Davidson and welcome student accounts. Each bank also has an ATM in the Alvarez College Union.

Shopping

Davidson Commons and Sadler Square Shopping Center both contain a grocery store and restaurants. On Davidson’s Main Street are the Village Store (a gift shop), Main Street Books, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, Raeford’s Barber Shop, CVS Pharmacy, Summit Coffee, and several restaurants. The Davidson College Store carries books, textbooks, a limited line of sports clothes and “spirit items,” CDs, school supplies, cards, and some personal items.

College Store and Textbooks

The Davidson College Store is the official source for Davidson College course textbooks and materials, the widest selection of Davidson College licensed clothing and merchandise, graduation regalia, test materials, and other Davidson College related items. It is located just across Main Street alongside the Carolina Inn and across from the church, but also operates an online store davidsoncollegestore.com. The store is independently owned and operated by Davidson 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.

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. Used and new textbooks may be reserved on the store website for pick-up at the beginning of each semester, and rented or purchased at any time throughout the semester. Every effort is made to make every item needed for courses at Davidson College available at competitive market prices.

All textbook purchases are fully returnable during the first week of classes, and beyond that if a course is dropped. There is a textbook “buy back” at the end of each term where students may return their rentals or sell their books to the store for a 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 for course materials.

Regular store hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Saturday, with extended hours of 9 a.m.–6 p.m. through orientation and the first days of classes. You may also find us in Baker Sports Arena selling selected merchandise at all Davidson College men’s basketball regular and post-season games.

Please like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @DavidsonStores, and check out our latest merchandise on Instagram and Pinterest @DavidsonCollegeStore. You may also join our loyalty program for additional savings.

Davidson College Store is located at 137 N. Main St. Davidson, NC 28036.

Customer service: 704-894-2349 or stores@davidson.edu

Store hours during Student Orientation

August 16 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
August 17 & 18 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

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.

Information Technology Services

What ITS Does for Students

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

• 12 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 PawPrint 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 Technology web page to learn our requirements: davidson.edu/new-students/student-technology

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.
• Watch postal mail for information on their email—ITS mails out email account information to you before arrival on campus.
• Download Office 365 by going to http://office365.davidson.edu and using your student’s Davidson email and password. Get started using the Office 365 apps: Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, etc.

We’re Here to Help

If you’re unsure about any of the above, we’re here to help you figure it out. Email us with any questions at its@davidson.edu. Throughout the school year, ITS will give in-person support to help solve problems with personal computers.

We look forward to helping make computing technology an important part of every student’s academic success here at Davidson.

You can keep up with ITS events and updates through our social networking channels:
www.facebook.com/DavidsonTechnology
www.twitter.com/WildcatTech
Instagram - @wildcattech
Snapchat - davidsonits

Laundry

Self-service laundry machines are located throughout campus in the residential 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 rates are competitive with the local market. Self-service laundry rooms are open 24 hours a day and are only accessible utilizing 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.

Patterson Court Council

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 (highlighted in red below) 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 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, davidsonpcc.com.

**Patterson Court Organizations:**

**Male organizations:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Order, 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

**Religious Life at Davidson**

Davidson encourages students of all traditions to grow spiritually during their college years. Weekly on-campus worship opportunities include Catholic Mass, Episcopal Eucharist, and a student-led Christian praise and worship service. Jewish students gather regularly for Shabbat services in residence halls. Muslim students coordinate Jumah prayers on Fridays; an ablution 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 three associate chaplains, from Buddhist, Catholic, and Jewish traditions. Our chaplains are available to people from any religious tradition, or none at all, for pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and program planning.

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 UKirk (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 Student Association provide opportunities for the celebration of holy days and other activities related to their traditions. Davidson Dharma and The Mindfulness Community give students a chance to learn and practice meditation in Buddhist and non-sectarian settings respectively. Better Together Interfaith Fellowship draws together students of many religious traditions for conversation and reflection, and organizes celebrations of holy days in the Hindu and other Asian traditions.

**Residence Life**

As a 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.

The care involved in pairing first-year students at Davidson yields positive results. We rarely have students who want to move during their first year. The process is not foolproof, of course, and roommate conflicts are addressed by hall counselors, and, if necessary, the Residence Life Office staff. In all cases, students are encouraged to work through such difficulties, and room changes are not permitted until October 1 each year.

After the first year, a student's housing options are determined by a seniority-based housing lottery process. Class year determines how students will be assigned: senior lottery numbers are allocated first, followed by junior and then sophomore numbers. A small number of students may be given permission to live off campus; the actual number is determined by the number of students in excess of the number served by on-campus facilities. In all cases, students must request and be granted permission to live off campus.

On upper-class halls, resident advisers work to foster a community of mutual respect and cooperation. These men and women are chosen from among upper-class students and co-create inclusive communities, provide guidance, build community, and facilitate social programs for their residents.

The college's trained professional staff works in conjunction with the student staff to provide an environment for students that supports and advances academic performance, provides cocurricular learning activities, and encourages individual development.

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. New 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.

Student Cars on Campus

Cars permitted on campus are useful for trips into Charlotte and environs, for visits home, or trips to the Lake Campus. Since students usually do things in groups, there is no difficulty in getting a ride with a friend. The college occasionally arranges transportation for major events off campus. Campus Police will also provide safety escorts on campus to students; call 704-609-0344 for assistance. All students desiring to park on campus are required to register their vehicles with the Davidson College Department of Public Safety and Campus Police. Students must register these vehicles within 48 hours of the student’s arrival on campus. Students must register online at the Davidson College Public Safety site at davidson.edu/offices/public-safety/vehicle-and-bicycle-registration. Payment will be required during the online registration process. Students receive information about campus parking regulations, including information about restricted areas. Students who register online will receive the parking regulations along with the parking sticker in their campus mailbox. The
college may tow vehicles for extensive fines or unregistered vehicles if the student has not communicated extenuating circumstances. If a student intends to park on campus, he/she must register their vehicle whether or not the student lives on campus.

Bicycles are useful and popular at Davidson. Bicycle racks are available outside most residence halls. The college campus, like any other community, has experienced theft. No storage for bikes is available, except in student rooms. Students will be required to register their bicycles with Campus Police. Students may also register their bike using the link above.

**Student Counseling Center**

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) offers a broad range of counseling and psychological services. Students visit the SCC for a number of concerns, including problems that their parents did not have to face in college. College students’ ability to cope with the difficulties of an academically rigorous, busy environment is a common concern. Some students experience difficulty in moving 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 20 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 Center**

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 dietician, or meet with the health educator may do so by calling 704-894-2300.
DINING AT DAVIDSON

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, 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

First-year students are all required to be on the Full Meal Plan. They may choose between two identically priced plans. The 21-Meal Plan provides 21 swipes per week during the academic year. These swipes may be taken at Vail Commons, the Wildcat Den during lunch, for a grab-and-go meal at Union Station, or at the Union Café during the late-night period (9-11:30 p.m.). The 21-Meal Plan also comes with $100 in Dining Dollars that may be used at any dining location, as well as vending machines, at any time. The 16-Meal Plan provides 16 swipes per week at the same locations and times as the 21-Meal Plan, but comes with $400 in Dining Dollars. Up to one-quarter of a student’s Dining Dollars may also be used at Summit Coffee, an on-campus coffeehouse and pub. Dining Dollars may also be used to purchase additional meals at Vail Commons at a discounted price.

All first-year students are automatically assigned the 16-Meal Plan (history has shown us it is generally more preferred), but may opt for the 21-Meal Plan instead until the end of the second week of classes. Students who opt for the 21-Meal Plan tend to take the vast majority of their meals at Vail Commons each week.

After the first year, upper class students are required to purchase a minimum of a 75-Block Plan each semester (this equates to an average of four meals per week).

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 plan transfers, known as equivalencies, may be used at the Café during the late-night timeframe. Dining Dollars, Declining Balance, credit/debit cards, and cash are all 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, Peet’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 and students may use a meal swipe for grab and go meal combinations.

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 also be used at the Den.
Normal operating hours for dining facilities:

**Vail Commons**
*Monday–Thursday*
- Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Dinner: 5 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

*Friday*
- Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Dinner: 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

*Saturday–Sunday*
- Breakfast: 9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Dinner: 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

**Davis Café**
*Monday–Friday*
- 7:30 a.m.–Midnight

*Saturday–Sunday*
- 11 a.m.–Midnight

**Union Station**
- Sunday: 1 p.m.–1 a.m.
- Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–1 a.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Saturday: Closed

**Wildcat Den at Baker Sports Complex**
*Monday–Friday*
- 11 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

**Much Ado—Davidson Catering Group**
Much Ado, the college catering group, 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.

**FINANCES AT DAVIDSON**

**The CatCard—The 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 throughout 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**
All Davidson students participate in a college meal plan. College meal plans are structured as either weekly plans or block plans. Weekly plans allow students a prescribed number of meals each week and then reset each Sunday morning. Block plans give students a prescribed number of meals for the semester. Students enroll in meal plans each semester using a sign up portal on the Dining Services webpage.

First year students choose between the 21- and 16-meal plans. The 16-meal plan is 16 meals per week at Vail Commons and 400 Dining Dollars for the semester; the 21-meal plan is 21 meals at Vail Commons with 100 Dining Dollars for the semester.

All first year students will be automatically assigned the 16-meal plan. Students who prefer a 21-meal plan may enroll in that plan through the portal on the Dining Services web page.

Meal swipes may be used at Vail Commons, the Wildcat Den (lunch during the week), Union Station for quick take-away meals, and the Davis Café for late-night meals (9-11 pm).

Any and all Dining Dollars may be used at any college-operated dining location, Union Station, and Coke and snack machines. Up to one-quarter of the Dining Dollar allotment may be utilized at Summit Coffee on-campus. Dining Dollars may not be used at non-dining locations (College Store, Union Desk, etc.). Dining Dollars left over at the end of the fall semester will carry over to the spring
semester. Any unused Dining Dollars are removed from the student’s account at the end of the academic year. Finally, because Dining Dollars expire, the CatCard system automatically pulls money from a Dining Dollars account first, ensuring that these funds are used before any personal funds from a declining balance account.

After the first year, all students are required to purchase no less than the smallest meal plan option. Meal plans in 2017–18 vary from 75 meals per semester to 21 meals per week. Most meal plans also include Dining Dollars.

**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. This account is accessed using the same CatCard. 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 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.

International 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 2017–18 school year is $2,130. 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, 2017. 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 $264 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.

**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 2017–18, the comprehensive fees are $63,903. First-year students should add $175 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 $900–$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 16-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.

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. Parcels 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.

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 2017–18 will be October 20–22. 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.

What To Do Between Visits

Borrowing from the good advice in Letting Go by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger, parents and families 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 family. 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 and families 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.
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 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 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 davidson.homewoodsuites.com.

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

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.
**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 student’s hall counselors ......................................................

Your student’s adviser .................................................................

Your student’s roommate ............................................................

**Shipping Information**

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

**Your student’s name**
**Your student’s 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 student’s name**
**Your student’s box number**
**Davidson, NC  28035**
### FALL SEMESTER

**AUGUST 16**
6–9 p.m.
Optional Move-In for New Students

**AUGUST 17**
8:30 a.m.
Orientation Begins
Residence Halls OPEN
Move-in for New Students

**AUGUST 19**
8:30 a.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. OPEN
Move-in for Returning Students

**AUGUST 21**
8:05 a.m.
Classes Begin

**OCTOBER 6**
4:20 p.m.
Fall Break Begins

**OCTOBER 11**
8:05 a.m.
Classes Resume

**OCTOBER 20–22**
Family Weekend

**NOVEMBER 21**
4:20 p.m.
Thanksgiving Break Begins

**DECEMBER 6**
Classes End
Classes Dec. 4–6, professor’s option

**DECEMBER 15**
8:40 a.m.
Exams Begin

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

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

### SPRING SEMESTER

**JANUARY 13**
9 a.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. OPEN

**JANUARY 15**
8:15 a.m.
Classes Begin

**MARCH 2**
4:20 p.m.
Spring Break Begins

**MARCH 13**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Resume

**MARCH 30**
4:20 p.m.
Easter Break Begins

**APRIL 4**
8:30 a.m.
Classes Resume

**MAY 9**
4:30 p.m.
Classes End
Classes May 3–9, professor’s option

**MAY 10**
Reading Day

**MAY 11**
8:40 a.m.
Exams Begin

**MAY 11**
5:15 p.m.
Exams End—Seniors

**MAY 16**
5:15 p.m.—Non-Seniors

**MAY 19**
4:30 p.m.
Baccalaureate

**MAY 19**
5 p.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. Closed for Non-Seniors

**MAY 20**
10 a.m.
Commencement

**MAY 21**
Noon
Halls/Apts.—Closed for Seniors