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 experience at Davidson 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 a holistic adviser who advises the student until the end of the sophomore year, when the student declares a major and selects a new faculty adviser. Holistic advising is personal, and each student is encouraged to meet often with their 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. 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.

Family members 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 made 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 holistic adviser. To see specific requirements for majors and minors, consult the online catalog at 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 at davidson.edu/offices-and-services/registrar.

Requirements for entrance to the sophomore class or the third semester:
- 7 courses, including the writing 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). Advisers will receive notification indicating the requirement of such a meeting.

Requirements for entrance to the junior class or the fifth semester:
- 15 courses, including at least five of the Ways of Knowing requirements
- 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

It’s important for families to have this information. Here is the policy that students receive.

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 prepares students for the educational and professional opportunities that enrich lives of leadership and service.

We fulfill this mission by connecting students and alumni with tools, resources, and networks and fostering the development of critical competencies that build on the liberal arts experience. Our work depends on meaningful collaborations with academic and community partners that champion inclusivity and promote the pursuit of lives of leadership and service.

At our student-focused center, students can leverage our “walk-in” service to meet with dedicated advisers or schedule appointments for in-depth career assessments and coaching. We offer extensive programming throughout the academic year that fosters continuous learning and professional growth, including Career Exploration Symposia, the Law School Fair, and hosting more than 120 employers and organizations from all sectors and geographies for on-campus recruiting and networking, in addition to fellowship, graduate, and professional school events. Off-campus programming includes career treks, our Davidson on Wall Street program, and tailored internship and job shadowing externship programs.

Learn more about us at davidson.edu/offices-and-services/center-career-development.

Education Abroad Opportunities

Davidson students embrace education abroad. By the time a class graduates, well over half of the students have 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.

Costs of Davidson study abroad programs typically are comparable to being on campus. 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 and total cost of attendance exceeds that of 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 may 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. International students may apply for special grants to offset costs for off-campus experiences during the summer.

Students should visit the Office of Education Abroad to begin the study abroad process. Staff can provide information on program options, application procedures, pre-departure preparation, support while abroad, and readjustment to life at Davidson upon return. Students also work with the Office of Education Abroad when participating in other international activities, including research, volunteering, internships, and when receiving any form of funding support from the college for international travel. For more information, visit davidson.edu/offices-and-services/education-abroad.

**Shopping**

On Davidson’s Main Street students will find local businesses that cater to day-to-day needs and wants. Among them are the Village Store (a gift shop), Main Street Books, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, Raeford’s Barber Shop, CVS Pharmacy, and several restaurants.

**College Store and Textbooks**

The Davidson College Store is your student’s official outlet for Davidson College course textbooks, licensed clothing, merchandise, spirit products, school/office supplies, and graduate/alumni commemoratives. It is located just across Main Street at the intersection with Depot St., and online at davidsoncollegestore.com. The store is independently operated by Davidson College, with all revenue contributing to the college’s general fund.

**Textbooks**

The textbook requirements for each course are posted on the store’s website as they are received from each professor and may be accessed through the student’s registration page, directly on the website, or the textbook shelves on the 2nd floor of the store.

- Please use your students CatCard # when registering to make textbook rentals or purchases to ensure consistent delivery and records.
- It is highly recommended that students wait to receive specific instructions from their professors via email or syllabus prior to purchasing their course materials.

Used and new textbooks may be reserved for rental or purchase on the store’s website or directly purchased in the store. Every effort is made to keep every item needed for courses at Davidson College available throughout each term at competitive market prices. All textbook purchases are eligible to exchange and return for dropped classes throughout the add-drop period. 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. Books not purchased from the store are also eligible to be sold during the book buy back.

Textbook rentals are due at the end of the Final Exam.
Period for each term. Rentals are typically the net cost of purchasing and selling back the book at the end of the term.

The store accepts all major forms of payment, including CatCard, and is linked to the Financial Aid office for all students receiving financial assistance or scholarships.

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @DavidsonStores, to hear about our latest products and promotions. And be sure to join our loyalty program for additional savings.

Use the promo code WildCatCare for free shipping on orders shipped directly to your student on campus.

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

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

Please contact the store manager, Bill Reilly, at wireilly@davidson.edu or 704-894-2675 with any questions or concerns about textbooks and general store inquiries.

### Store hours during Student Orientation

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### Regular store hours

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Technology and Innovation

**What T&I Does for Students**

Technology and Innovation (T&I) provides access to an array of services, tools, equipment, and experts to support Davidson students:

- 12 public computing spaces with more than 300 stations, including group study spaces
- Digital media labs, such as a green screen recording and editing studio, and a podcast studio
- Opportunities to explore emerging technology and new modes of thought and learning in Davidson’s Makerspace
- Access to over 3900 online learning courses via lynda.com

- A support center that offers help with both Mac and Windows computers
- Unlimited storage on Dropbox and Google Drive and one terabyte of storage on OneDrive
- Free Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook
- Wireless availability across campus
- 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.*

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

**Before arrival on campus, students should:**

- Make sure device operating systems are up-to-date with all recent patches and updates (both Windows and Mac OS).
- Be certain their computers are running current anti-virus software and are free of viruses, trojans, and other malware.
- Check their personal email for information on their new Davidson email account; T&I will send details prior to students’ 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 have any questions, please connect with us at ti@davidson.edu. During the school year, we offer in-person support to help solve problems with personal computers.
We look forward to being part of every student’s academic success here at Davidson.

You can keep up with T&I events and updates through our social networking channels:
www.facebook.com/DavidsonTechnology
Twitter.com/WildcatTech
Instagram - @wildcattech

Laundry
Self-service, no charge laundry machines are located throughout the residence halls and are accessible 24 hours a day. All washing machines are high-efficiency (HE) models that require use of an HE detergent (conventional detergents create an inordinate amount of suds that trip sensors and disables the machine). Students are encouraged to put their name in all clothing. It is common for students waiting for dryers 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!). Staff will remove clothes that have been left in a laundry room periodically in order to keep the spaces clean and navigable. Eventually, 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 16 different organizations: six Interfraternity Council (IFC) fraternities, two National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternities, two National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities, one Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) fraternity, one Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) sorority, and four eating houses, which are unique to Davidson. Ten out of the 16 organizations have physical non-residential houses, and these are located on Patterson Court and Nelson Lane; the four NPHC and two MGC organizations do not have physical houses for their organizations. The 10 organizations (noted with an * 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. The NPHC organizations have plots behind Vail Commons for their organization members only. 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 2.5 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 organizations conduct recruitment in the fall for at least second semester students 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:
Religious & Spiritual 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 dinner. Muslim students coordinate Jumah prayers on Fridays; ablution rooms are located adjacent to the prayer spaces in two locations on campus. Students interested in Buddhism gather on Wednesday evenings for a Dharma talk and a time of meditation.

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. They also coordinate seasonal worship services and celebrations on campus, including for the High Holy Days, Family Weekend Mass, Christmas Vespers, our Passover Seder, and an ecumenical Holy Week gathering.

Student-led religious organizations and activities flourish at Davidson. Denominational groups include Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Davidson Wesley (Methodist), Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Reformed University Fellowship (PCA), and UKirk (PCUSA). Non-denominational Christian groups include Campus Outreach, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 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 Davidson 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

Davidson College is a four-year residential community and all students are expected to live on campus all four years. On-campus housing serves as a student’s home while at Davidson and is designed to be a safe and welcoming residential environment that supports and enhances academic and social development for all residents. Living together creates numerous opportunities for individuals to learn and grow. Through their experiences in the residential community, Davidson students gain the knowledge, awareness, and skills to lead ethical, inclusive lives.

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.

Incoming first-year students are assigned roommates and placed together on hallways through an intentional process that relies on several sources of information, including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. The primary goal of this process is to pair roommates and build communities where students will meet others who both share common interests and bring new perspectives. The care involved in pairing first-year students 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 (RLO) staff. In all cases, students are encouraged to work through such difficulties, and room changes are not permitted until October 1.

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

The philosophy of Davidson College’s residential living is one of “freedom with responsibility,” which is an extension of the honor system. Policies and procedures set high expectations for students. The enforcement
of these expectations helps students learn community responsibility, increases safety, and creates a more pleasant living environment. The detailed expectations, including consequences for violating the expectations, can be found in the Residence Life Office Policies and Procedures for Residents and found on the RLO website.

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 co-curricular 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 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 Office Policies and Procedures for Residents on the RLO website for guidance. Of note, waterbeds, refrigerators over 6 cubic feet, space heaters, electric blankets, open-coil cooking units, and candles are not allowed. New students received 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-and-services/public-safety/vehicle-and-bicycle-registration. Payments must be made through your student account. Students are responsible for reading the parking rules and agreeing to them before they can register their vehicle. After a student registers online, the parking sticker will come 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) counseling staff includes professionally licensed doctoral- and masters-level psychologists, counselors, and social workers. 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 additional charge for services provided to students by SCC staff; however, due to the number of students who seek services, the staff of the SCC subscribe to a brief therapy model. If significantly more sessions are anticipated or needed, SCC clinical staff will consult with the student and family about options for obtaining appropriate services privately. In addition to counseling services, arrangements have been made with a couple of providers from a local psychiatric group to come to the SCC to see those student clients needing psychotropic medications. The cost to meet with the visiting psychiatrist is the student’s responsibility.

The SCC is open between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students can access counseling services in several ways. To schedule an appointment students can call 704-894-2451 or through stopping by and making an appointment in person. In addition, the SCC offers “Walk-In” services between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-in appointments are provided on a first come, first serve basis. If a student is experiencing a psychological emergency outside of business hours (e.g., after 5 p.m., over the weekend, during short semester breaks), a counselor can be reached by calling 704-894-2451.

**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.

**Health Education**

Located in the same building as the Health Center, you will find the Health Education Center. A Health Educator and the Health Education Fellow, a recent Davidson College graduate, meet with students individually or in small groups to discuss a wide range of topics including sexual health, sexuality, healthy relationships, sexual misconduct, alcohol and drugs, body image, and self-care. The Health Educator and the Health Education Fellow also train and supervise a team of student volunteers known as Health Advisers, who as a group implement campus-wide programming, advocate for the community’s wellness, and provide support to peers. The Health Educator is well versed in on-campus and off-campus resources and can assist students with referrals.

The two Registered Dietitians also work with our students to develop healthy nutrition plans that fit with their schedules and meet their individual needs. Guidance is offered to students in the areas of general wellness, food allergies, eating on the go, sports nutrition, diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension, disordered eating, meal planning, and more. Our dietitians meet with students in both individual and group settings free of charge.

Students who wish to make an appointment with any member of the Student Health and Counseling Center staff, may do so by either calling 704-894-2300 (health concerns) or 704-894-2451 (psychological services) or stopping by and making an appointment in person. To reach the Health Education Office, students may call 704-894-2902 or stop by the office located in the lower level of the Student Health and Counseling Center. Additional information can be found at davidson.edu/offices-and-services/health-and-counseling.

**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 entrées, 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 and can choose between 16 or 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. At the Davis Café, they may use meal plan for late night dining options. After the first year, upperclass 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.

**Vail Commons**

*Monday–Thursday*
- Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Dinner: 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

*Friday*
- Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Dinner: 5 p.m.–7:15 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.

**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 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.

**Davis Café**

*Monday–Friday* 7:30 a.m.–Midnight

*Saturday–Sunday* 11 a.m.–Midnight

**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, may also be used at the Den.

**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 web page.

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), and the Davis Café during prescribed limited hours.

Any and all Dining Dollars may be used at any college-operated dining location, and Pepsi and snack machines. 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 2019–20 vary from 75 meals per semester to 21 meals per week. All meal plans except the 75 block 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 CatCard. Money deposited in a DB account can be used anywhere on campus—dining locations, the College Store, other campus retail locations, 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 online through the NelNet payment site, with cash or check at the CatCard Services office (2nd floor of the Alvarez College Union at the post office) or by mail (Box 7160, Davidson, NC 28035). 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 2019–20 school year is $2,295. 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 July 25, 2019. 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 $334 for tuition-refund insurance. For more information about the tuition-refund insurance or to opt out of the coverage, please refer to: tuitionprotection.com/davidson.

**Tuition and Spending Money**

Each student and family member whose access has
been established, receives an emailed bill for tuition and fees in mid-July for fall semester and early November for spring semester. Payment in full is required by the due date on the bill, unless the school’s monthly payment plan (Nelnet) is used. Payment plan information will be provided with each semester’s billing. For 2019–20, the comprehensive fees are $67,794. 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

The nearest airport is Charlotte Douglas International Airport, about 30 minutes away. 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. Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) services Davidson by bus. For a bus schedule, call 704-336-7433 or visit charlottenc.gov/cats. Limited rail service is available into Charlotte via Amtrak. To ship items to campus that you will be unable to travel with, you can use UPS after August 1. Address all items 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.

Campus Visits

After Orientation, students usually need time to find their way into campus life. Wildcat Weekend brings together the extended Davidson family to experience the best of the college and showcases the fall Davidson experience. Wildcat Weekend for 2019–20 will be October 25–27. The weekend also provides an occasion to visit informally with your student and new friends.

In the spring, many families 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.

What To Do Between Visits

The confidence and coping skills students 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. Students can manage most problems and inquiries themselves with the help of the college staff, and families can be most helpful by expressing confidence in their students’ maturity. However, 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 their family 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.
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-and-services/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 2 miles 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

Below are helpful numbers for departments around the college. If an emergency arises, call the Campus Police and Public Safety office at 704-894-2178. Davidson is a small community and the police are helpful and able to make the appropriate connections.

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.
Can I meet with my student’s adviser? Time is allotted for you to meet with your student’s adviser at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23. Advisers’ names and meeting locations will be distributed at parent and family check-in on Thursday, Aug. 22. If you attend this meeting, please note that it is a group meeting. The parents and families of the adviser’s other advisees may also be in attendance.

Are the parent and family workshops on Thursday afternoon optional? Yes. None of the Orientation sessions for parents and families are mandatory. While many of the sessions may prove useful to you, it is up to you which sessions you attend. However, many of the sessions for students are mandatory. Please look at the student orientation schedule for those events which are marked with an asterisk (*).

When do parents and families leave? What if we want to stay past Friday lunch? The parent and family portion of the Orientation program concludes at the end of the Farewell Picnic Lunch on Friday, August 23. We understand that it is hard to part from your students so quickly, but students will be busy connecting with and learning about the Davidson community.

When do upperclass students arrive? Most upperclass students move into their residence halls beginning Saturday, Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m.

What is the appropriate attire for orientation events? There is no set dress code for Orientation. However, most people wear very casual clothing for most events (shorts, tennis shoes, comfortable shirt). In August, it can be quite warm in Davidson. We want you to be as comfortable as possible, and we ask that you wear whatever feels appropriate to you.

You can find more orientation information on our website at: https://tinyurl.com/DavidsonOrientation.
Making Davidson Home

Useful Phone Numbers

College Main Number ................................................................. 704-894-2000
Campus Center Information Desk ................................................. 2140
Campus Police ............................................................................. 2178
Baker Sports Complex ............................................................... 2800
Davidson College Store ............................................................ 2349
CatCard Services ........................................................................ 2952
Counseling & Guidance ............................................................. 2451
Dean of Students Office ............................................................... 2225
T&I 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 21
6:9 p.m.
Optional Move-In for New Students

AUGUST 22
8:30 a.m.
Orientation Begins
Residence Halls OPEN
Move-in for New Students

AUGUST 24
8:30 a.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. OPEN
Move-in for Returning Students

AUGUST 26
8:05 a.m.
Classes Begin

OCTOBER 11
4:20 p.m.
Fall Break Begins

OCTOBER 16
8:05 a.m.
Classes Resume

OCTOBER 25–27
Wildcat Weekend

NOVEMBER 26
4:20 p.m.
Thanksgiving Break Begins

DECEMBER 2
8:05 a.m.
Classes Resume

DECEMBER 6
Classes End
Classes Dec. 9–11, professor’s option

DECEMBER 12
Reading Day

DECEMBER 13
8:40 a.m.
Exams Begin

DECEMBER 19
5:15 p.m.
Exams End

DECEMBER 20
Noon
Residence Halls/Apts. CLOSE for Winter Break

SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY 11
9 a.m.
Residence Halls/Apts. OPEN

JANUARY 13
8:05 a.m.
Classes Begin

JANUARY 20
MLK Day, No Classes

FEBRUARY 28
4:20 p.m.
Spring Break Begins

MARCH 9
8:05 a.m.
Classes Resume

APRIL 10
4:20 p.m.
Easter Break Begins

APRIL 15
8:05 a.m.
Classes Resume

MAY 5
4:30 p.m.
Classes End
Classes April 30–May 5, professor’s option

MAY 7
Reading Day

MAY 8
8:40 a.m.
Exams Begin

MAY 11
5:15 p.m.
Exams End—Seniors

MAY 13, 5:15 p.m.—Non-Seniors

MAY 14
5 p.m.
Residence Halls/Apts.
Closed for Non-Seniors

MAY 16
4:30 p.m.
Baccalaureate

MAY 17
10 a.m.
Commencement

MAY 18
Noon
Halls/Apts.—Closed for Seniors