STUDY DAVIDSON
At Davidson College, we prepare our students for graduate and professional pursuits as every college should, but beyond that, we teach our students to think in new ways, distinguish between important values, and confidently share perspectives.

Andrew Wu ‘18
Shanghai, China
Majors: Mathematics and Philosophy
Grant-Funded Research: Impact of Existentialism on 1980s Chinese Literature; Organic Farming in Hawaii; Sea turtle conservation in Sri Lanka
Summer Internship: Max Planck Institute for Software Systems in Germany

Thanos Petkakis ‘16
Thessaloniki, Greece
Major: Mathematics
Employer: Boston Consulting Group, Athens, Greece
National News: 30 under 30 to watch in Greece, World Economic Forum, Global Shapers, Afixis (education non-profit), and Synpraxis (public policy think tank)

Preksha Agarwal ‘18
Kolkata, India
Major: Economics
Minor: Dance
Weinstein Grant: Studied dance as a cultural and aesthetic practice in Northeast U.S.
Dean Rusk Grant: Studied the impact of the Greek economic crisis on the arts community in Greece.

Izman Suhail ‘19
Male, Maldives
Major: Political Science
Grant-Funded Research: Political History and Culture in Vienna, Austria
Summer Internship: United Nations Development Program, Maldives

Layan Anabtawi ‘19
Ramallah, Palestine
CIS Major: Film and Middle Eastern Studies
Meet My World Grant Recipient

Hani Zaitoun ‘20
Damascus, Syria and Berlin, Germany
Major: Political Science
Minor: Economics
Summer Internship: Die Zeit Newspaper, Berlin

Yeonjae Han ‘19
Seoul, South Korea
Major: Theatre
Minor: Film and Media Studies
Weinstein Grant: Seattle International Film Festival; worked on filming a documentary
Summer Internship: Davidson in Southeast Asia

STUDENT LIFE—YOUR LIFE
From recitals, plays, concerts and exhibitions, to civic projects, research and tech innovations, there are countless opportunities for you to explore your passions and discover new ones. Immerse yourself in an education that is much more, and make your degree a masterpiece.

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Let us change the way you see the world and then prepare you to make it better.

WAYS OF KNOWING

The Ways of Knowing Requirements invite students to engage in the critical examination of the major assumptions about the world that govern the way we think, reason, and act as individuals and members of communities around the world. Students are required to develop a thesis proposal and to revise their determinations when necessary. The thesis proposal must be developed in consultation with faculty advisors and must be supported by the thesis committee. The thesis proposal must be completed by the end of the junior year, and the thesis must be completed by the end of the senior year. The thesis must be written in English and must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of the College by the end of the senior year.

MAJORS

African Studies
Anthropology
Art
Biology
Chemistry
Classics
Computer Science
East Asian Studies
Economics
English
Environmental Studies
French & Francophone Studies
Gender & Sexuality Studies
German Studies
Hispanic Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Theatre

NUMBERS

2,000 students from 60+ states and 200 countries

98% of students study abroad

90% of students volunteer

89% of students participate in service learning

15 average class size

200 clubs and organizations

10:1 student-to-faculty ratio

21 NCAA Division I Sports

90% of students engage in service activities

15 countries our students call home

10 Davidson faculty-led programs across New York City, Washington, D.C., and Chicago

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

At Davidson, we believe knowledge of cultures and of the social, economic, political, and scientific forces that shape our world are integral to a liberal arts education.

Countries Our Students Call Home

Africa
Asia
Europe
Middle East
North America
South America

“Two-thirds of the students in my Politics of Development course have had at least some experience living or traveling in the Global South—from Costa Rica to Kenya to Vietnam. Using this great students’ real-world experience as a starting point, we help students apply and expand their knowledge of class and the world and create a great learning environment.”

— Dr. Meddison, Professor of Political Science