

SUMMER 2026

STUDENT & PARENT

HANDBOOK

COSMOS
UC DAVIS

WELCOME

Congratulations! We are pleased to welcome you to the COSMOS program and look forward to your arrival on July 5th. The faculty and staff have been busy preparing an exciting curriculum designed to sharpen your interest in science and mathematics and a residential program to foster a comfortable and fun transition for your month away from home.

Over the course of the four weeks, we will open doors to a whole spectrum of research areas in math and science. We hope that you find many different subjects that intrigue you, as well as the specific area that you've chosen to explore in-depth. Take advantage of the chance to directly work with top faculty at UC Davis, learn about cutting edge research from our distinguished lecturers, and learn about practical applications of your cluster's topic on your academic field trips.

COSMOS also has exciting social events and activities for you to engage in. Embrace this opportunity by becoming an active participant in your residential and academic communities.

We hope that this handbook answers most questions you have about life at COSMOS. Please feel free to direct any further inquiries to the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,
Robert Guy
Program Director
Professor of Mathematics

This Handbook is designed for BOTH parents/guardians and students. We encourage you to review it together.

COSMOS CONTACTS

We do our best to be available to families whenever possible. Please feel free to contact us via phone or email at any time. *Voicemail messages left after 4:00 PM will be returned the following morning.*

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

The Resident Dean will be available for emergency calls or texts 24/7 during the program dates. If you are not able to reach the Resident Dean, please call Helen Barr.

Resident Dean Cell: (530) 304-4913

This number will not be active until the start of the program. Once active, you may call or text this number.

UC DAVIS CAMPUS CONTACTS

There are many other campus resources that will assist COSMOS if needed. A few include:

Police Department: (530) 752-1230
Fire Department: (530) 752-1236

Opening Day – Sunday, July 5, 2026

Parents and students should read through the schedule for Opening Day. Additional instructions for students who are flying in can be found in the Arrival and Departure section. If for some reason you will not be able to arrive in time for check-in, please contact the COSMOS office to make other arrangements. The location listed for each section is a link to directions to that location on campus.

1:00 – 3:00 PM Check-in at Residence Halls

[Parking Lot 47](#)

1:00 – 1:30 PM	Check-in for Clusters 1 – 7
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Check-in for Clusters 8 – 14

1. First, find a parking spot and leave your things in the car until you have checked-in and have received your COSMOS nametag and room key. Parking is free on weekends in all UC Davis parking lots.
 - If you arrive early, you will need to wait until your cluster's check-in time.
 - Every effort will be made to move lines quickly, but it will be hot with limited amounts of shade so please prepare for the weather before arrival.
2. Follow signs from the parking lot to the COSMOS check-in table; staff will also be stationed nearby to help direct you. Make sure you know your cluster number to check-in at that designated station. Receive your COSMOS nametag and your residence hall designation.
3. Go to the Conference Housing Services check-in table at your building to receive your room key/meal card.
4. Go directly to your room in the dorms to test your room key and orient yourself in the building before moving your items into the space.
5. Finally, move your belongings into your room.
 - Parents/guardians may help move items into the dorms until 3:00 PM, at which time everyone will be asked to head outside in front of the dorm buildings. Beginning at 3:00 PM, only students and COSMOS staff will be permitted into either of the residence halls for the remainder of the program.
 - If you need to purchase additional or forgotten items, please use this time to go get them and make sure that you return prior to 3:00 PM.
 - To help with the flow of traffic, elevators in each building should only be used to go up when moving in unless necessary for mobility in the building. Stairs should be used to come down.

3:00 – 3:20 PM Cluster Welcome and **Saying Goodbye**

Tercero Residence Halls

- All students and families should make their way outside of the dorms around 3:00 PM, where Undergraduate Staff members will be waiting to meet their cluster students.
- No later than 3:20 PM parents should drive over to the University Credit Union Center (U-Center) for the Parent/Guardian Meeting. The meeting will start at 3:30 PM.
 - ***This is when parents and guardians should say goodbye to their students.***
 - Parents and guardians will leave after the Parent/Guardian Meeting – no one outside of the COSMOS participants and staff will be allowed back into the dorms until the end of the program.
 - ***Students will be busy the rest of the day.***

- **This meeting is recommended but is not mandatory for parents/guardians who attend Opening Day.**
- Parking will be available at the Pavilion Parking Structure and the meeting will be held nearby at the [U-Center](#).
- During the meeting we will introduce faculty and staff, review important information, rules, procedures, and be available to answer your questions.
- Parents/guardians should depart campus from the U-Center after the meeting since students will be occupied for the rest of the day with activities and meetings of their own.

3:30 – 10:30 PM Student Activities and Town Hall Meeting

- **These are mandatory sessions for all students.**
- During this time students will be going over essential information about the program and getting to know the people they will be living with for the summer. There will be several sessions going over different topics:
 - Meeting cluster members and undergraduate staff
 - Touring the dorms
 - Meeting the students and undergraduate staff living on your floor
 - The campus and where classes will be
- During the Town Hall Meeting students will learn about the COSMOS rules and safety policies.
- At dinnertime, you will walk with your clusters to share your first meal together!
 - For the first two days all students and undergraduate staff will be walking, just to be sure that you know where you're going before we let you loose on campus.

Useful Links

- Parking Lot 47: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8XPF1irAw6azb1me9>
- Pavilion Parking Structure: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eNRnmtWmHo1PwADi7>
- U-Center: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2kUrfvPRx2XGvsxr7>
- UC Davis Campus Map: <https://campusmap.ucdavis.edu/#>

Closing Day – Saturday, August 1, 2026

8:00 – 9:30 AM Student Move-out

[Parking Lot 47](#)

- At 8:00 AM parents and guardians may enter the dorms to help students move all of their items out.
 - Housing linens should be left in the student rooms, not taken to the laundry rooms.
 - Trash should be taken out prior to leaving.
- All students MUST be out of the dorms by 9:30 AM and headed to the U-Center for project viewing and the ceremony. It is preferred that students and families be out of the dorms by 9:00 AM.
- Students will be given explicit directions for how to check out with Conference Housing at nightly announcements the previous night. If students do not return their room keys, they will be responsible for the cost of replacing the key.
- Additional directions will be provided for students whose parents/guardians will not be attending Closing Day, to accommodate luggage and other items during the ceremony until they leave for flights, trains, etc. These students will still check out with Conference Housing, same as the rest of the students.
- For any forgotten items left in the dorms after students have checked out, please contact the office via email at any time, or the Resident Dean's cell up to a week after the end of the program.

9:00 – 10:30 AM Project Viewing and Refreshments

[U-Center](#)

- Parking will be available at the Pavilion Parking Structure and is free on weekends.
- Refreshments and cluster final projects will be placed around the top floor of the U-Center.
- The Main Floor will be used for the ceremony. There will be a section marked off for faculty and students, but the rest will be seating for guests. We ask that all guests be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony so that we may start promptly. No one should remain on the upper floor during the ceremony.
- Students will meet with their clusters to line up for seating at 10:15 AM. Detailed instructions will be provided at nightly announcements in the final week of the program.

10:30 – 11:55 AM Closing Ceremony

U-Center Main Floor

- Presentation of Certificates for the 2026 COSMOS Participants
- Once the ceremony has concluded, we encourage students to take their final project work (such as posters, papers, etc. – students should not take items that belong to COSMOS such as Legos, etc.)

Arrival and Departure

Arriving or Departing by Car

Lot 47 is the closest parking lot to the Tercero Residence Halls. Parking on campus is free on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be signs and staff nearby to help direct you toward the COSMOS check-in area on Opening Day.

Driving Directions

<i>From Sacramento (traveling West on I-80):</i> • Travel West on Interstate 80 toward San Francisco. • Take Exit 71 toward UC Davis. • Turn right on Old Davis Rd. • At the traffic circle, take the second exit onto La Rue Rd. • Turn left immediately after crossing the bridge to stay on La Rue Rd. • Lot 47 will be on the right.	<i>From the Bay Area (traveling East on I-80):</i> • Travel East on Interstate 80 toward Sacramento. • Take Exit 71 toward UC Davis. • Turn left on Old Davis Rd. • At the traffic circle, take the second exit onto La Rue Rd. • Turn left immediately after crossing the bridge to stay on La Rue Rd. • Lot 47 will be on the right.
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Arriving or Departing by Plane or Train

The Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is the nearest commercial airport to Davis. There is an Amtrak station located in downtown Davis.

All students arriving or departing by plane or train should submit the requested travel details by email no later than July 1st. Departing travel information can be sent later and will be confirmed with the student prior to Closing. See directions below for both plane and train arrivals.

- COSMOS will not provide transportation to campus, but there are many taxi and ride share options. Let your driver know that you would like to be dropped off at [Lot 47](#) on the UC Davis campus.
- If available flights don't allow you to arrive for check-in, we request that you simply arrive on Opening Day and communicate this to the Program Coordinator so that staff can prepare.

Please Note!

To ensure the safe arrival of our students, all students that will be arriving without their parents or guardians should provide travel information by email following the instructions above. Should the student run into any issues during their travel, please call the Resident Dean Cell (listed on page 1) for assistance.

Arrival/Departure email instructions for students arriving/departing without a parent or guardian:

Please send the following information to the Program Coordinator at slsmart@ucdavis.edu:

Subject line: Travel Information for 'Student Name'

- Student Name and Cluster Number
- Arrival or Departure Time
- Arrival or Departure Details (flight number, train, etc.)
- Any additional details you feel are necessary

Contacting Students and Special Leave Requests

Mail

As students will be with us for an entire month, parents often send care packages or forgotten items. While we do encourage this, there are some conditions parents should be aware of prior to sending any mail.

Our mail is sorted at the campus-wide mail facility and then delivered to us on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This means that mail can take as much as three weeks after sending to arrive in our office. Once we do have it, mail is delivered that night to students during their nightly meetings. For this reason, **please do not send anything perishable** as it will likely go bad before the student receives it.

To send something to your students, please address the mail in the following way depending on the mail carrier:

USPS	Amazon, UPS, FedEx
Student Name, Cluster Number COSMOS, UC Davis 1204 Mathematical Sciences Building One Shields Avenue Davis, CA 95616	Student Name, Cluster Number COSMOS, UC Davis 399 Crocker Lane 1204 Mathematical Sciences Building Davis, CA 95616

No mail should be sent to the dorm addresses. Campus does not deliver mail to the dorms during the summer months.

Amazon Lockers

If there is something that the student needs immediately that they cannot get themselves, there are Amazon Lockers conveniently located on campus which students will be able to use.

When setting the delivery location, select “See nearby pick up locations” and search UC Davis. Many options should come up, but below are the ones that students will have access to during the summer:

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| • Amazon Locker – Becca | Located outside the Memorial Union | Available 24/7 |
| • Amazon Hub Locker+ (UC Davis) | Located inside the Memorial Union | Limited Hours |

If there are other concerns about items that need to be purchased and delivered in a timely manner, but cannot be sent by Amazon, please contact the Program Coordinator to see what arrangements can be made.

Phone Contact

Phone contact is encouraged, but please be respectful of class and quiet hours and only make emergency phone calls during the following times:

Morning Classes: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Afternoon Classes: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Quiet Hours: 10:30 PM – 6:00 AM

If for some reason you are unable to get in contact with your student, please contact the Resident Dean for immediate action. Students, please respond to your parents’ calls and texts, no matter how much fun you’re having.

Visiting Students

While the COSMOS program is meant to be a preview of college life for our students, which includes living on their own, we understand that parents and guardians will miss them so much that they can’t go four weeks without seeing them.

Visitors may come see students on **Sundays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM** but are limited to visiting with them either outside of the dorms or at the [Tercero DC](#). Since the students are still in our care, we require they remain within the dorm or dining commons areas so that staff can quickly respond in the case of an emergency.

Visitors **MAY**:

- Set up a picnic with their student in any of the grassy areas in front of the dorms
- Bring their own food to eat with their student at the tables located outside of the Tercero Services Area
- Purchase entry to the DC to have lunch with their student
 - The DC is All-You-Care-to-Eat dining; entry can be purchased at the front desk
 - COSMOS students will be able to use their designated lunch swipe for the meal
- Bring items to their students; take unneeded items from their students
 - Please keep in mind that visitors are **not allowed** inside the dorms for any reason from Opening Day until Closing Day, including to use the restroom or drop off items for the student

Visitors **MAY NOT**:

- Enter the dorms for any reason
- Take any student in any vehicle
- Leave with any student outside of the dorms or dining commons areas

Indirect Hovering

In an effort to give students their first glance at independence, parents/guardians may choose not to contact them too often. To quell the inevitable anxiety, COSMOS will send a weekly newsletter with updates from each cluster. Newsletters may cover a variety of topics but typically share what the students have learned in class, where they have gone on field trips, and maybe a photo as proof of life. Parents/guardians listed in the student application will automatically be added to the mailing list for the newsletter which is sent on Friday afternoons during the program.

Leaving the Program – Special Leave Requests and Emergencies

It is expected that students will stay for the duration of the program, but in special cases they may be signed out of the program over the weekend. In these instances, the student must be picked up on *Friday evening between 6:00 – 9:00 PM and must return to the program on Sunday between 6:00 – 9:00 PM*. To submit a request for special leave, parent/guardians must email the UC Davis COSMOS Leave Request Form to cdirect@ucdavis.edu. Requests will not be approved if submitted after Wednesday prior to the requested weekend (or 3 days prior to the requested date).

The request may be approved, approved with changes, or denied. The parent/guardian will be emailed if the leave request is approved or approved with changes. When picking up the student, the approved adult allowed to pick up the student will be asked to show photo ID, which must match the name on the paperwork, to a staff member who will meet them outside of the dorms at the time of pickup. Upon return, students will need to sign in at the Staff Office in the dorms. Students will be asked to show their COSMOS nametag, so don't forget it!

In the case of **unforeseen emergencies** where the student must leave the program, please call the Resident Dean on the 24/7 Emergency Cell as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Weekly Schedule

General COSMOS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:00 – 6:00 AM	Quiet Hours End						
	Breakfast						
7:00 AM							
8:00 AM	Morning Announcements						
9:00 AM	Morning Class/Lab Time	Morning Class/Lab Time	Morning Class/Lab Time	Morning Class/Lab Time	Morning Class/Lab Time	Weekend Outing	Study Time Free Time
10:00 AM							
11:00 AM							
	Lunch						
12:00 PM							
1:00 PM	Afternoon Class/Lab Time	Afternoon Class/Lab Time	Distinguished Lecture Series	Afternoon Class/Lab Time	Afternoon Class/Lab Time	Weekend Outing	Study Time Free Time
2:00 PM							
3:00 PM							
			Afternoon Class/Lab Time				
4:00 PM							
5:00 PM	Dinner						
6:00 PM							
7:00 PM	Nightly Activities Study Time Free Time					Weekend Outing	Study Time Free Time
8:00 PM							
9:00 PM	Nightly Announcements						
10:00 PM							
10:30 – 11:59 PM	Quiet Hours Begin						

*Academic Outings will occur during the week, typically on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Students will receive their cluster schedule with academic outings, classrooms, and labs specified at the start of the program.

Distinguished Lecture Series

Each Wednesday of the program, all clusters will attend the same lecture given by a distinguished professional in a STEM field. Each speaker will give a talk about their own area of science, and then give students a chance to ask further questions.

Field Trips

Students will take part in a number of field trips and weekend outings during the program.

Clusters will go on individual academic outings that will likely tie into the material being studied in their classes. These outings will all happen on weekdays and students will get specific instructions for what they might need prior to their trip.

Each Saturday the entire camp will attend a recreational weekend outing. This year those outings include the Farmers Market, an A's game, the UCD Rec Pool, and a BBQ night on the green.

All outings will have specific requirements – from ID requirements to attire expectations – that students will need to abide by. Please refer to the section about what to bring to be sure that you will have anything you might need for field trips.

Pack-out lunches will be provided for any off-campus field trips where students will not return in time to eat at the DC. See the Dining Commons section for more information.

Students will receive a calendar with their schedule for the entire month on Opening Day so that they will know when these trips will occur.

Nightly Activities and Free time

Every weekday evening, undergraduate staff will host both an indoor and outdoor activity in which students may participate. These activities will not be mandatory, with a few exceptions. As nightly activities are generally not mandatory, students may choose to do other things including studying, playing other sports, exploring campus and downtown, etc.

Sundays are designated as free time for students, which they can use as they would like within the rules of the program. For this reason, there are no planned nightly activities on Sundays.

Religious Services

If a student would like to attend religious services, there will be staff member available to drive students to those services. For student safety and accessibility, we ask that students choose a location in Davis. Service information will be requested, and sign-up reminders will be given in nightly announcements each week.

While it is highly suggested that students find another person from the program to attend religious services with them, a buddy is not required so that students may feel free to attend services of their preference. Staff will keep in contact with each student to be sure they are safe during their preferred services.

Program Structure

Providing an incredible summer experience while ensuring student safety takes quite the team. Below are descriptions of the different people students will encounter during the summer.

The year-round staff are listed on the first page of this handbook and are good resources for parents/guardians and students alike.

Academic personnel work with the students only during the week on academic activities. These include:

- Faculty – each cluster is led by at least one UC Davis Faculty member. The faculty plan and deliver all the academic activities for the students.
- Teaching Assistants (TAs) – each cluster has at least one graduate student who works with the faculty during the school year and can't wait to work for COSMOS during the summer because it's so much fun!
- Teacher Fellows (TFs) – each cluster has one high school teacher who graciously gives up their summer to work with COSMOS. These teachers are certified CA teachers who help bridge the gap between the teaching styles in high school versus college.

To ensure that all 24 hours of the day are covered, residential personnel are available to students at all times on rotating shifts. These include:

- Resident Dean (RD) – this person is an adult. This person is available via phone 24/7 for the duration of the program to students, parents/guardians, and staff alike. She will answer the phone when you inevitably lock yourself out of your room at 3 AM because you are too tired to realize you aren't at home and that the dorm door locks automatically.

The Undergraduate Staff are the main point of contact for the students and make up the majority of the residential personnel. These are UC Davis undergrads who are first aid and CPR certified, and live in the dorms with the students.

- Teaching Interns (TIs) – each cluster has one undergrad who primarily works during the academic day and has some interest or experience in the cluster topic. They also have some residential duties such as running nightly activities. TIs switch with their RA cluster partner on a regular schedule to ensure that the students have someone to contact at all times during the program.
- Residential Assistants (RAs) – each cluster has one undergrad who primarily works during the evenings and runs residential activities. They also have weekend duties such as chaperoning students on weekend outings. RAs switch with their TI cluster partner on a regular schedule to ensure that the students have someone to contact at all times during the program.
- Senior Residential Assistants (SRAs) – these undergrads work directly for the RD, generally oversee the Undergraduate Staff, and ensure that students' general needs are met. They are typically in the Staff Office in the dorms helping with anything that may come up.

The students will meet the Undergraduate Staff and RD on Opening Day, and will meet the Academic personnel the following day during the first day of classes.

Dining Commons

The COSMOS program will have access to the **Tercero DC** for all three meals of the day. The room key that students will receive on Opening Day from Housing will also serve as the meal card for entering the DC. If the room key/meal card is lost, students are responsible for the \$25 replacement fee.

Meal hours are as follows:

Breakfast: 7:00 – 8:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Dinner: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

The DC is All-You-Care-To-Eat dining, with menus located at each station that identify the 8 major allergens. For additional information regarding daily menus, allergens and specific diets, you can read more on the specific subjects on the Dining Services website:

- Online Menu: <https://housing.ucdavis.edu/dining/dining-commons/tercero/>
- Vegan and Vegetarian Information: <https://housing.ucdavis.edu/dining/nutrition/vegan-and-vegetarian-options/>
- Halal Information: <https://housing.ucdavis.edu/dining/nutrition/halal-and-kosher-dining-options/>
- Food Allergens and Ingredients of Concern: <https://housing.ucdavis.edu/dining/nutrition/food-allergens-and-ingredients-of-concern/>

Any further concerns for individuals who have medical or religious dietary needs that make it challenging to obtain safe and appropriate meals through a standard dining commons experience, please submit the Modified Arrangement Request Form following the instructions on the form. Both student and parent/guardian should be on the email. Please also copy cdirect@ucdavis.edu and slsmart@ucdavis.edu so that we are aware of special dietary requirements and can plan accordingly for pack-out meals.

Pack-out meals for field trips will be ordered based on the dietary restrictions listed in the Student Survey (Acceptance Checklist in application portal). We will coordinate directly with students who have Modified Arrangements.

Residence Halls

Students and Undergraduate Staff will be living in buildings in the Tercero Residence Hall Area:

- These buildings are located on campus and allow for quick access to cluster classrooms, the dining commons, and other campus attractions.
- Each student will share a room with a fellow COSMOS student in one of the buildings but will be allowed in common areas in any of our designated buildings.
- There are common rooms on each floor where students can meet for work or play. These common rooms will also serve as cluster meeting spots, where students will meet every day to get COSMOS news and information.
- The buildings are set up in the traditional dorms style, with dorms rooms located directly off a main interior hallway. Each floor will have several bathrooms for student use and one bathroom restricted to staff use only.
- Dorm rooms include a Twin XL bed, desk, chair, drawers and closet space, for each student. One blanket and pillow will be provided for the duration of the program, but sheets and towels will be available to switch out weekly. All rooms are air conditioned and have one mini fridge and microwave that students may share.

Entrance to buildings and individual rooms will be accessed by key cards that will be distributed upon check-in. Students are responsible for not losing their key cards. If lost, they will be charged a replacement fee of \$25. These cards must be returned to Housing upon check-out.

There is one laundry room on the first floor of each building. Students will be responsible for doing their own laundry and completing it during available hours (students will not be allowed to do laundry during quiet hours). Payment for the washers and dryers are done through an app which will require access to a credit card. Prices are \$1.50 per wash and \$1.50 per dry. Housing recommends using HE liquid soap or soap pods in the washers.

In addition, Undergraduate Staff will designate certain spaces in the buildings for COSMOS specific needs such as: quiet study space, equipment room, staff office, etc. The students will be given a tour of the dorms on the first day so that they will know where to go for whatever needs they have.

Davis, CA

UC Davis Campus

Students will have access to a number of campus facilities and public spaces.

The most frequently visited will of course be the dorms, the dining commons, and the classroom or lab spaces that the cluster will use throughout the summer.

During free time students may also make use of the other open public spaces on campus. This includes: study spaces in Shields Library, the Silo, and the Memorial Union; outdoor recreation spaces such as the tennis courts, basketball courts, beach volleyball courts, and plenty of open fields for pick up games of soccer, ultimate frisbee, etc.; and the [Arboretum](#) which has a 3.5 mile loop main path. There is also the MU Games Area that has [bowling](#) and other [gaming](#) opportunities for a small fee.

Students will be expected to follow all program rules when accessing any of these locations.

Students will not have access to the campus gym.

Downtown & Near Campus

Students will also have some access to Downtown Davis. Features include many small businesses and local restaurants, three movie theaters, and Central Park where the Davis Farmers Market is held every Saturday morning and Picnic in the Park is held every Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to Downtown, students will have access to Trader Joe's and other restaurants/shops which are located just north of main campus. Both areas are walkable or bikeable.

Students will be expected to follow all program rules when accessing these locations. Expectations and boundaries will be reviewed on Opening Day with all the students.

With the ubiquity of food delivery services, students may choose to have food from anywhere in Davis delivered to the dorms. The option to use such services is between parents/guardians and their students. If students choose to have food delivered, they should never go to the delivery person's vehicle alone nor should the delivery person ever enter any of the dorms. If food is delivered during quiet hours when students must be in their rooms, the Undergraduate Staff will snack really well that night.

Weather

Summertime in Davis is hot! The average daytime temperature in July is 93°F and the chance that it will reach 100°F or higher is likely. However, the average low temperature is 56°F. Evenings and early mornings can be much cooler, and inside the buildings on campus can also be quite chilly. Additionally, almost every cluster will have a field trip to San Francisco where the average daytime temperature in July is 57°F.

When planning for the summer, keep in mind that you should be prepared for different kinds of weather. Light layers and a reusable water bottle are recommended so that you're ready for anything and can stay hydrated in Davis style!

Wildlife, Farm Life, and Plant Life

Campus has a plethora of flora and fauna, all of which students may observe but NOT TOUCH (all caps for a reason).

Animals and insects that students are likely to encounter on campus include but are not limited to cows, horses, llamas and other livestock, wild turkeys, fearless squirrels, ducks, turtles, cockroaches, ants, and lizards.

Unless given permission by an authorized person, **DO NOT touch or feed** any campus wildlife, farm life, or plant life.

What to Bring

Please bring what you will need in order to be comfortable during your stay at UC Davis, but also keep in mind that you will be sharing your room and using communal bathrooms.

COSMOS does not have a specific dress code; we want students to feel comfortable and be able to express their individual style while still maintaining a level of professionalism as this is an academic summer program. The only exceptions to this will be field trips and labs that have specific clothing requirements – all of which have been listed in the essentials section below.

Required Items are underlined highlighted in GREEN

Essentials

- Photo Identification (driver's license, CA identification card, passport, or passport card, etc.)
 - Some field trips will not accept Student ID as a valid form of photo ID; please contact the COSMOS office if this is the only form of photo ID you have
- Medical Insurance Card
- Cell phone and portable charger
 - Cluster group chats require either Slack or Discord and are a main form of communication with students
- Prescription medications (required to be in original bottle)
- Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, laundry basket/bag
- Credit card or access to a digital payment method (for laundry or emergencies)
- Toiletries: toothbrush/paste, deodorant (please!), shampoo/conditioner, razor, soap, etc.
- School supplies: backpack, notebook, pen/pencil, etc. (some of these items will be provided, but if you have a preferred style of supplies, please bring those)
- Reusable Water Bottle (keep hydrated Davis style!)
 - All dorms, and most buildings on campus have water bottle filling stations
- Clothing:
 - Long Pants (will be required for particular activities)
 - Closed-toe shoes (for labs and field trips)
 - Enough tops (t-shirts, blouses, button-down shirts, dresses, etc.)
 - Enough bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts, etc.)
 - Walking shoes
 - Sandals and other casual shoes
 - Shower shoes (i.e. flip flops)
 - Sunglasses, sunscreen, hat
 - Light jacket and/or sweatshirt
 - Dressy clothes (for Closing Ceremony and class presentations)
 - Athletic clothing
 - Swimsuit and pool towel

Recommended

- Bike or other non-motorized transportation (Please see **Transportation** section)
 - U-lock (highly recommended) or other locking method for your transportation
 - Helmet (required for all modes of transportation; recommended for particularly clumsy walkers)

- Extra blankets and pillow
 - There will be linens provided (bed sheets, one blanket, one pillow and pillowcase, one bath towel) but the dorms can get a little cooler at night, and this may not be enough. Students are also welcome to bring their own linens, but they must launder them themselves. Housing staff will only take the linens they provide.
- Alarm clock
- Clothes hangers
- Spending money (for emergencies, off campus activities, souvenirs, etc.)
- Mini First Aid Kit
 - Students should consider bringing any non-prescription medications they think they may need, including allergy medication if you are especially susceptible. Though we will be on the university campus, Davis is an agricultural town!
 - Any major first aid needs will be provided by COSMOS – each Undergraduate Staff member will carry a first aid kit with them during their on-call hours.

Non-essential but welcome

- Laptop or similar devices
 - COSMOS will not be responsible for lost or stolen items, please take care when storing valuable items
 - A limited number of laptops will be available for students who are not bringing their own but require them to complete their cluster assignments
- Musical Instrument
 - COSMOS does not have access to any instruments or practice rooms, but space can be made in the dorms as a quiet place to practice during nightly free time
- Sporting equipment: basketball, football, frisbee, tennis racquet, volleyball, etc.
- Books for reading pleasure
- Camera
- Non-perishable snacks (stored in a secure container, even if already packaged – to deter ants and other pests)
- Ice tray for dorm room freezer (if you prefer cold water)

DO NOT Bring

- Clothing with inappropriate language or artwork
- Cars or motorized vehicles
- Pets
- Valuables
- Weapons, fireworks, explosives, candles, or incense
- Illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco

Transportation

It is highly recommended that students bring some sort of transportation, specifically a **bicycle**, since UC Davis is a large campus. However, this is not required, and walking is certainly an option.

- Other acceptable modes of transportation are skateboards, longboards, scooters, skates, and similar non-motorized modes of transportation.
- To ensure their safety, students will not be allowed to use ride shares or public transport during the program.

Helmets must be worn and buckled correctly whenever riding any of these modes of transportation.

- It is the law that minors wear a helmet, and Davis police will not hesitate to ticket those who disobey it. This means that all students who choose to bring some sort of transportation for the summer must also have their own helmet.

If you are bringing your own bike, please be aware that bikes must be parked outside (there is plenty of bike parking in front of the dorms) and are not allowed inside the dorms or lecture halls.

- Other (smaller) modes of transportation can be stored in the dorms, but they must be taken directly to the student bedroom and cannot be ridden in the dorms, lecture halls or DC.

Davis has a high rate of bike theft; thieves look for expensive bikes and those with locks that are easily cut off. It is highly recommended that students bring an inexpensive or non-sentimental bike with a U-lock, rather than a cable or chain lock.

Davis has implemented specific biking structures to ensure safe and easy travel for bikers, including biking lanes, bike circles, biking stop signs and stoplights, etc. Since there are so many bikers, the rules of the road that apply to drivers also apply to bikers. Undergraduate Staff will go over the basic rules that students should follow for biking in Davis on the first day of the program. All modes of transportation must follow the same rules of the road and helmet requirement as bicyclists.

Bike Rentals

A bike rental for the duration of the program is an option for those who don't want to or can't bring their own. Rental options will be shared in the Welcome email. Students are responsible for arranging and returning their own rentals, but any updates and reminders regarding rentals will be in morning or nightly announcements throughout the program.

Expectations

In order for everyone to have a successful COSMOS experience, **it is important that the rules and procedures established for COSMOS be followed.** The most critical rules were shared in the *Participant Agreement* (see next page) and will be reviewed in detail with all clusters on Opening Day. If a student is unable to adhere to the rules, COSMOS staff may contact their parents/guardians to discuss their behavior and whether they can remain in the program.

Here are some key highlights that will be further reviewed on Opening Day:

Nametags: Students are REQUIRED to wear their COSMOS nametag at all times.

Buddy System: Students must be with someone from the COSMOS program any time they are not in the dorms or at the DC. This includes anywhere else on campus such as classrooms and labs, or off campus like downtown Davis and on field trips.

Sign in and out: When students leave the dorm area during free time they must sign out and sign in when they return. This does not include scheduled daily activities such as going to the DC, going to class, or attending a staff led nightly activity.

Quiet Hours and Curfew: The curfew for being back in the dorms each night is 9:00 PM. Quiet hours will be from 10:30 PM until 6:00 AM each day, during which students will be expected to be in their rooms. At 6:00 AM students will be allowed to leave their rooms to shower or prepare for the day. At 6:30 AM students will be allowed to leave the dorms for breakfast, morning exercise (with a buddy), etc.

Room Assignments: Students are not allowed to enter any bedrooms that are not assigned to them. They may meet with peers in designated common areas. If there is a third bed in any of the dorm rooms, no students will use the top bunk, whether or not it is their assigned room.

Campus Conduct: Students are expected to be respectful of all shared spaces including, but not limited to their shared dorm room, bathrooms, common rooms, laundry rooms, classrooms, and lab spaces. Students are expected to be quiet and courteous while walking through buildings and lecture halls since university faculty and students will be conducting Summer Session classes for the duration of our program. Students are expected to respect all rules pertaining to campus wildlife, farm life and plant life.

Outside Visitors: No outside visitors will be allowed in the dorms at any time during the program for any reason. This includes family and friends, food delivery people, or anyone who is not wearing a COSMOS nametag (unless specified by the Resident Dean as allowed to enter).

Davis Boundaries: Students will remain within the outlined boundaries (on campus and most of Downtown Davis) at all times, unless they are with staff members on a field trip. Given the small area, which is both bikeable and walkable, students will not be allowed to use any public transportation including city buses or ride-share services.

Bike Safety: Students are expected to wear helmets correctly whenever riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, skates, etc. It is the law that minors (and all COSMOS participants, regardless of age) wear a helmet. Students will follow the rules of the road while biking on campus and in town. Students will be responsible for any biking tickets they receive from campus or city police.

Timeliness: Students are expected to arrive on time to daily scheduled events, including but not limited to morning announcements, classes, labs, field trips, Distinguished Lectures, and nightly announcements.

COSMOS Participant Agreement

The following rules represent the most critical rules and procedures we will be using during COSMOS this summer. Any failure to follow these rules may result in the student's participation being terminated. More detailed information about these rules and procedures will be outlined in the COSMOS Student Handbook, provided later, and reviewed in-person on Opening Day. All rules and expectations have been put in place to ensure the safety of all students. Students and their parents/guardians must read and agree to these conditions to participate in COSMOS.

Participants are expected to demonstrate proper respect and consideration to all UCD faculty, staff, and peers throughout the program.

Participants are expected to attend all classes, seminars, lectures, labs, and academic outings. Special circumstances, such as illness, must be reported to a staff member immediately. Participants are expected to complete all work assigned by instructors and teaching assistants.

Participants agree to wear the required COSMOS nametag at all times, correctly and visible to program staff and faculty. The nametag will be provided to students upon check-in on Opening Day.

Participants agree to have no outside visitors at UC Davis, especially inside of the residence halls, during the program, except parents or legal guardians who have made prior arrangements with COSMOS staff.

Participants may not leave the specified city and campus boundaries during the program, except for COSMOS approved events and outings, and must agree to be with someone from the program at all times outside of the residence halls. These boundaries and the buddy system will be outlined on the first day of the program.

Participants may only enter their assigned dorm room and the designated common spaces. Participants must be in their assigned room during designated quiet hours (10:30 pm – 6:00 am). Further information about curfews and quiet hours will be outlined during the first day of the program.

No cars or motor vehicles are allowed. Helmets must be worn by all students riding other forms of transportation, including bicycles, tricycles, scooters, skateboards, longboards, roller skates, roller blades, etc.

Any participants who are 18 or older must agree to abide by all laws and rules that pertain to minors despite their age.

COSMOS is not responsible for damage and/or loss of any personal property brought to the program.

COSMOS staff may enter any student's room for any reason at any time.

The following will not be tolerated:

- Use of foul or inappropriate language
- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind
- Possession of any type of weapon – weapons include knives, guns, pellet guns, b-b guns, sling shots, water pistols, or any other kind of device that could inflict injuries to self or others
- Violence, harassment, or abuse of any kind – this includes fist fights, verbal abuse, or any form of conduct that may cause another individual harm or potential harm, or which may cause needless feelings of discomfort or embarrassment
- Inappropriate physical contact
- Smoking or use of any form of recreational drug use
- Tampering with any fire equipment – such action is also subject to misdemeanor fines and arrest
- Abuse or damage to University property – such action will result in the participant being billed for costs or damages

Participants are expected to read and adhere to all rules and expectations outlined above. These will appear in further detail in the Student and Parent Handbook, and will be reviewed and further clarified on the first day of the program.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: I have read this Participant Agreement and understand that my/my student's participation in COSMOS will terminate for failure to abide by the rules of conduct cited above.

(All parents/guardians and students have signed this form as part of the Acceptance Packet.)



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SEE YOU ON JULY 5!

