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A Davidson Parents' Guide



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2009–10 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester

Aug. 19, 6:00–9:00 p.m.	Optional move-in
Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m.	Orientation begins
Aug. 24, 8:30 a.m.	Classes begin
Sept. 11–13	Homecoming
Oct. 9, 4:30 p.m.	Fall Break begins
Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m.	Classes resume
Oct. 23–25	Family Weekend
Nov. 24, 4:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Break begins
Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m.	Classes resume
Dec. 9, 4:30 p.m.	Classes end
Dec. 10	Reading day
Dec. 11, 8:40 a.m.	Exams begin
Dec. 17, 12:15 p.m.	Exams end/ Recess begins
Dec. 18	Residence Halls/ Apts. CLOSED

Spring Semester

Jan. 9, 8:30 a.m.	Residence Halls OPEN
Jan. 11, 8:30 a.m.	Classes begin
Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m.	Spring Break begins
Mar. 8, 8:30 a.m.	Classes resume
Apr. 2, 4:30 p.m.	Easter Break begins
Apr. 7, 8:30 a.m.	Classes resume
May 5, 4:30 p.m.	Classes end
May 6	Reading Day
May 7, 8:40 a.m.	Exams begin
May 10, 5:15 p.m.	Exams end—Seniors
May 12, 12:15 p.m.	Exams end—Non-Seniors
May 15, 4:45 p.m.	Baccalaureate
May 17, 10:00 a.m.	Commencement
May 16, 5:00 p.m.	Residence Halls close for First Year, Sophomore & Junior Students
May 17, Noon	Residence Halls close—Seniors

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DAVIDSON'S PHILOSOPHY OF STUDENT LIFE

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

The Honor Code states that "Every student shall be honor bound to refrain from cheating (including plagiarism). Every student shall be honor bound to refrain from stealing. Every student shall be honor bound to refrain from lying about official college business. Every student shall be honor bound to report immediately all violations of the Honor Code which come under his/her observation; failure to do so shall be a violation of the Honor Code. Every student found guilty of a violation shall ordinarily be dismissed from the college for a period. Every member of the college community is expected to be familiar with the operation of the Honor Code."

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

"Its primary purpose is to develop men and women of humane instincts, and of disciplined and creative minds for lives of leadership, service, and self-fulfillment. Recognizing that the educational process encompasses far more than academic activities, Davidson College believes that its purpose is promoted or hindered by the quality of the total life of the college community.

"The Code of Responsibility is based upon the belief that Davidson's educational purpose can best be advanced in a context which emphasizes the responsible use of freedom, as opposed to license. The aim is to encourage individuals to develop responsible judgment capable of directing their conduct with a minimum of specific prohibitions. An elaborate system of rules strictly enforced might promote a surface conformity to the standards of behavior desired, but would not effectively serve to develop the maturity of character which

is the aim of the college. Rather, responsible maturity is more likely to develop when members of the college community are both free and obligated to wrestle with principles of conduct and to accept full responsibility for their own actions and decisions. Specific rules are laid down only when they seem necessary to prevent actions which would infringe upon the freedom and well-being of others, or would endanger persons and property, or would be disruptive of community life.”

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

We are proud of the way these two codes work. Parents, however, should not assume that the honor system is perfect, that nothing ever disappears and no one ever cheats. Sometimes students have to learn the hard way that honor is important. In addition, the campus is open and can be preyed upon by outsiders.

We believe the Davidson philosophy provides a highly successful way to live.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Davidson students are intelligent, academically talented, and accustomed to achieving excellent grades. Each year, approximately 90 percent of the entering class have graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school classes. The Davidson curriculum is demanding, designed to challenge these exceptional students to achieve their fullest potential. In addition to classes encouraging all students to stretch and grow, students, especially in their later years, often find opportunities in their major departments for individual and collaborative research; a number of programs offer funding to

support research and similar projects, especially abroad or during the summer; speakers and other visitors on campus help enrich the academic experience for all students; and top students commonly will engage in honors programs within their majors.

New students accustomed to excellent grades in high school may find at Davidson, as at other good colleges, 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 faculty adviser who advises the student's academic work until the end of the sophomore year, when a major is declared and a new academic adviser is selected. Academic advising is personal, and each student is encouraged to meet often with his or her adviser. All students are expected to know the requirements for normal progress toward graduation and to 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 have office hours and are available by appointment, or even without appointment, to students. Accessibility to students is a strong expectation of Davidson faculty members. The student should realize that consulting the professor indicates not weakness, but a desire to overcome problems. Students, advisers, and professors can and do draw upon other sources of assistance as appropriate. Possibilities include trained peer tutors for each academic discipline, available through the Dean of Students Office. (Although these services are usually provided at the student's expense, special arrangements can be made if the expense is a burden.) The Writing Center, Speaking Center, and several departmental programs provide help and support.

- ◆ 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 Dean of Students Office.

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

REGISTRATION

Registration at Davidson is based on a random-number priority system in which all students have the opportunity to register for one class before any student is registered for two. Students make course preference requests in the spring and fall for the following semester. (New students will make their requests on the Web 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 on the Web and 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 faculty adviser.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

For a summary of all graduation requirements and for other academic regulations, please consult information on the Web. (Go to the "Academics" tab on the *davidson.edu* page, select "Registrar" and follow links as appropriate.)

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

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

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

- ◆ A student with a cumulative grade point average of 1.7 or below at the end of the third semester must immediately make an appointment with the Dean of Students Office to clearly assess steps necessary to achieve the average of 1.8 required for entry into the junior class (fifth semester).

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

- ◆ 15 courses, including at least 6 of the 10 distribution requirements, and 3 of the 4 Physical Education requirements, including PE 101
- ◆ declaration of a major
- ◆ 1.80 cumulative grade point average

For entrance to the senior class or seventh semester:

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

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

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 restricts access to and disclosure of information from students' education records without the written consent of the student, except in certain instances permitted under the Act. (Instances may include access to and disclosure of information to parents of dependent students.)

In accordance with provisions of the Act, Davidson provides directory information in various college publications, including the Davidson College Directory, the Davidson College Official Record (commonly known as the catalog) and various information publications of the Athletics Department. Directory information will be disclosed without the student's prior written consent, unless the student has notified the Office of the Registrar to restrict release of that information.

Directory information is defined as: student name, home and local address, local telephone number, e-mail address, eating house affiliation, photograph, date and place of birth, class, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent educational agency or institution attended by the student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports and weight and height of members of athletic teams.

Please note that such information as parent's name and address, home telephone number, course schedule, grades and grade-point average are not directory information and will not be released without the written consent of the student.

Students may withhold the release of directory information by notifying the Registrar in writing no later than

seven days after the beginning of classes each semester. Following receipt of such notification, the college will not give the information to outside sources nor publish it in its directories unless they are already in the final stages of preparation. The information remains available for internal use within the faculty and administration. A request for non-disclosure of directory information will be honored for only one academic year or portion thereof. Therefore, authorization to withhold directory information must be filed annually.

RESIDENCE HALL LIVING

As a residential college, Davidson houses approximately 91 percent of its student body. First-year students are guaranteed on-campus housing, and upper-class students obtain rooms through a seniority-based lottery.

The first-year experience is one of the hallmarks of Davidson College. Two student hall counselors reside on each hall and serve as guides, social programmers, and ready mentors to their first-year students. Strong and fast friendships form on these halls through intramural teams, educational programs, group dining, social activities, and time spent getting to know each other. First-year students are provided a place where they can share the excitement and trepidation of being new.

First-year students are paired by the staff in the Residence Life Office; however, a few request to live with entering first-year students they already know. Single rooms and off-campus housing are not permitted for first-year students. The pairing process is based on several sources of information. First, students are grouped into compatible sections using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Then, the roommate preference card and admission application information are used to actually pair individuals. The primary goal of the pairing process is to put together compatible people, not necessarily lifelong friends. It is also expected that each roommate will bring

characteristics and experiences to the pairing that will help each student develop new perspectives.

The care involved in pairing first-year students at Davidson yields positive results: 40 to 50 percent of first-year students keep the same roommate their sophomore year. The process is not foolproof, of course, and roommate conflicts are addressed by hall counselors, and, if necessary, the Residence Life Office or Dean of Students Office. 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 lottery process. Class status determines how students will be assigned: senior numbers are first, followed by junior numbers, and then sophomore numbers. The number of students given permission to live off campus 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.

Residence halls offer a wide range of living options. While some are traditional corridor buildings with double rooms on each side, many buildings offer single rooms or two-person suites. There are also four-person and five-person apartments that include kitchens and living rooms and cable television. All residence halls have cable television and are air-conditioned.

On upper-class halls, resident advisers work to foster a community of mutual respect and cooperation. These men and women are chosen from among upper-class students and provide guidance, administrative support, and programming for their residents. One responsibility is to ensure that each student's individual rights are respected. In the event a student is unable to respect others' rights in the residence hall, that student may forfeit the right to live there.

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.

THE STUDENT COUNSELING CENTER

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) offers a broad range of counseling and psychological services. Students visit the SCC for a number of concerns, including problems that their parents have not had to face in college. College students' ability to cope with the difficulties of an academically rigorous, busy environment is a common concern. Some students experience difficulty in moving away from home or in adjusting to the changes in family life brought on by divorce or family death. Some students experience serious psychological difficulties with depression, anxiety, eating disorders, substance abuse, and the like. Others seek information about interests, abilities, and personality. Consultation to enhance time-management and study skills is also available.

The counseling staff includes professionally licensed doctoral and master's level psychologists and counselors. Staff members have been employed by the college not only for their training and experience, but for their special interest in the development of young adults. The relationship between student and counselor is professional and the information the student shares will be considered confidential, except in the following instances: the student's safety or that of others is threatened, or a release is obtained from the student. There is no charge for services rendered by SCC staff. Up to 10 sessions per academic year are available to each student. If significantly more sessions are anticipated or needed, SCC clinical staff can consult with the student and family about options for obtaining appropriate services privately. In addition to counseling services, arrangements have been made for a private psychiatrist to come to the SCC regularly to see those student clients needing psychotropic medications. The cost for visiting with the psychiatrist is the student's responsibility.

Located in the Student Health Center, the SCC is open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are generally made by calling the number for SCC directly at 704-894-2451. Students may volunteer to make an appointment with a counselor on their own, or

they may be referred by a faculty or staff member or by the Dean of Students Office. Finally, a counselor is on call evenings, weekends, and holidays for student psychological emergencies. The cell phone number for this service is listed on the SCC Web page and is also included on the after-hours recorded message at the front desk of the Student Counseling Center.

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

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE

The Davidson College Student Health Center (SHC) provides routine health care with the services of registered nurses on site and part-time physicians who are contracted through nearby Davidson Family Medicine. Nurses are on site from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, while the physicians see patients by appointment, each weekday, between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. 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 (704-337-7047) after-hours and weekends, with physician backup. A health educator and a nutritionist are also on staff and available to meet with students on an appointment basis as needed.

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. The cost of the Davidson College health and accident insurance policy for the 2009–10 school year is \$399.00. American students covered by comparable insurance may be exempt from the student insurance program only by completing the online waiver and returning it to Davidson College Business Services by August 14, 2009. After this deadline, student insurance may not be waived. Waiver information will be included in the fall semester tuition billing scheduled to be mailed mid-July.

CAREER PLANNING

Davidson College provides a multi-faceted approach to assisting students with career and lifework planning.

The Office of Career Services provides a variety of opportunities for career discovery, career planning, and setting of lifework goals. First-year students, sophomores, and juniors are encouraged to participate in career discovery activities—career interests and personality assessment, coupled with individual counseling sessions. Students are also encouraged to conduct library research and informational interviews with alumni. Many events bring alumni, employers, and graduate school representatives to campus for interaction with all students.

Internship and summer job assistance is available for students who want to find opportunities in Charlotte, throughout the country, and abroad. Students have access to an online database of current internship, summer job

and research opportunities. In addition, there is an extensive database of organizations with which Davidson has specific relationships. Students also benefit from a full schedule of formal placement activities, ranging from resumé writing seminars to on-campus interviews for jobs and internships. Advice and technical assistance are available to students considering graduate or professional schools and fellowships. All of this is supported by online services and information as well as interactive access, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Career Services also supports faculty committees that help students with pre-professional planning in pre-medical, pre-law, pre-ministerial, and pre-managerial programs.

OPTIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Davidson College encourages students to spend time studying away from campus. By the time a class graduates, about 65 percent of the class will have studied abroad for credit sometime during their four years at Davidson. The Study Abroad Office can advise students about their study abroad opportunities. It is also possible for students to study at another accredited college or university in the U.S. for a semester or a year.

RELIGIOUS LIFE AT DAVIDSON

Davidson encourages students of all faith traditions to grow spiritually during their college years. Some students participate in one of the houses of worship in the area, while others express their convictions apart from religious institutions. Weekly on-campus worship opportunities include Catholic Mass, Episcopal Eucharist, a Friends (Quaker) meeting, and a student-led Christian praise and worship service. Shabbat Services are held on campus once a month, and Muslim students gather

regularly in a designated space for prayer.

Davidson's chaplaincy staff includes the College Chaplain, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister, as well as adjunct Catholic and Jewish Chaplains. Our Chaplains are available to people from any religious tradition, or none at all, for pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and program planning. Local congregations and national religious organizations also support campus ministers and staff workers who serve as advisers to several student organizations.

Student-led religious organizations and activities flourish at Davidson. Denominational groups include Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Methodist College Fellowship, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Reformed University Fellowship (PCA), and Westminster Fellowship (PCUSA). Non-denominational Christian groups include Campus Outreach, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Young Life. Our Hillel/Jewish Student Union and Muslim Students Association provide opportunities for the celebration of holy days and other activities related to their respective traditions. Interfaith Fellowship draws together students of many religious traditions for conversation and reflection. The Meditation Club gathers twice a week for contemplative meditation apart from any particular religious tradition. Buddhist and Hindu students, with the support of the Chaplain's office, occasionally hold informal gatherings to offer opportunities for study and support and bring in speakers representing their faith traditions.

DINING OPTIONS

Vail Commons

Vail Commons offers a wide range of meal plan options that meets most student needs. Meals are set up on an all-you-can-eat basis and include a variety of alternatives. Hot entrees, vegetarian options, fast food favorites, made-to-order

pizza and deli sandwiches, salad bar, soft-serve yogurt, wonderful Commons-baked desserts, and an extensive beverage service are available.

The Commons is open to serve 19 meals per week. Meal plan flexibility allows students the opportunity to purchase a plan that will meet their meal requirements for the semester. Bonus Bucks and Declining Balance can be used at the Commons.

The Union Café in the Alvarez College Union

The Union Café is located on the third floor of the Alvarez College Union and offers made-to-order sandwiches as well as great pizza, freshly formed and never frozen hamburgers, signature grill, deli, and oven sandwiches, fresh and popular grinders, daily specials, and a wrap station with featured salads along with an attractive salad bar. Snack items, a large variety of beverages, breakfast fare (except Saturday and Sunday) and various specialty items are available in this location. Late-night hours make this especially inviting when hunger strikes. Meal plan transfers are available during the evening meal period (6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.). Of course cash is always welcome, and credit cards are accepted.

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.

The Outpost

The Outpost is Dining Services' late-night place for great food, serving the students' favorite quesadillas and personal pan pizzas. We are also pleased to serve specialty sandwiches and late-night breakfast, plus various snack items. A great place for students to stop by and see us before calling it a night.

Normal operating hours for dining facilities:

Vail Commons

Mon.–Fri.

Breakfast 7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

Sat.–Sun.

Breakfast/Lunch 9:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. on Friday
and Saturday

5:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m. on Sunday

Union Café

Sun. 11:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.

Mon.–Thurs. 8:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.

Wed.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–Midnight

Sat. 11:00 a.m.–Midnight

Wildcat Den at Baker Sports Complex

Mon.–Fri. 11:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Outpost located on Patterson Court

Wed.–Sat. 10:00 p.m.–2:30 a.m.

OTHER DINING

On Patterson Court, there are eight national fraternities for men, one national sorority and four eating houses for women. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha are members of Patterson Court Council, but the organizations do not have houses at this time. First-year students are restricted from Patterson Court for the first few weeks of school. Following that period, they are introduced to the court through weekend parties and invitations to meals. First-year students may join a Patterson Court house in January 2010. Any male student may join a fraternity on Patterson Court for eating, social, and service activities. However, in order to be initiated into the national organization as a full member, male students must have

been extended a bid for membership. Any female wishing to join an eating house may participate in the Court Selection process in January. No student may join a chapter or a house in January unless he or she has a 2.0 grade-point average for a term at Davidson; however, some fraternities may require a higher grade-point average for initiation into the national fraternity.

The eight national fraternities are: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The women's eating houses are Rusk, Warner Hall, Connor, Turner and the sorority is Alpha Kappa Alpha.

CLOTHES & LAUNDRY

Students dress casually, but neatly. Jeans, casual skirts and blouses, and shorts are the favorites in hot weather. Comfortable shoes are a necessity. Men find that they need at least one dress outfit—suit or sport coat and slacks. Women need one or two dresses for dressier occasions. Too many clothes, however, will be something of a nuisance. The suggested approach is for the student to come to campus with a minimum basic wardrobe (very much what was worn in high school). Once the student becomes involved in campus life, specific clothing needs can be met. The college laundry, a longtime traditional service at Davidson, is located next to the Commons and is a convenient and timesaving way to stay in clean clothes. Wash-Dry-Fold service and shirt/blouse pressing are available at no additional fee. All students are assigned laundry numbers that should be put in their clothes. A laundry marker is needed. For students who wish to do their own laundry, a free, self-service laundromat is located next to the college laundry. Less durable items, plus clothes with a tendency to shrink, will be better off washed in the self-service laundromat as the Laundry does not have facilities to care for “delicate” items. The college laundry will handle dry

cleaning and alterations for students on a pay-when-picked-up basis. The laundry also provides sheets and pillowcases for students. Please refer to the laundry Web site (www3.davidson.edu/cms/x28180.xml) for additional information.

RESIDENCE HALL ROOMS

Student rooms include a bed, mattress, desk, desk chair, dresser, and closet or wardrobe. Most students “personalize” their rooms with posters, stereos, flags, and other items.

It is not uncommon for a room to have a stereo, microwave, computer, and refrigerator along with other items that students bring to campus. The Residence Life Office (RLO) staff works very hard to provide for the safety and security of person and property, but there are still incidents of larceny each year. Locks and window latches should be checked upon move-in and any problems reported to RLO immediately.

It is important to note that the school cannot take responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged property. Frequently, existing homeowner’s policies carried by parents cover a student’s personal property while at school. Renter’s insurance (e.g., HO-4 type policy) is generally available through the companies that offer car or home insurance. Students and parents are urged to investigate their coverage thoroughly.

Before packing or buying appliances, furnishings, or other objects, students should (1) coordinate with their roommates and (2) consult the Residence Life section of the Student Handbook available on the Davidson College Web site for guidance. Of note, waterbeds, refrigerators over six cubic feet, space heaters, electric blankets, open-coil cooking units, candles, and any appliance involving adjustment of electrical equipment (e.g., ceiling fans, light dimmers) or plumbing (water filters) are not allowed. Students will receive information in July that addresses restricted items more specifically. The college provides lofts in most resi-

dence halls. Individually owned/built lofts are prohibited. Safety rails for lofted beds are available upon request from RLO.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

What ITS Does For Students

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

- Open lab facilities, including specialized group study and collaborative spaces
- Specialized science and media labs
- Classroom technology support
- Wired and wireless networking
- The ResNet (Residential Networking) student help desk
- Personal server space for file storage and transfer
- Microsoft Office and up-to-date antivirus software

All students have access to the open computing labs on campus, which offer Windows and Mac OS computers, printing, scanning (in select facilities), and access to the specialized software required for some courses. Most ITS facilities are open 24/7, so students can work when it's convenient for them. Several technology-driven collaborative study spaces are also available for group study work.

Upon arrival at Davidson, if students have brought a personal computer, they will have access to a college-provided copy of Microsoft Office (for Windows or Mac OS), as well as the anti-virus software required for access to our network. Other software may also be provided (please see the link below for a full, current list).

What Students Should Do and Bring

Bringing a personal computer is not a requirement at Davidson, but it's common. Laptops are particularly popular, since Davidson's wireless network provides total mobility. If a student brings a personal computer, ITS will

help with both hardware and operating system support (Windows and Mac OS only). This support requires a certain minimum level of hardware and software. Be sure to visit the Student Computing Web site at www.davidson.edu/its/students

Students can also bring peripherals like smartphones, printers, digital cameras, etc., though ITS support for peripherals is limited. Please do not bring wireless base stations / routers, wireless printers, wireless backup systems, or other similar devices.

Before arrival on campus, students should:

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

We're Here To Help

If you're unsure about any of the information above, we're here to help you figure it out. During orientation, there's a Computer Setup Fair to help students set up their computers and get connected to the college network. During the first week of the semester, we also provide house calls. Throughout the school year, ResNet will give in-person support to help solve problems with personal computers, and ITS student staff are available in several of our open labs to help with use of the computers and software we provide there.

We look forward to meeting you, and to helping make computing technology an important part of your student's academic success here at Davidson.

AREA FACILITIES

Post Office

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

Banking

Wachovia, BB&T, and First Charter Bank all have branches in Davidson and welcome student accounts. Each bank also has an ATM in the Alvarez College Union.

Shopping

Davidson Commons and Sadler Square Shopping Center both contain a grocery store and restaurants. On Davidson's Main Street are 'Cats on Main (a new branch of the College Bookstore that sells Davidson T-shirts and other "spirit" items), the Village Store (a gift shop), Main Street Books, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, a barber shop, CVS Pharmacy, and a coffee shop, among others. The Davidson College Bookstore in the Alvarez College Union carries books, textbooks, a limited line of sports clothes, telephones, CDs, school supplies, cards and some personal items.

STUDENT CARS ON CAMPUS

Cars, which are 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 to student housing on and off campus; 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 Police. These vehicles must be registered within 48 hours of the student's arrival on campus. Registration is online at the Davidson College Campus Police site at www.davidson.edu. Students are informed of campus parking regulations, including infor-

mation about restricted areas. The college may tow vehicles for extensive fines or unregistered vehicles if the student has not communicated extenuating circumstances or paid fines. All student vehicles must be registered whether or not the student lives on campus.

Bicycles are useful and popular at Davidson. Bicycle racks are available outside of most residence halls. The college campus, like any other community, has experienced theft. A good lock could prevent larceny and is available in the bookstore. No storage for bikes is available, except in student rooms. Students are urged to register their bicycles with Campus Police to make recovery of a stolen bike more likely.

GETTING TO DAVIDSON

By car, Davidson is easily accessible from I-77 and I-85. The college is approximately 20 miles north of Charlotte, 20 miles south of Statesville, and 15 miles west of Concord. There is a bus stop in Davidson. For a bus schedule, call 704-336-RIDE. To ship trunks and crates after August 1, address them to your student, Davidson College Warehouse, 209 Ridge Rd., Davidson, NC 28036. Limited rail service is available into Charlotte, but railway express is not recommended because of the distance to the station. Parcels sent early by UPS will be held at the College Warehouse until the student arrives.

The nearest airport is Charlotte Douglas International Airport, about 30 minutes away. Entering students who inform the Dean of Students Office prior to their arrival will be met at the airport at designated hours during orientation.

TUITION AND SPENDING MONEY

Each student receives a bill for tuition and fees in mid-July for fall semester and late November for spring semester. Payment in full is required by the due date on the bill, unless the school's monthly payment plan (Educational Computer Services, Inc.) is utilized. Payment plan information can be viewed at www.ecsi.net. Credit card payments for tuition are not accepted at this time. For 2009–10, the comprehensive fees are \$45,030.00. First-year students should add \$150.00 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 Bookstore 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 college and athletic events, but there are costs for food, transportation, and out-of-town games, etc. The student activity fee covers many social and cultural events on campus, but some others are extra. Most students, even those on the 19-meals-per-week plan, need additional money for snacks and extra meals.

The CatCard is an excellent way to provide your student with spending flexibility on campus. The CatCard is a declining-balance card accepted at Vail Commons, the Union Café, the College Bookstore, Baker Sports Complex, the laundry, many vending machines, college library (for copies only), and at select off-campus merchants. 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 per-

mitted. Deposits can be made to the CatCard via cash, check, or credit card.

NEW STUDENT—AND NEW PARENT—ORIENTATION

Each year, parents are invited to activities of New Student Orientation. There is no better way to develop an understanding of your student's life here. Orientation provides parents with an opportunity to meet their student's academic adviser, hall counselor, and roommate. All parents should take advantage of this time. Parent Orientation for 2009–10 will begin August 19.

THE ODYSSEY

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

Two different Odyssey experiences are offered:

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

The *Service Odyssey* uses intensive community service to build relationships among participants, increase social

awareness, and challenge individuals to work constructively within a group. The Service Odyssey reflects and enriches Davidson's commitment to develop the spirit of service within each student. Although the week is active, it is not as physically challenging as the Backcountry Odyssey.

The Odyssey is run by Davidson Outdoors, a program of the Davidson College Union and the Community Service Office. Backcountry trip leaders have completed an eight-week wilderness leadership course through Davidson Outdoors, are currently certified in advanced wilderness first aid and CPR, and participate in an extensive two-week training prior to the Odyssey. Service trip leaders have experience working with groups in a service environment, are certified in CPR, and participate in an extensive week-long training period.

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ODYSSEY

Do students need to be outdoor "experts" to enjoy the Odyssey?

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

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

The Backcountry Odyssey involves activities with a higher exertion level than the Service Odyssey. The Service

trip should not be too difficult for any person in reasonable physical condition. However, students will enjoy the Odyssey more if they are fit. Forty minutes of aerobic activity three to four times per week for at least one month prior to the Odyssey should be adequate conditioning. In addition, the college conducts a medical screening process to help students determine which trip is appropriate.

What equipment will a student need?

The Service Odyssey will not require any special gear. For the Backcountry Odyssey, students will need to bring some specialized clothing and a good pair of hiking boots. Davidson Outdoors can provide packs, sleeping bags, pads, and all other group gear.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. A limited amount of financial aid is available to students who have qualified for aid from Davidson.

CAMPUS VISITS

After orientation, students usually need time to find their way into campus life. Family Weekend is scheduled to meet parents' needs to see how things are going and students' needs to touch base with home. Family Weekend for 2009–10 will be October 23–25. The schedule includes programs for parents, the fall theatre production, sports events, and more. Information will be mailed to all parents well in advance. There will be opportunities to talk to faculty members and learn more about Davidson. The weekend also provides an occasion to visit informally with your student and new friends.

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

We also encourage parents and their students to use

the Carnegie Guest House as a place to meet when coming to campus. Located between the President's House and Little Residence Hall, it has an area to sit, rest, read or use the telephone while waiting to meet your child. The Carnegie Guest House is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE TO STAY

The college operates the *Carnegie Guest House* on campus. Advance reservations are almost always necessary. Rates at the guest house include a continental breakfast. For reservations, call 704-894-2127, Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

The *Davidson Village Inn* is located within walking distance of the campus. For reservations call 704-892-8044.

The new *Homewood Suites by Hilton* is located less than two miles away from campus at Exit 30, I-77. For reservations call 704-987-1818.

The following motels are within reasonable distance of Davidson. This list is also available on the Davidson Web site. Go to Student Life, Parents and click on Accommodations.

Please note: While furnishing these addresses for your convenience, the college cannot assume responsibility for their quality or service.

Cornelius (two miles south on I-77)

EconoLodge—704-892-3500

Hampton Inn—704-892-9900

Helms Guest House—704-892-3074

Days Inn—704-892-9120

Microtel Inn—704-895-1828

Comfort Inn & Suites—704-896-7622

Huntersville (eight miles south on I-77)

Candlewood Suites—704-895-3434

Country Suites by Carlson—704-895-6565

Courtyard by Marriott—704-949-4900

Garden Gate Bed & Breakfast—704-947-7700

Holiday Inn Express—704-892-3854

Hawthorn Suites—704-892-9487

Quality Inn—704-892-6597

Red Roof Inn & Suites—704-875-7880

Mooresville (six miles north on I-77)

Hampton Inn & Suites—704-660-7700

Ramada, Ltd.—704-664-6556

Sleep Inn—704-799-7070

Super 8 Motel—704-662-6188

Wingate Inn—704-664-4900

Statesville (25 miles north on I-77)

Best Western, I-77 Exit 49A—704-881-0111

Baymount Inn, I-77 Exit 49A—704-873-2044

Brookwood Inn, I-77 Exit 50—704-878-2091

Masters Inn, I-40 W/U.S. 21—704-873-5252

Quality Inn, I-40 Exit 151—704-878-2721

Holiday Inn, I-77 Exit 49A—704-878-9691

Red Roof Inn, I-77 Exit 50—704-878-2051

Concord (20 miles east on Highway 73)

EconoLodge, I-85 at Hwy. 29—704-786-3100

Days Inn, I-85 at U.S. 73—704-786-9121

Hampton Inn, I-85 at Hwy. 29—704-793-9700

Super 8 Motel, I-85 at Hwy. 29—704-786-5181

Mayfair Motel, Hwy. 29 N—704-786-1175

Charlotte/University Place (20–30 minutes south of Davidson, I-85 at Harris Blvd.)

Drury Inn & Suites—704-593-0700

Fairfield Inn—704-509-0123

Hampton Inn, University Place—704-548-0905

Holiday Inn, University Park North—704-547-0999

Hilton at University Place—704-547-7444

Marriott Courtyard, University Park—704-549-4888

WHAT TO DO BETWEEN VISITS

Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger offer some helpful advice in their book *Letting Go: A Guide to Today's College Experience*.

Parents can be most helpful by expressing confidence in their student's maturity. Students can manage most problems and inquiries themselves with the help of the

college staff. The confidence and coping skills they develop from confronting problems successfully on their own serve them well when they graduate and begin their careers. When they exercise poor judgment, the college setting and staff members provide a safety net to help them correct or learn from their mistakes.

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

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

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

HOW TO CONTACT THE COLLEGE

The college switchboard may be reached at 704-894-2000 and is usually open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Outside those hours, this number will reach the Information Desk when the Alvarez College Union is open. People there may be able to help you reach the party you need.

Remember that Davidson's deans know your son or daughter and would be glad to talk to you by phone or in person. Dean of Students Tom Shandley or Assistant Dean Ernest Jeffries and Associate Dean Kathy Bray-Merrell may be found in their campus offices, and may be reached at home in the event of an emergency. Please let

them help if you have any questions or worries.

If an emergency arises and you can't reach anyone at the college or the union, call the Davidson Campus Police Office at 704-894-2178. Davidson is a small community and the police are helpful.

If you need to reach faculty or staff members and cannot reach them at the college, please call them at home. Ask our operator or Information for the number.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Business Services	704-894-2208
Career Services	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	704-559-3676)
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 e-mail 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.



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