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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT



A Message from Dean Unnava

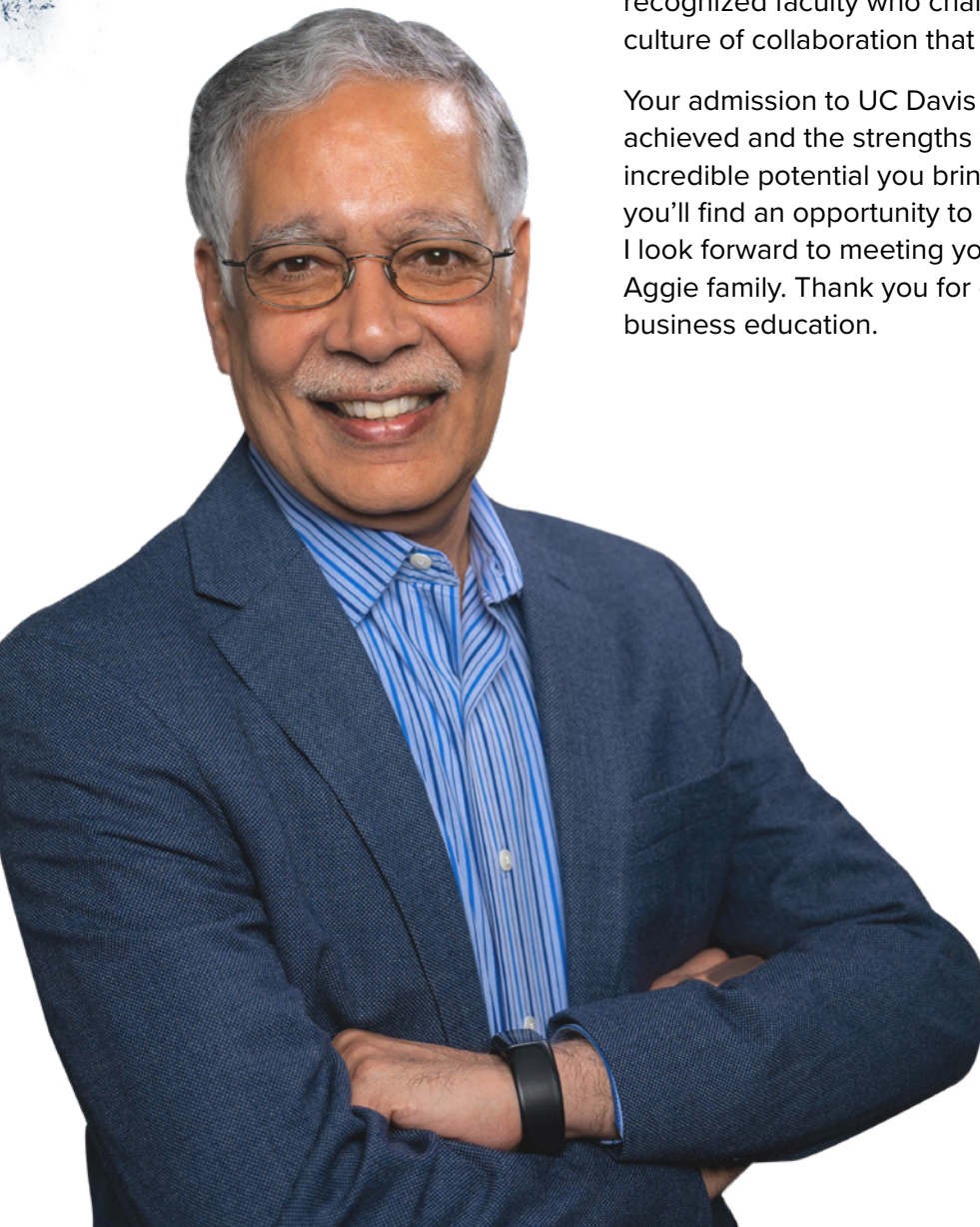
Welcome to the Graduate School of Management (GSM) at UC Davis, ranked No. 6 among public universities in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2023), and one of the most comprehensive institutions in the world. Let me be among the first to congratulate you on your acceptance to the online Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

I discover new reasons to be proud of our students, faculty and alumni every day. You'll find members of our community making a difference in almost every field—from food and agriculture, to energy and biotechnology, to healthcare and animal care. You'll work with globally recognized faculty who challenge you to be your best. You'll join a culture of collaboration that makes learning enjoyable and enriching.

Your admission to UC Davis is a testament to the things you've already achieved and the strengths you've already cultivated—as well as the incredible potential you bring to the table. If you haven't already, I hope you'll find an opportunity to celebrate this immense accomplishment. I look forward to meeting you in person and welcoming you to the Aggie family. Thank you for considering UC Davis for your graduate business education.

Sincerely,

H. Rao Unnava
Michael and Joelle Hurlston Dean
Professor of Marketing



First Things First: Let's Celebrate

Getting things done doesn't mean going it alone—and as an Aggie, you'll never have to.

Welcome to a business school community that challenges you professionally and uplifts you personally. Don't take our word for it, though. Here's what your fellow students are saying.



We're Driven to Succeed Together.

"The UC Davis Online MBA has helped me tremendously! Every class has made me view things in a different light. You develop strong connections with classmates and professors, and the experience has made me a better leader."

— **Jesse Pataria, Class of 2024**



We See the World Through a New Lens.

"The STEM-designated curriculum trains us in various tools and frameworks to better solve real-world problems; it also trains us to effectively work virtually and to create strong bonds with other students in the program."

— **Shyamal K. Chattaraj, Class of 2023**



We Encourage One Another Every Day.

"The students in my cohort are like family. We collaborate, support and encourage one another toward success. I am proud to be a part of the UC Davis Graduate School of Management community."

— **Robin Stilwell, Class of 2022**



We Are Strengthened by Diversity.

"This program is really attractive because of its quality and flexibility, and because of how diverse the staff and students are. I appreciate that the professors and students come from so many different backgrounds and experiences, including people like me from STEM backgrounds."

— **Stephanie Sharuga, Class of 2021**

Spread the Word: You're an Aggie!

How are you celebrating your admission to UC Davis?
Show us your Aggie spirit on social media with the hashtag **#New2UCDavis**.

Your Onboarding Journey

We know you're excited to get started. Here are some of the steps you'll take to get ready for the classroom.

> Make It Official

Sign and return your Declaration of Intent form and pay your enrollment deposit. Contact your Admissions Counselor with questions.

> Submit Forms and Transcripts

Submit your official transcripts from all previous institutions, if you haven't already. You'll also need to submit immunization health records.

> Schedule a Welcome Call

Look out for an email introduction to your dedicated Student Success Advisor, who will help you navigate the onboarding process.

> Register for Classes

Use the GSM Registration and Processing System (RaPS)—which you can access once you've set up your computing account—to register for classes.

> Set Up Your Email

Follow the instructions to set up your computing account and UC Davis email, which you'll use to keep track of university communications.

> Complete Trainings and Onboarding

Attend required sessions, courses and trainings on sexual violence intervention and prevention, technical skills, onboarding and orientation.

[View the New Student Checklist](#)



WELCOME CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Planning Your Investment

Tuition for the online MBA program from UC Davis is charged per unit and is cohort based. Course fees are set at the time of enrollment and remain fixed for your MBA studies.

[Visit the Tuition and Financial Aid page for up-to-date fee details.](#)

Financing Options to Consider

We know your MBA is a serious investment. Here are a few resources to help you plan ahead:

- > **Federal student loans**, such as the Direct Unsubsidized Loan and the credit-based Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
- > **UC Davis scholarships**, including merit-based, donor and fellowship scholarships
- > **Corporate sponsorship**, which may include full or partial tuition support, depending on your employer's policies
- > **Private loans and scholarships** offered by private organizations
- > **Military education benefits** available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Explore the Deferred Tuition Plan

Developed in partnership with EdAid, our Deferred Tuition Plan allows students enrolling in our program cohorts to apply to defer up to half of their tuition (\$52,740) at 0% interest during the latter half of their program.

- > **Apply Once You Enroll**
Submit your Intent to Enroll form to finalize your enrollment. Then look out for an email from EdAid inviting you to apply through its portal.
- > **Defer While You Study**
Pay the first half of your tuition (credits 1-36) via traditional financing. Defer the second half (credits 37-72)—up to \$52,740—at 0% interest.
- > **Repay After You Graduate**
Start repayments (10% of your pre-tax monthly income) only once you've graduated and your pre-tax monthly income is at least \$3,334.



“The Deferred Tuition Plan lets us expand access to a group of people who have been neglected until now. This new student option is yet another innovation—and also consistent with UC Davis’ tenets as a land-grant university to democratize education for as many people as we can.”

— **Dean H. Rao Unnava**

See if You Qualify

Get the Details

All Together Now

From your first credit to your final class, you'll always have someone in your corner. Here are some of the people, communities and resources that will help you start your journey on the right foot.



“The people, the professors, the program—it’s an unmatched combination. When I was considering other programs, this one felt like home to me.”

— Eve-Marie Lanza, Class of 2022

Get Organized: Student Success Advisor

Your **Student Success Advisor** is your first point of contact for program questions, academic advising, course planning and resources. They can help you prepare for classes, plan your course schedule, explore financial aid options, and keep track of upcoming events and deadlines.

[Contact the Student Success team to learn more.](#)

Get Insight: Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors are current students who have been where you are—and they can’t wait to share their experiences with you. Learn how they’ve managed competing responsibilities, forged strong relationships online and offline, and navigated the online learning experience.

[Schedule a call through your Admissions Counselor.](#)



Jeffrey Blake, Student Ambassador, Class of 2021

Welcome New Aggie! Download Your Welcome Pack

To help you share your achievement, we’ve prepared a special Welcome Pack just for you. This pack includes customized Zoom backgrounds and social media graphics to showcase your new MBA journey in style.

[Download Your Welcome Pack](#)

Follow us and use #New2UCDavis: [Facebook](#) | [X](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [TikTok](#) | [Instagram](#)

Meet Us on the Cutting Edge

We like to say we're in the middle of everywhere. Our corporate connections to Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley run deep. Consider UC Davis your conduit to the innovation hubs and industry leaders that are transforming the business world in Northern California and beyond.

Attend In-Person Residentials

When you join us for in-person residentials—held on campus and at destinations and major cities throughout California, including Napa Valley, Los Angeles, San Diego and Silicon Valley—you'll collaborate on case study scenarios, learn from industry-leading speakers, strengthen the relationships you've built online and, most importantly, figure out how tall everyone is!

Join the Club(s)

Explore your interests, coordinate on meaningful projects and strengthen your networks by participating in GSM student clubs. Check out the Online MBA Student Association, Women in Leadership Online, the Online MBA Virtual Innovation and Entrepreneur Club and more on the [GSM Student Club Hub](#).

Turn Awareness into Action

Creating inclusive environments—at work, at school and everywhere in between—is a responsibility we all share. As part of our [Action for Diversity](#) initiative, the Faculty Committee on Diversity holds symposiums, workshops and events that promote diversity, equity and inclusion. Learn how you can get involved.



You're in Good Company



“You're here to succeed. They don't want you to just pass. They want you to learn. They want you to grow. They want you to become a master at this. I could not have imagined something where the people and the professors are so great all around.”

— **Aseel Baluom, Class of 2021**

Global Reach

You're now part of a global network that includes more than 75 internationally renowned faculty, 900+ graduate business students, 5,500 GSM alumni and 314,000 UC Davis alumni. These professionals aren't waiting for someone else to map the path forward—they're putting new ideas into action at start-ups and Fortune 500 companies around the world.

Companies

Amazon
Apple
Google
Facebook
Lyft
Microsoft
McKinsey & Co.
Tesla


Industries

Agriculture
Consulting
Education
Finance
Government
Healthcare
Marketing
Technology

Diverse Perspectives


Class Profile (2023)

 **56%**
female

 **7+**
average years
of work experience

 **3.3**
average GPA

 **34**
average age

 **63%**
underrepresented
minority¹

 **10%**
international
students²



Big Career Moves

Whether you're preparing for your first class or picking up your diploma, the career services team is your partner as you grow professionally. Call on them for one-on-one help as you research companies, bolster your network and connections in a chosen field, prepare for interviews, optimize your resume, and navigate the offer stage and negotiation process.

You're Part of Something Special

Our approach to business education stems from our vision: to spur business and job creation, prepare collaborative management leaders, and accelerate investment and innovation through strong industry partnerships. We're continually challenging traditional business rules—and people are taking notice.

Rankings to Write Home About

Graduate School of Management

QS #10

OMBA ranking in North America

[UC Davis website](#)

Top 20

Best Online MBA Programs

[Ranked by Poets & Quants in 2024³](#)

Top 10

Military Friendly Graduate School

[VICTORY 2024-25](#)

Top 10

Business Schools to Watch in 2024

[Poets&Quants 2024](#)

Tech Meets Business Meets Innovation

- > **STEM-Designated:** Our curriculum focuses on quantitative analysis and data-driven decision-making—exactly the skills you'll need to anticipate challenges, lead strategically and innovate with confidence at organizations large and small.
- > **AACSB-Accredited:** The GSM is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, meeting internationally recognized standards for excellence in business education.
- > **Transformation-Driven:** The GSM is home to the UC Davis Center for Analytics and Technology in Society, which conducts research and outreach around the transformations that modern information and computing technologies cause at every level of society.
- > **Accelerating Entrepreneurship:** The GSM is home to the Mike and Renee Childs Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The Institute offers academies, workshops, guest speakers and the UC Davis Big Bang! Business Competition, offering seed cash to promising new ventures.



UC DAVIS
Center for Analytics
and Technology in Society





FIND YOUR VIBE AT UC DAVIS

Finalize your enrollment today.

Questions? Contact 844-592-6104 or admissions@onlinemba.ucdavis.edu.



¹ Includes underrepresented ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ and people with disabilities

² Includes international students living in the U.S. Approximately 10% are international students living abroad

³ *Poets & Quants*, [2023 Best Online MBA Programs](#) (visited August 29, 2023).

⁴ *U.S. News & World Report*, [Top Public Schools](#) (visited March 13, 2024).