

MyUCDAVIS FACT SHEET

What is MyUCDavis?

MyUCDavis is a special Web site. It functions like a doorway to many UC Davis-specific online services and information. Designed as a 'portal', MyUCDavis enables each visitor to personalize most features to reflect his or her interests and needs.

When you enter your LoginID and password, the system identifies and authenticates you as a faculty member or a student and automatically creates a Web site, pulling relevant and up-to-date administrative and academic information from campus computing systems such as the Banner Student Information System (e.g., courses, grades, class rosters).

Who is MyUCDavis for?

Made possible by one-time Instructional Technology Funds, the current MyUCDavis prototypes are intended for UC Davis faculty and students. They will be particularly helpful and convenient to faculty and students who:

- are new to the campus or not entirely familiar with critical UC Davis online resources
- need to perform a number of specific academic and administrative tasks (e.g., faculty can create or post course-related information, and students can retrieve information relevant to their major, school year, and classes)
- want access to a personal, customizable Web page with links to most-commonly used Web pages
- need to send or receive email (via a secure built-in email feature)
- wish to participate in newsgroups and class-related chat rooms
- are interested in local, national, or world news
- need to find someone's email address (using a Web directory)
- want to find out about campus events or weather forecasts

Plans to create a portal for staff are also on the drawing board.

I am an instructor. Why should I use this portal?

As an instructor, you will be able to use MyUCDavis to access and use a number of resources, including:

- Classroom information (computer labs, general assignment classrooms, etc.)
- Your course Web pages
- Your email messages (via a secure built-in email feature)
- Course management tools (course disk space, course rosters, email lists, newsgroups, chat rooms, etc.)
- Course Web page templates
- Degree Navigator, a tool designed to chart degree progress (if applicable)
- Library resources
- Messages from key campus groups (in the Campus Message Center)

I am a student. Why should I use this portal?

As an undergraduate or graduate student, you will be able to use MyUCDavis to access and use a number of resources, including:

- Your email messages (via a secure built-in email feature)
- Your class schedule (add/drop classes, look up classes, change class options, etc.)
- Web pages for your courses
- Your grades (unofficial transcripts)
- Your financial aid and accounting information
- Degree Navigator (to chart progress towards your degree)
- Library resources (find articles, renew your books, check due dates, etc.)
- Your favorite bookmarked Web sites
- Messages from key campus groups (in Campus Message Center)

What are students and faculty saying about MyUCDavis?

"This is a great idea," says Sumiko Kanzaki, senior in Communications and Rhetoric. "I am constantly trying to remember all of the different URLs of interest to me—while registering for classes, while checking my transcripts, while figuring out deadlines. This site brings all of those relevant sites to the students' fingertips."

"MyUCDavis is a customizable set of Web pages that contain a great deal of useful information, which is frequently updated," says George Mattey, lecturer in Philosophy. "It gives faculty a set of course-management tools that should prove very useful, especially to those who have not yet taken advantage of the power of the Internet."

When will MyUCDavis be available?

Current status: two prototypes of MyUCDavis (one for faculty and one for students) are available (see "How can I find out more?" below)

A pilot version of MyUCDavis will be tested in early fall 2000; faculty and student portals are expected in late fall. Faculty and students may opt to use MyUCDavis regularly or just try out its many features to see how the portal will work for them.

Who is involved in this project?

Sponsors:

- Pat Turner, Vice Provost, Undergraduate Studies
- Bob Franks, Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
- Jack Farrell, Registrar, Registrar's Office

Project Team:

- Design and features: group of faculty, students, and Student Affairs representatives.
- Technical expertise: programmers, Web developers and a project manager from the Division of Information Technology.

What do I need to use MyUCDavis?

A Web browser: Netscape 4.5 or Internet Explorer 4.0 (or a more recent version)

A new-style LoginID and a Kerberos password (see <http://mothra.ucdavis.edu>)

How can I find out more?

Prototype: <http://sysdev.ucdavis.edu/myucdavis>

Project Web page: <http://it.ucdavis.edu/projects> (project description and updates)

Email: myucdavis@ucdavis.edu (send comments and questions)

Presentations: <http://it.ucdavis.edu/itcalendar>