

A Field Guide to Davis Study Spots



University of California, Davis

How to Read this Guide



Availability of WiFi



Computers Available



Printers Available



Can Buy Drinks



Can Buy Food



Can Bring Food and Drinks



Animals Allowed Outside



Car Parking



Louder or More Comfortable Furniture



Quieter or Less Comfortable Furniture

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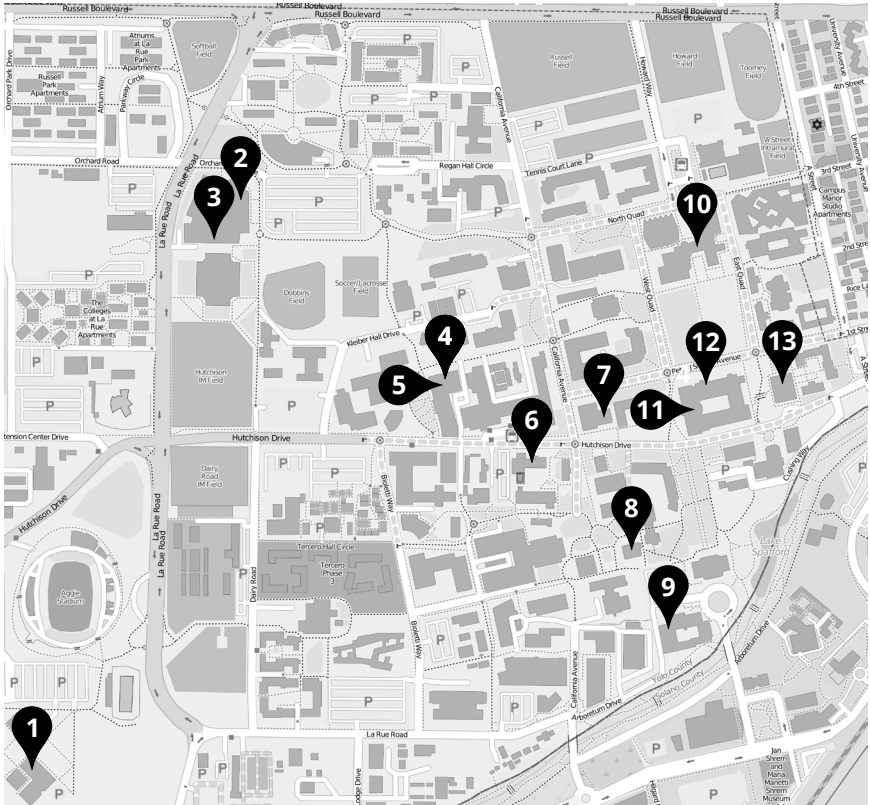
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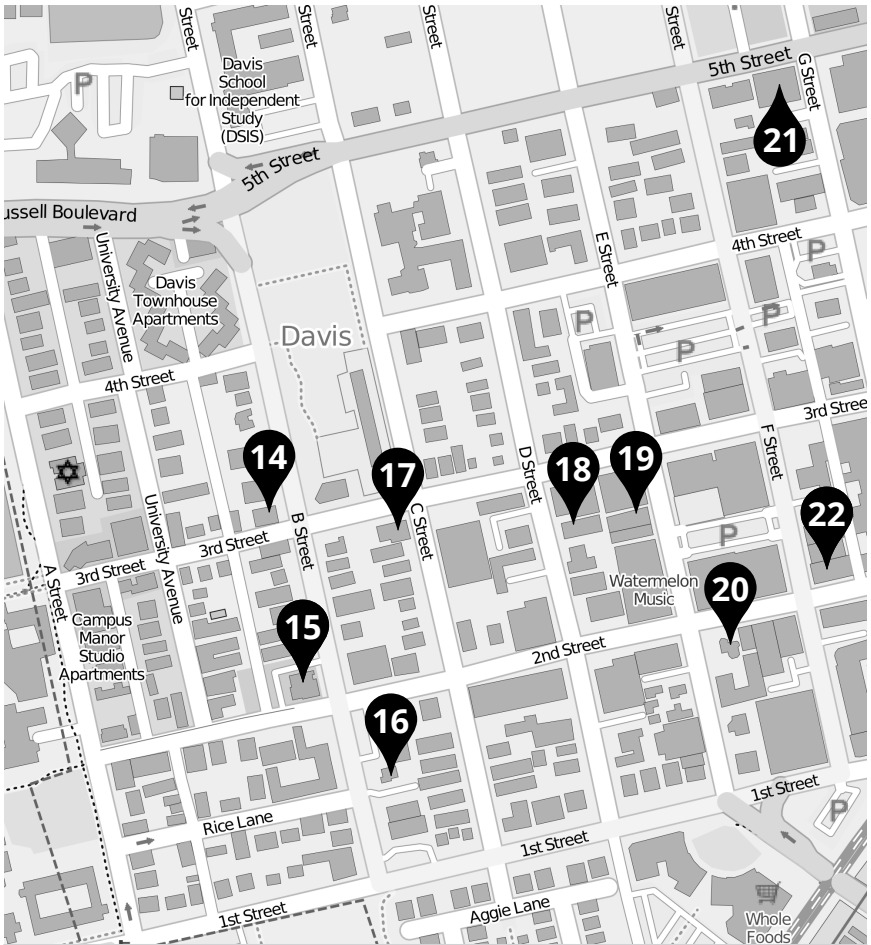
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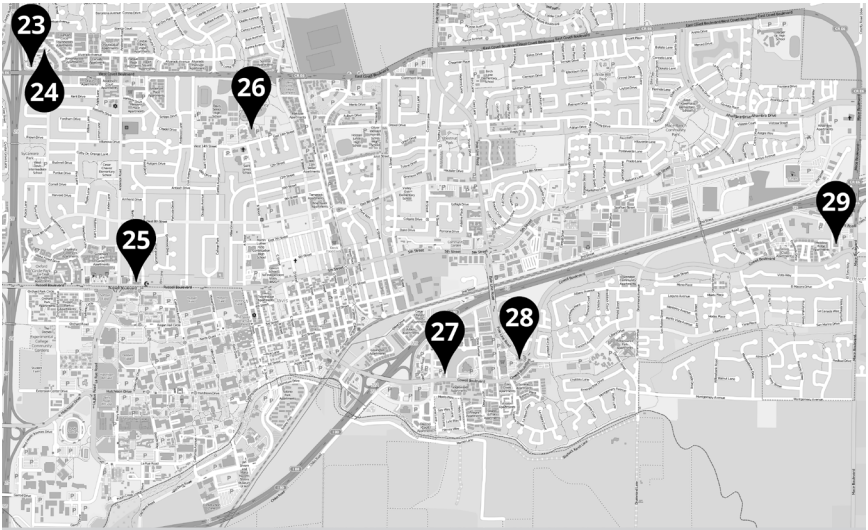
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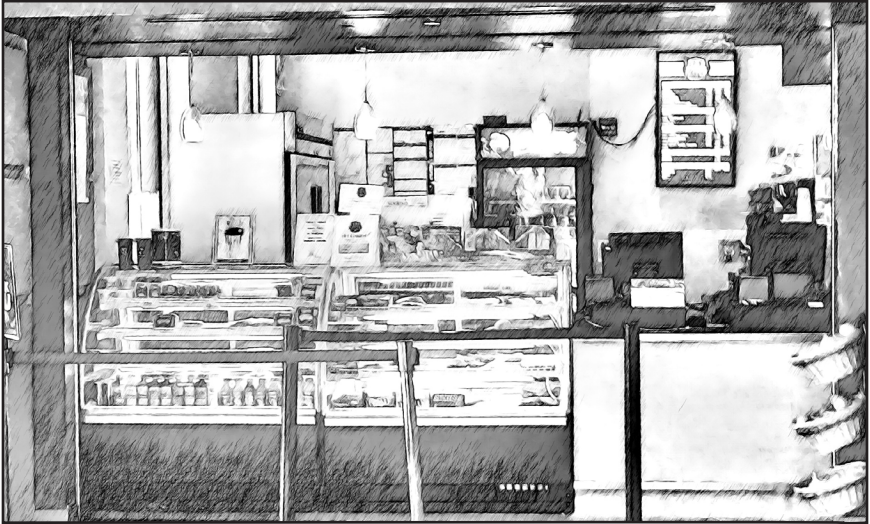
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BioBrew



In the Sciences Lab Building, BioBrew is a convenient study spot for between classes or before lab. It can, however, get noisy as people rush in and out, which combined with the noise of people chatting and the coffee shop sounds makes this an unideal location if you prefer quiet solitude. There are four small tables and a small counter, none of which have access to an outlet, so space is limited. If you are looking for a place to heat up your lunch, there is a microwave to use.

Sciences Lab Building
Mon–Thu 7:30am–6:30pm
Fri 7:30am–4:30pm

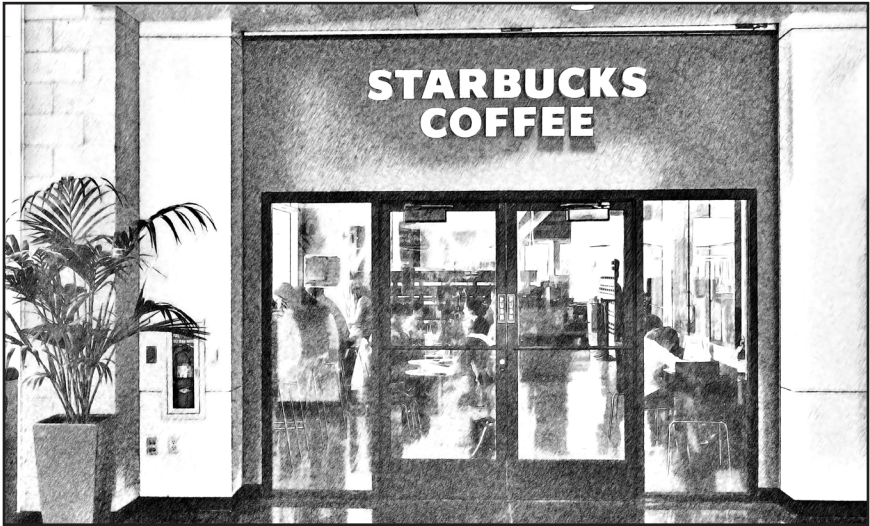
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Furniture Comfort



Starbucks (ARC)



Conveniently located at UC Davis' Activities and Recreation Center, the Starbucks at the ARC is the perfect place to study and to fulfill one's caffeine fix. With indoor seating, patio seating, and proximity to the ARC Study Lounge, finding a seat is seldom a problem. Moreover, when one needs a quick study break or snack, one can indulge in Starbucks' various drinks and foods.

The ARC

Mon–Thu 7am–midnight

Fri 7am–9pm

Sat 9am–9pm

Sun 9am–11pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Carlson Health Sciences Library



Carlson Health Sciences Library is the perfect place to study if you prefer a quiet space with internet access and minimal distractions. It is not very well known and a bit far from central campus, which makes it an ideal place to escape the crowds. There are plenty of tables distributed throughout both floors and many of the tables have access to outlets. There are also group study rooms available. One drawback is that there are no places to purchase food or drinks nearby, but there are drinking fountains inside and you may bring in your water bottle. Car parking is only free on weekends.

Med Sci B, One Shields Avenue

Mon–Thu 8am–8pm

Fri 8am–6pm

Sat 9am–6pm

Sun 10am–6pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Law Library



The UC Davis School of Law Mabie Law Library is a great, quiet place to get some studying done, especially if you need law related resources! There are much fewer undergraduates at this library so it may be easier to find a spacious spot. With outlets at every desk, free WiFi for students, and thousands of accessible print and online resources, this library will accommodate your individual and group needs! The Law Library computers are only available for legal research, so bring your own laptop if you need to use the internet for non-law-related things.

400 Mrak Hall Drive
Mon–Thu 8am–8pm
Fri 8am–5pm
Sat–Sun 12pm–5pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Physical Sciences & Engineering Library



The Physical Sciences and Engineering Library, located east of Bainer Hall, offers many tables for study. There is plenty of bike parking on the west side, in front of the entrance. Each floor has about five six-seat tables and 10 single-seat desks. Quiet group study is allowed everywhere except the basement. Computers, printers, and WiFi are available, though the computers are old. Drinks in spill-proof containers are allowed. Board games such as chess are available near the entrance.

One Shields Avenue
Mon–Thu 8am–10pm
Fri 8am–6pm
Sat–Sun noon–6pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Shields Library



UC Davis' own Shields Library is the perfect studying spot to accommodate every type of studier. Whether you enjoy working in groups, with moderate noise, or in absolute silence, there is a floor for you. Moreover, with access to WiFi, plenty of outlets, over 3 million books and access to in house and online resources, you're bound to get work done.

Peter J. Shields Avenue
Mon–Thu 7:30–midnight
Fri 7:30am–6pm
Sat Noon–6
Sun Noon–midnight

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



24 Hour Study Room



Located at Shields Library, the 24 Hour Study Room is the only place on campus open 24 hours a day to meet your studying needs. With ample seating, plentiful outlets, and connection to campus WiFi, this is the perfect place for studying at any hour of the day. A valid Aggie Card is needed in order to get into the 24 hour Study Room.

At Shields Library,
between Peter J. Shields Ave.
and Hutchison Dr.

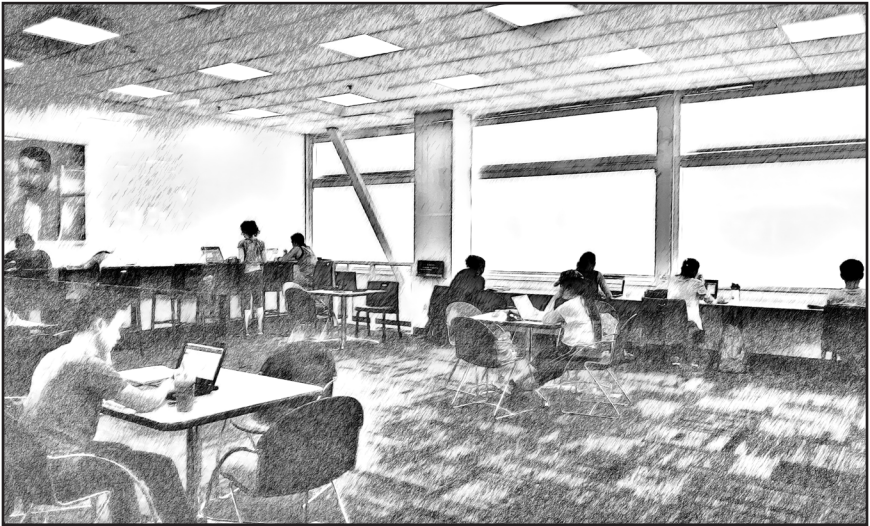
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Furniture Comfort



ARC Study Lounge



Conveniently located near the ARC Starbucks as well as a variety of ARC facilities available for students, the ARC study lounge is a very quiet location with plenty of tables, a microwave, and a number of outlets for students to use. There are also various chargers on one wall available for use in case you need to charge your electronics but don't have a charger. More seating can be found in the ARC lobby and hallways. These seats are more comfortable, although it is louder and there are fewer tables. Outlets outside of the study lounge can be found in the cyberlounge near the Starbucks.

232 One Shields Ave
Mon–Thu 6am–1am
Fri 6am–11pm
Sat 6am–9pm
Sun 9am–noon

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Griffin Lounge (MU)



Considered by many to be the beehive of campus, the MU tucks away its small study lounge in a niche of quiet focus with plenty of tables and even a working fireplace. Although brimming with frantic students during exam weeks, access to the central cafeteria (Coho), available WiFi, and strong lighting make the MU study lounge a place that keeps you nourished and focused.

Memorial Union
Sun–Mon 9am–5pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Olson Study Lounge



Olson Hall is home to a number of classrooms used for discussion sections and lectures, making it a good study spot for students before class. While the hall can be dusty, the study space on the lower level is comfortably quiet, clean, and well-lit from skylights above. There are also a number of vending machines, selling everything from your typical snacks and drinks to testing supplies. There is usually plenty of seating and outlets can be found on either side of the stairs, by the counters.

Olson Hall
Campus Hours

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Student Community Center



The SCC study lounge is located at the corner of Hutchison Drive and California Avenue and is surrounded by SCC facilities ranging from the Media Lab to the Cross Cultural Center. The study lounge has late hours and can serve as an alternative to the 24 hour Study Room. Amenities include WiFi, quiet space, nearby coffee, and an unusually high amount of electrical outlets. The SCC is a LEED Platinum certified building. There is ample natural light and the building is colorful and inviting.

397 Hutchinson Drive
Mon–Thu 7:30am–midnight
Fri 7:30am–9pm
Sat 9am–7pm
Sun Noon–10pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



SciLab Study Lounge



The SciLab study lounges are quiet and convenient spots to study in the Sciences Lab Building. There are two floors: the first with only 4 tables that can seat four and the second with five main tables and more along one wall. There are four outlets per table and WiFi is accessible to all. Food and drinks are not allowed. Since they are located on campus, there is no car parking available, but there are bike racks.

Sciences Lab Building
Campus Hours

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



The Silo



Open five days a week and boasting an impressive range of prepared food and drink, the popular Silo study lounge has two levels of available tables and desks. Considered more of a social study spot, the lounge maintains a higher noise level and is packed to capacity during meal hours, but compensates with steady WiFi, numerous electrical outlets, and the perfect atmosphere for group study.

Mon–Thu 7:30am–8pm
Fri 7:30am–5pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Barista Brew



Barista Brew is a lovely café that serves not only coffee and tea, but fresh juice drinks and a full menu of salads and sandwiches. There are a number of seating options, ranging from outside and inside tables to a couple of couches and comfy chairs. Don't come here if you're in a hurry: although the people behind the counter are incredibly friendly, they are often understaffed and therefore cannot always get orders to customers expediently. The bagels and fruit sparklers (juice and mineral water) are worth the wait. Animals are allowed only outside.

431 G Street
Mon–Fri 7am–9pm
Sat–Sun 8am–7pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Ciocolat



Known for its desserts, Ciocolat is a downtown restaurant that is not commonly used as a study space, according to an employee. There is both indoor and outdoor seating. However, tables are too small to accommodate a large study group, so it is a great place to study for one to two people. Special events include high tea on weekends from 11am to 3pm for \$25 per person with reservations.

301 B Street

Sun–Thu 7:30am–8pm

Fri–Sat 7:30am–10pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Cloud Forest Cafe



Cloud Forest Cafe is a locally owned cafe located in Downtown Davis. Known for their fresh coffee, refreshing juices, and delicious paninis, Cloud Forest is a study-friendly cafe perfect for students who like to grab a bite to eat while studying. Cloud Forest offers free WiFi (limited to two hours usage) and outlets for their customers to use.

222 D St. Suite 10
Mon–Sat 7:30am–6pm
Sun 8:30am–6pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Delta of Venus



Known for its excellent breakfasts and outdoor patio, Delta of Venus, or just Delta, is a lovely place to study, if one has excellent concentration. People generally go to Delta to meet their friends, so the cafe (or at least the outside seating area) is often filled with the sound of laughter and people talking. The inside of the restaurant is generally much quieter in the warmer months, as people go outside to socialize. Delta is fantastic, but study here only if you are not easily distracted.

122 B Street

Mon–Wed 7:30am–10pm

Thu–Fri 7:30am–midnight

Sat–Sun 7:30am–2pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Mishka's



Mishka's is a cozy cafe with a warm atmosphere, long wooden tables, orange walls, and soft dim lights. Graduate students often populate this cafe, and it is consistently busy. You must buy something to get WiFi, and if you need outlets, avoid the middle tables. There are plenty of delicious drinks and pastries for purchase, and no outside food or drinks are allowed.

610 Second Street
Mon–Fri 7am–11pm
Sat 7:30am–11pm
Sun 8am–11pm

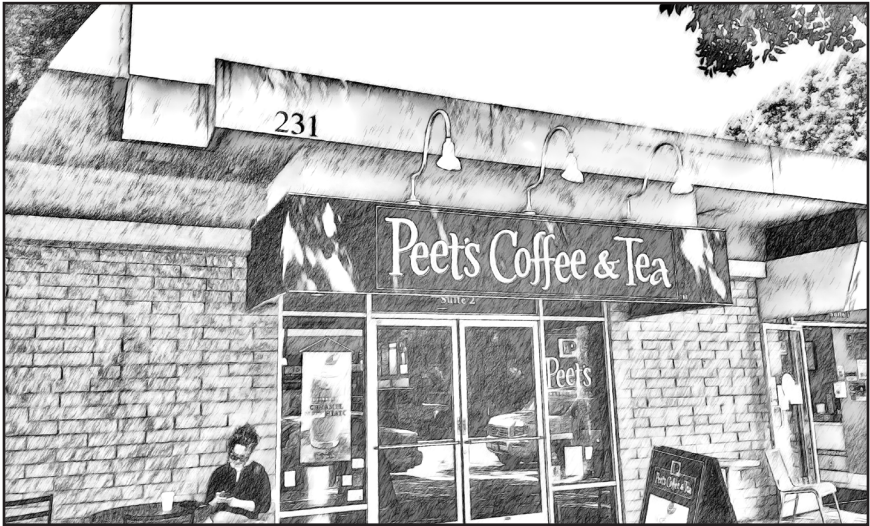
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Furniture Comfort



Peet's Coffee Downtown



Peet's Coffee is known for its delicious tea and coffee, and this location is an ideal, quiet, and comfortable study spot. This Peet's is spacious, and there are plenty of tables and outlets. If you like peering out the window there is a long bench on the side of the wall, and if you're hungry and want to bring food there are plenty of eateries nearby.

231 E Street

Mon–Thu 6am–9pm

Fri–Sat 6am–10pm

Sun 6:30am–8pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Starbucks Downtown



This Starbucks has great coffee and pastries, but it is slightly small and gets packed quickly. If you like having a lot of space, this may not be the ideal study spot. If you do find a spot, it has a cozy, study friendly atmosphere with plenty of eateries nearby. There are not many outlets, and parking in downtown is limited, so it's best to bike or walk.

208 F Street

Mon–Tue 5:30am–8pm

Wed 5:30am–9pm

Thu–Sat 6am–9pm

Sun 6am–8pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Black Bear Diner



Black Bear Diner is a great study spot if you are hungry and can work in a restaurant atmosphere. The food portions are huge, and the drinks have unlimited refills. This diner has a cozy ambience with plenty of tables and people around. With old-fashioned food and drink at affordable prices, Black Bear can be perfect for studying.

255 2nd St

Mon-Sun 6am-10pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Crepeville



Famous for their savory and dessert crepes, Crepeville is a popular study spot among UC Davis students due to their free WiFi and wide variety of caffeinated drinks. Moreover, they offer free coffee refills, which is great for students on a budget or for coffee addicts. Although there is a good amount of seating available, outlet access is limited to about 25 seats.

330 3rd Street, Davis CA
Mon-Sun 7am-11pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Common Grounds Coffee



Located in the heart of South Davis, Common Grounds Coffee is a popular place for students who need a coffee fix or a (relatively) quiet place to study. It has lots of tables, outlets, free WiFi, and a gorgeous interior with large windows and additional, outdoor tables. The downside is its early closing time—if you live in South Davis and are up past 10pm (when Common Grounds closes), you might be better off grabbing a milk tea from Teabo and going home to study.

2171 Cowell Blvd
Mon–Fri 6am–9pm
Sat–Sun 6:30am–9pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Mocha Joe's



Mocha Joe's is off the beaten track in east Davis and has no WiFi, a combination that produces quiet, uninterrupted study time and available table space. They have sandwiches, ice cream, and pasta salads as well as caffeinated beverages and pastries (baked on site!). Outlets are sparse but generally available; groups tends to cluster in the middle of the room, leaving the tables near outlets free.

417 Mace Blvd.
Mon-Sat 6am-5pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Peet's Coffee North Davis



Peet's Coffee is known for its delicious tea and coffee, helpful baristas, and pleasant atmosphere. This location is on the smaller side and gets packed as it's connected to Noah's Bagels. If you're hungry there are several eateries within the complex, and you will easily find parking in the lot. It gets very busy on the weekends, so go early to get a spot.

1411 West Covell Blvd.
Mon–Fri 5:30am–7pm
Sat 6am–7pm
Sun 6:30am–7pm

Noise Level



Furniture Comfort



Starbucks University Mall



Starbucks in the U-Mall is a small cafe, but still offers many seats and great coffee and pastries. Most of the seats are on a long wooden table, so you might get to know your neighbors. However there are some small tables and cozy chairs as well. There is a parking lot, plenty of outlets, and free WiFi, and this location stays moderately busy most days of the week.

825 Russell Blvd, Suite 24
Mon–Sun 6am–9pm

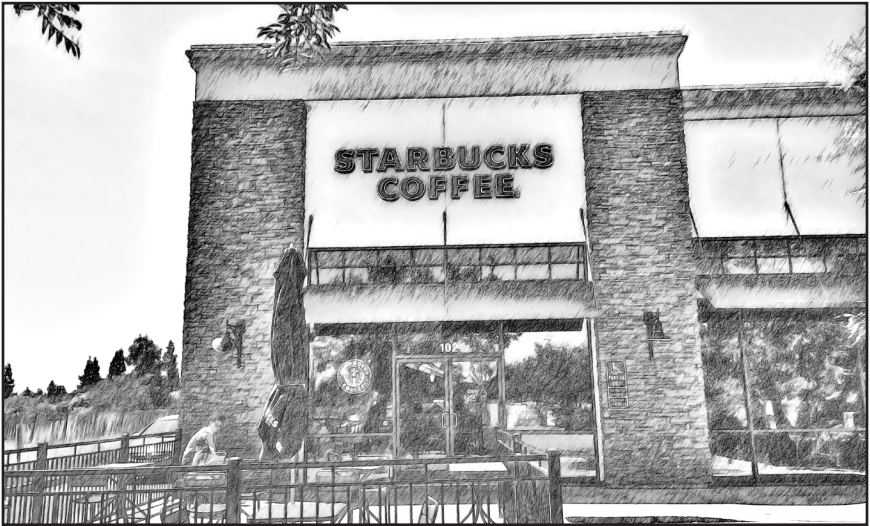
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Furniture Comfort



Starbucks West Davis



This Starbucks is the largest one in Davis, and offers a variety of seating at large wooden tables, barstool tables, and big comfy chairs. They offer great coffee and pastries as well as amenities including parking, free WiFi, and plenty of outlets available. With a relaxing quiet ambience, this Starbucks can make a fantastic study spot.

2038 Lyndell Terrace
Mon–Sun 5am–10pm

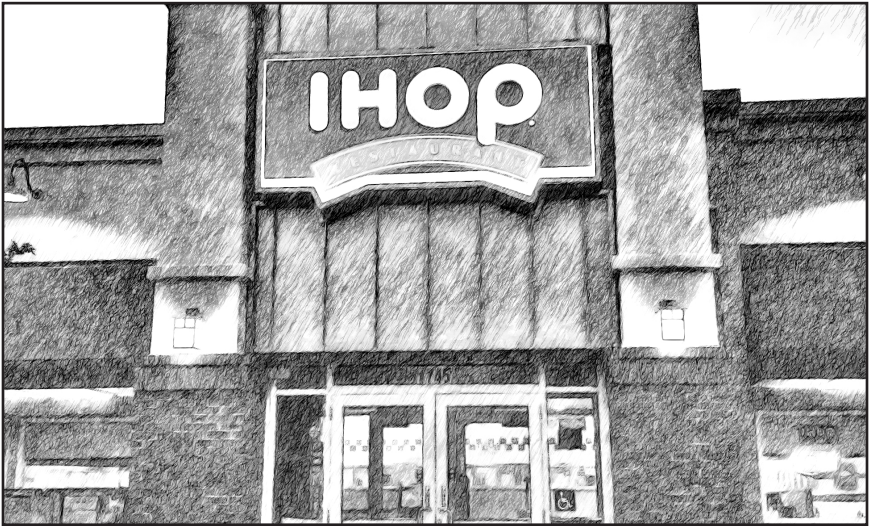
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IHOP



If you are in South Davis and have both a hankering for pancakes and a need for a place to get some studying done, IHOP can provide both. There are plenty of tables (for paying customers) and a plethora of food and drinks, but there are no outlets. Since this is primarily an eating establishment, it can be noisy and you are not allowed to bring your own food. There are bike racks and a parking lot nearby.

1745 Cowell Blvd.
Sun–Wed 6am–midnight
Thu 6am–2am
Fri–Sat 24 hours

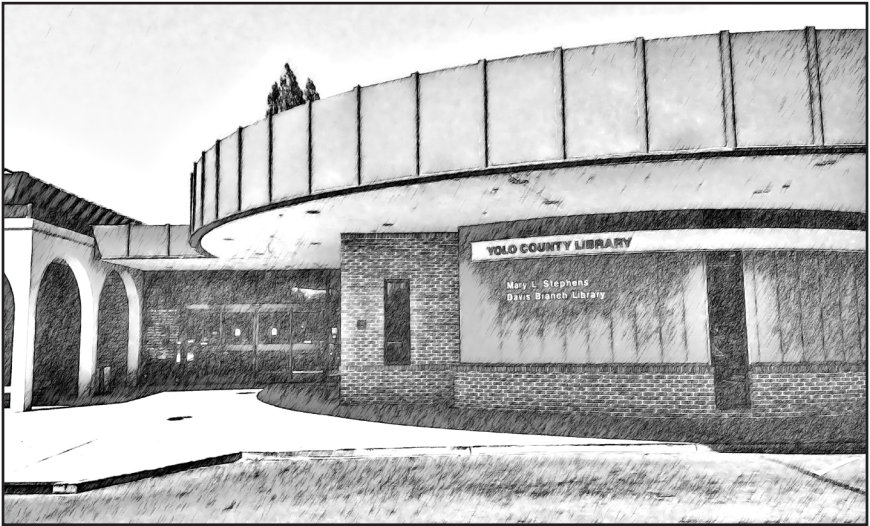
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Yolo County Public Library



Mary L. Stephens Branch (aka the Davis Branch) of the Yolo Country Library System is Davis' one and only public library. With ample seating, outlets, access to WiFi, public use computers, study rooms, books, and more, the public library is a great place to study. Moreover, anyone can apply for a library card and rent out books/media and access the library's countless resources.

315 East 14th Street
Mon 1pm-9pm
Tue-Thu 10am-9pm
Fri & Sat 10am-5:30pm
Sun 1pm-5pm

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