



AGGIE COMPASS BASIC NEEDS CENTER

Join the Aggie Compass Community!

We are a student community space where you can find fresh fruits and vegetables during Fruit & Veggie Up!, get CalFresh enrollment assistance and find resources to help you find stable housing and financial assistance.

Mission

To connect students with basic needs resources that help alleviate the chronic stress resulting from constant efforts to find and afford nutritious food, stable housing and financial assistance.

Goal

To be the campus lead in coordination of basic needs programs and services and to create community that connects students that have had similar life experiences.

Background

In July 2014, University of California (UC) President Janet Napolitano, launched the UC Global Food Initiative (GFI) to develop, demonstrate and export solutions for food security, health and sustainability throughout California, the U.S. and the world. A goal of the GFI was to assess and address the growing concern around food security among UC students. To better gauge the food security of its students, UC administered an online survey in spring 2015 to a randomly selected sample of students from all UC campuses. Guided by the survey's findings, summarized in the 2016 UC Basic Needs Report, UC involved staff, faculty and students on each campus in developing action plans with a more expansive approach to student well-being, incorporating meeting basic needs in the areas of food security, housing stability, financial and mental wellness. To support the goals of the GFI and campus action plan, UC Davis created the Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center (ACBN), a service of the Division of Student Affairs. The center serves to ensure all UC Davis students are basic needs secure.

Aggie Compass Today

The fall 2018 first-year undergraduate class will be the most diverse in the history of UC Davis, with nearly half of all entering students the first in their families to obtain a post-secondary degree. More than a third of these students come from low- to very-low-income communities. The Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center will lead the campus in coordinating basic needs programs and services for this population of entering students and current students as well as support UC Davis's commitment to educate and graduate high-achieving, lower-income students through the American Talent Initiative.

At the center, students gain access to both perishable and non-perishable, fresh, nutritious food. A full-time, in-house CalFresh representative enrolls eligible students in a federal program that provides supplemental nutrition assistance. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available at the center through the Fruit & Veggie Up! (FVU) program, which redistributes produce, donated by local farms and grocery stores, to students at no cost. The ACBN mobile pop-up bike will bring FVU to academic and retention centers on campus where populations of food insecure students are concentrated.

Additional resources at ACBN include peer advising for job searches (especially for jobs that include a meal), financial aid and management and nutrition counseling. ACBN has a referral protocol to help students in economic crisis, in need of behavioral health interventions and case manager facilitated crisis support.



REFERRAL FORM

If the student is in distress, needs emergency shelter or if you're not sure if the student can help themselves, submit a [UC Davis CARE report](#). This form goes directly to Jennifer Chow, the case manager at OSSJA. (Find form at AggieCompass.ucdavis.edu, "I'm in Crisis" page.)

IMMEDIATE FOOD

- [Fruit & Veggie Up!](#) fall 2018 hours, Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 - 12:45 at Aggie Compass. This program provides free produce to students.
- [Aggie Compass Food Closet](#), M-F 9-5. We have nonperishable food and limited hygiene products.
- [ASUCD Food Pantry](#) hours change every term. The Pantry can provide up to three food or personal items a day, they have non-perishables and common personal items.
- [Davis Community Meals](#) is support from and for the City of Davis. Free hot meals are offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm and lunch on Saturday from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. Meals are served at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 640 Hawthorn Lane, Davis, CA 95616.

IMMEDIATE HOUSING

- [ASUCD Community Housing Listing](#)
- [Yolo County Housing](#)
- Facebook - [UC Davis Last Minute Housing Search](#) and various other student Facebook groups

Emergency Shelter

You or the student can fill out a [UC Davis CARE Report](#) and a [case manager](#) will provide assistance. (Find form at AggieCompass.ucdavis.edu, "I'm in Crisis" page.)

ECONOMIC CRISIS - FINANCIAL CRISIS

- Drop-in at the Financial Aid Office, 1100 Dutton Hall, for financial crisis services
- Visit Financial Aid's [Economic Crisis web page](#), this page offers resources for immediate financial assistance from UC Davis, the City of Davis, Yolo County and federal programs.
- Request assistance online by emailing the Economic Crisis Team [fas-ecrteam@ou.ad3.ucdavis.edu], you can expect a response within 24-48 hours.

LONGER TERM SUPPORT

The [CalFresh](#) program provides a free debit card (EBT) for groceries, up to \$193 per month, if students qualify. They can apply at [Get CalFresh online](#) or in-person at Aggie Compass. *Max, our CalFresh rep, can help with the application and talk about other benefits (like getting utility bills reduced).*

ALL of these resources can be found on our website aggiecompass.ucdavis.edu

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