

Q: I'm a transfer with 105 units. Can I finish this major on-time/in two years?

A: Yes, but most do not. This is for two important reasons.

One, in order to have a full grasp of sustainable agriculture and our food system by the time you graduate, there are very specific classes that you must take. So your intro to philosophy or intro communications class will not count for our Bioethics in Philosophy or our Public Speaking classes. As an aside, many community colleges require multiple semesters of chemistry, biology, english, and math in order to satisfy our one or two quarters. Please be very careful in taking these classes at your community college to make sure you are fulfilling the full requirement.

Two, the university has separate requirements in order to apply to UC Davis than the major has to graduate with this degree. For the university's general education requirements, you may need two english classes or you may be able to satisfy their social sciences requirements with any number of random classes. For SA&FS, you only have one english requirement, and to satisfy our arts and humanities requirements, there are only a handful of classes that will transfer. The good news is that most of these classes are offered at most community colleges! See the full list [here](#).

Q: So if I don't finish in two years, how much longer will it take me to graduate?

A: Most transfer students need only 1 or 2 additional quarters. Some students may need to take advantage of summer sessions (whether at UCD or elsewhere) to finish.

Q: How do I declare a Track or area of specialization within SA&FS?

A: There is no formal process for declaring a track. When you get to UCD, you'll meet with an advisor and tell them which track you're interested in following.

If you're interested in Track I: Agriculture and Ecology, you're interested in the medium of our food system, that is, the air, the water, the soil. This is looking at our food system on the microscopic/landscape level, like the bacteria in the soil or the contaminants in the water. Students in this track are strong in chemistry and math. Students who take this track are interested in starting their own farms or becoming soil scientists.

If you're interested in Track II: Food and Society, you're interested in the people of our food system, who is controlling the food system, who is kicked out of the food system, why we have such high rates of obesity and the same time we have such high rates of starvation. This is looking at our food system and the human level. Students in this track are strong writers and vocal opponents of injustice. Students who take this track are interested in working with food NGOs, farming, and reforming systemic issues.

If you're interested in Track III: Economics and Policy, you're interested in the laws that govern our food system. This is looking at our food system at the bureaucracy level. Students in this track are strong in chemistry, math, and economics. Students who take this track are interested in public policy, working with senators at the county level or with businesses that are seeking guidance to become more sustainable.

No matter which track you're in, 25 out of the 37 classes you take will be exactly the same. Each track requires the same core courses, the same applied production courses, many similar preparatory classes, the same communication requirement, the same space to elect to take other courses other than the ones we require (we call these Restricted Electives), and the same space to do internships.

Q: Where can I access the website?

A: Currently, the SA&FS Major is hosted as a program under the Agricultural Sustainability Institute. Please go to <http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/safs> for more information.

Q: Where do I go for advising?

A: The SA&FS Major is hosted in the Human Ecology Department in 1303 Hart Hall on campus.

Q: Which college is my college?

A: The Human Ecology Department is a part of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES).

Q: Who is my advisor?

A: As a SA&FS student, you actually have a team of advisors.

Galyna Erdman is the Academic Advisor and she is the one you'll meet at Orientation, Decision Day, and whose office is in the main office.

If you're Track I, Will Horwath is your Track Advisor.

If you're Track II, Ryan Galt is your Track Advisor.

If you're Track III, Tom Tomich is your Track Advisor.

The Peer Advisor is also there as the first point of contact for your questions and to offer help in preparing study plans. The Peer Advisor can also be located in the main office.

Q: Can I double major or take a minor?

A: We don't recommend it, especially with the number of units you are already coming to UCD with. CAES has a unit cap of 225 units, which means they will not allow you to take more than 225 units unless you submit a petition of excess units. Also, the major provides you with the space to "minor" if you wish as a part of your Restricted Electives. For more information, visit <http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/safs> and go to the tab labeled "Restricted Electives."