Overview of the UCDC Program

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Getting to Washington
Students arrange their own travel to and from Washington, D.C. Round-trip airfare can be as much as $500-$600, though bargain rates can be found. You can only check-in at the UC Washington Center when your campus program begins; the days and times for check-in’s are stated in the UCDC Residential Brochure.

Airports
The following major airports serve the greater Washington, DC area:

- Ronald Reagan/National Airport (DCA) – Washington, DC – 15 minutes from UCDC Center
- Dulles International Airport (IAD) - Fairfax, VA – 45 minutes from UCDC Center
- Baltimore-Washington International/Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) – 45 minutes north of Washington, DC

The best way to get to the UC Washington Center from any of these airports is to take a taxi or Super Shuttle. The approximate costs for these services are:

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(Rates are approximate; please check with vendor for current rates)

Orientation
There is another mandatory orientation when you arrive at the UC Washington Center: UCDC Residential and Academic Orientation. This orientation provides an excellent opportunity for you to get to know the other students taking part in the Washington programs - not only the students in the UCSD program, but students from other UC programs in Washington as well. You will be introduced to the Washington Center faculty and staff.

All students are required to sign a participation agreement at the beginning of the program. It is important that students conduct themselves seriously and responsibly, both in academic situations as well as in their personal matters. Remember that you are representing the University of California as well as UC San Diego.
The UC Washington Center

The University of California Washington Center is administered by the UC Office of the President, and is centrally located at 1608 Rhode Island Avenue, in the heart of Washington, DC. UCSD operates in conjunction with the Washington programs of other UC campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, Merced, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Riverside, and Irvine.

The Staff
Alfreda Brock is UCSD’s Program Administrator in Washington, DC. She is a wonderful resource and will be your best contact person in DC. She will help with various day-to-day administrative matters. Should you need to contact her in advance, her e-mail address is alfreda.brock@ucdc.edu.

Library Usage
There are many libraries available for your use while you are in DC. The U.S. Library of Congress, as well as other area university libraries, are available for research purposes.

Group Excursions
Alverta Scott, Student Activities Coordinator for all UC Washington programs, plans group activities and sightseeing trips in conjunction with students from the other UC campuses. If you have ideas or recommendations of places to go and things to do, contact Alverta at alverta.scott@ucdc.edu

Housing at the UC Center in Washington

The UC Washington Center is located in the heart of Washington, DC. The eleven-story building includes living quarters for students, classrooms, state of the art teaching technology, a fitness center, lounges, and an auditorium. The apartments are two-bedroom, one-bath, accommodating four students per apartment. The apartments are fully furnished and include fully equipped kitchens, including microwave ovens, cable television in each living room and high speed internet connectivity adjacent to each bed. The fitness center and laundry rooms are open twenty-four hours per day. For more information about living at the center, e-mail the Resident Manager, Mac Hamlett at mac.hamlett@ucdc.edu.

Apartments are cleaned on a weekly basis, which includes vacuuming the carpets, mopping the kitchen and bathroom floors. Daily trash pick-ups are made, but students must take their own trash to the trash chutes. Four trash bags per week are provided to each apartment.

Roommates
Information from the Roommate Questionnaire will be used when roommate assignments are made. UCSD students will be rooming together at the center. If you have a preferred roommate, please be sure to include the name on the Roommate Questionnaire. Four students will share each two-bedroom apartment. No co-ed roommate assignments are allowed.

Laundry
Laundry facilities are located on the fourth, sixth, and tenth floors. These are open twenty-four hours/day. Laundry costs are $1.00 per wash load and $1.00 per dry cycle.

Computers and the Computer Lab
The Computer Center is located on the third floor with twenty-four hour access. You may use the printers on a pay-for-print basis. The Computer Center can get very busy during peak times of the quarter. Please feel free to bring a laptop with you for your convenience. Network jacks are located at each bedside for Internet and network hookup. Wireless connection is available on floors 1-3 and in all classrooms.