



The Davis Degree Program @ Wellesley College

For women age 24+ who aspire to complete a bachelor's degree

In addition to all that Wellesley has to offer, unique aspects of the Davis community include:

- 01** A community of non-traditional scholars coming from similar educational backgrounds that bring a rich perspective to the overall Wellesley community.
- 02** Flexibility to go part time or full time. (You must be full time in order to qualify for on-campus housing.)
- 03** 9- or 12-month campus housing in one of two residence halls just for Davis Scholars (no family housing available).
- 04** The Continuing Education (CE) House, for all Davis Scholars, especially commuters, to gather as a community, study, and hang out; leadership opportunities within it.
- 05** A class dean and writing tutors specifically for the Davis Degree Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1

International students applying for financial aid: January 15

Directions for applying for admission:

www.wellesley.edu/admission/apply/howto/davisapply

My transition to Wellesley

Working full time, raising two kids, and going through a divorce was my back story, but believing that I was able to do the work was a work in progress. I befriended a small group of Davis Scholars and the camaraderie was helpful. Financial assistance was great. – *Mary Jane Waite*

Orientation for the Davis Scholars involved a handful of amazing faculty members who helped us, encouraged us, and were dear and funny and generous with their time and knowledge. As a non-resident student, having CE house as a place to study, relax, and meet other Davis women meant the world to me. – *Maggie DeVries*

My young classmates quickly helped me realize that it was perfectly OK to ask any question, to try and fail and try again. – *Patricia Diaz*

In the classroom

I loved the cross-generational friendships that I developed with traditional-age students. In the classroom, we were all students together, all having the same experiences, the same stresses. – *Lisa Priest*

There were so many classes that were my favorite all for different reasons, some because of the material covered, some because of the professors, and some because they were difficult and pushed me to grow as a person. Overall, I feel that Wellesley gave me a well rounded education. – *Diane Gruber*



My career success since graduating from Wellesley

Having been challenged by the rigorous Wellesley education and being part of the Davis Degree Program taught me to keep on working on what you want, no matter how many hoops you have to jump through – that is part of the experience. I did attend graduate school, but my experience at Wellesley is so much more valuable and so much more vivid in my mind. I work in a field I love (*psychology*) and enjoy the work I do. – *Barbara Doyle*

I was accepted to divinity school as planned. Wellesley taught me to think critically and helped me develop my own voice. – *Lisa Priest*

My current professional choices and successes are completely tied to the Wellesley experience. I am the Director of Development & Communications for CEDPA in Washington, DC, that equips and mobilizes women and girls around the world to achieve gender equality. After Wellesley, I received a master's degree in nonprofit management from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management. Obviously, this career path would not have been available to me without my superior undergraduate credentials. If you believe that I could have obtained those anywhere else, I would disagree. – *Jill Kennedy*

My Wellesley degree opened the doors I needed to fulfill my dreams. After Wellesley, I've worked as a Knowledge Manager for a global organization, I've done consulting for foundations and governments, and I got a M. Ed. from Harvard. – *Patricia Diaz*

I feel that I was exposed to so many ideas at Wellesley and allowed to find a path that was unique to my interests. I also found my voice. These pieces were integral to my having the confidence to put myself out there. I have since completed my MFA and have a busy art practice. This confidence was nurtured while I was at Wellesley. – *Pamela Rogers*

The Davis Degree Program changed my life. After getting my degree in Psychology, with a minor in Russian language, I got my Master's in Social Work from the Smith College School for Social Work. I am a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with a private practice as well as part of a group practice. I work primarily with children and adolescents, but also see adults, couples, and families. I love my new career! – *Patricia Kissinger*

The most useful aspects of my Wellesley education

Wellesley simply gave me the broad-based knowledge and competence that I needed to move forward with my career-specific training in graduate school. I am honored to have a high-level management position that allows me to offer concrete assistance to women who need a similar kind of "boost" to what was given me from Wellesley. – *Jill Kennedy*

The Center for Work and Service did a much better job preparing me for the job market than I realized at the time. Now that I've been out a few years and on the hiring end of the equation, it all makes perfect sense. They are trying to impart to students exactly the right messages. – *Tiffany Sirc*

Words of advice!

Wellesley is one of the best experiences I have had in my life and one I will never forget. Even as an older learner, the experience is one that I still call on often. I have met and stayed in touch with wonderful people from Wellesley. The courses are hard, the work is unbelievable. You will change; some of it will be hard, some scary. But for me, and I am sure for you, it will be worth the ride. Get to know your professors; they offer some of the best networking. Remember to take time for yourself and enjoy the beauty the campus has to offer. – *Barbara Doyle*

Take risks; do something you think you can't or are terrified to try. Wellesley wants you to succeed and will do all it can to support you in your academic adventures. – *Pamela Rogers*

Take part and become as much a part of the College community as you can. Wellesley has so much to offer you beyond the classroom (which is quite awesome in its own right). – *Tiffany Sirc*

Have faith in your abilities. Take courses that speak to your passions and fulfill long-held dreams. Try things that are outside your comfort zone, that expand your sense of who you are and what you can do. Ask for help when you need it. Soak it all up. It is the experience of a lifetime! – *Patricia Kissinger*

Come with a plan and a goal, but stay open to everything. You may be surprised by how much you love a course that you're actually just taking to fulfill a requirement. You could change your major - and your life! – *Lisa Priest*

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