

Is ucdavis.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 98/100

ucdavis.edu

Verdict

98

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

ucdavis.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

Official UC Davis website page focused on admissions, academics, research highlights, campus life, and visitor information. Contains an information signup form and links to admissions resources, campus locations, contact information, and donation/giving calls-to-action.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	40 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2005 3 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2005.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The University of California, Davis website is an institutional higher-education portal presenting admissions information, academic and research content, campus-life resources, visitor guidance, university news, student services, and donation-related activities; its apparent purpose is to provide official university information and support admissions, giving, and related institutional services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No scam, phishing, impersonation, or other contradictory signals were observed. The homepage content is coherent with a university's institutional purpose, uses the UC Davis identity consistently, and presents a professional information-request form rather than a sensitive credential-collection form. External reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious detections, while the site also has a top-tier global traffic footprint. The available evidence therefore supports an apparently legitimate, low-risk website, although the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the institution as "University of California, Davis | UC Davis" and presents university-specific institutional content.
- The homepage contains one signup or information-request form; no login form or password-collection form was observed.
- External reputation evaluation recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no phishing indicators.
- Domain registration: 1986-03-19; age 40.42 years. Archive record: 3 snapshots spanning 2005–2007, covering 3 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's apparent institutional identity is consistent with the university-focused content, but independent connection to a real-world operator is not established by the supplied evidence. The described model is educational and institutional rather than a financial service; no financial licence or licence number is claimed in the available site analysis, so licensing is not a relevant basis for endorsing any separate financial activity. This is a disclosure and verification consideration, not evidence of fraud. No matching third-party broker-reputation profile was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as “University / Admissions / Institutional” and “Higher Education / University.”
- The site’s transport encryption uses a DV TLS certificate issued by YR1, valid through 2026-11-04.
- The site is served on AS54113, operated by FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US.
- The homepage presents admissions, academic, research, campus, and giving subject matter consistent with an institutional university website.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should confirm the institution’s web address and relevant contact channels through an independently sourced University of California, Davis directory or official offline channel. Admissions and donation transactions should be completed only through payment pages reached from those independently confirmed institutional channels, with ordinary review of the applicable payment-protection, refund, and transaction terms. Any purported financial or investment service using the university’s identity should be treated as a separate proposition and independently validated with the relevant authority.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides institutional contact, admissions, visitor, and giving pathways that can be cross-checked against independently sourced university information.
- The observed form is an information-request or signup form rather than a sensitive payment or password form.
- The site analysis identifies no wallet connection, cryptocurrency activity, or other specialized financial-interaction mechanism.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence supports a **high-trust, low-risk posture** consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The classification is strong, but it should not be treated as independent proof of the real-world operator’s identity or as authorization for unrelated services presented under the same name.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection, and all observed addresses were CDN edge addresses rather than exposed origin candidates. This reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating infrastructure signal, but it is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Cloudflare was identified as the CDN/WAF provider.
- Observed edge addresses were 23.185.0.4, 2620:12a:8000::4, and 2620:12a:8001::4.
- No likely origin IP candidate was identified in the observed infrastructure.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence; credential and payment activity should proceed only after the ordinary independent institutional and transaction checks described above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of ucdavis.edu.

- The request stayed on ucdavis.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2005-06-03. CLEAR
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2620:12a:8001::4
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-11-04
Domain age	40.42 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	2005-06-03
Archive snapshots	3

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about ucdavis.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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