

# WELCOME PRIMER



**ATENEO** INTERNATIONALIZATION FOR MINDANAO OFFICE

Ateneo de Davao University  
Southern Mindanao, Philippines

**MADAYAW NGA PAG-ABOT SA DAKBAYAN SA DABAW!**

*Welcome to Davao City!*

## DAVAO CITY

The city's name was derived as a result of the phonetic blending of the words "*daba daba*", "*davuh*", and "*dawow*" from three Bagobo sub-groups. The word means "*beyond higher grounds.*" This pertains to the location of Davao River, a major body of water that served as a trading settlement and site of the Kadayawan Festival's "*Subang Sinugdanan*" which literally means "*the river where it all started.*"

**Davao City** is one of the highly urbanized cities in Mindanao, Philippines. The city serves as the main trade, commerce, and industry hub of Mindanao, and the regional center of Davao Region.

According to the City Government of Davao, there is an increased tourist arrivals by 25.13% in January to June 2018. The Davao Region's tourism grew by 26% with a reported number of 2.2 million tourist arrivals in the first half of 2019. At present, Davao City has international direct links with Singapore, Hong Kong, Quanzhou, China, Qatar, and Manado, Indonesia.

Aside from tourist destinations in both land and water forms, various festivals of the Mindanaoans are also a reason why tourists visit the region. The Kadayawan Festival is celebrated annually by the Davaoeños every August. The festival invites not just the locals, but even visitors from different parts of the world to join in the festivities prepared to celebrate life and give thanks for the bountiful harvest.

In terms of peace and order, Davao City's crime volume remains among the lowest in the country. The local government continuously initiates programs to ensure the safety and security of the city. Based on the Crime Index 2019 Mid-Year of Numbeo, Davao City has a Safety index rate of 72.50, and ranks second as the top safest city in Southeast Asia.



## IMPORTANT CITY ORDINANCES

### ***Anti-Smoking (Ordinance No. 0367-12)***

The entire Davao City is smoke-free as the law prohibits smoking in all public places, public buildings, workplaces, and business establishments.

### ***Speed Limit (Ordinance No. 778 Series of 1973)***

Those who are not using pedestrian lanes or overpasses to cross streets will pay a fine of PHP 100.00 at the Treasurer's Office for the first offense plus additional community service for four hours to be facilitated by the City Social Services and Development Office.

### ***Liquor Ban (Ordinance No. 004-13)***

Selling and consumption of liquor in public places and establishments from 01:00 AM until 08:00 AM are prohibited. Business establishments are allowed to sell liquors and alcoholic beverages only up to 12:00 Midnight.

### ***Fire Cracker Ban (Ordinance No. 060-02)***

An ordinance prohibiting the manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, or use of firecrackers or pyrotechnic devices and such other similar devices and the exploding of firecrackers or other similar explosives.

### ***Anti-Unattended Bag***

An ordinance prohibiting and penalizing the act of leaving unattended bags in a public place. This prohibited act covers any person who carries and lays down an unattended bag in a public place and walks away with or without causing alarm or panic.

## **W E A T H E R**

The climate of Davao City is tropical. Average temperature in Davao City is characterized by daily high temperatures with daily highs around 32 C. (89.6 F) throughout the month of November exceeding 33 C (91.4 F) or dropping below 29 C (84.2 F) only one day in ten. Daily low temperatures are around 25 C (77 F).

## **E L E C T R I C I T Y**

The electricity in the Philippines uses 220 Volts at 60 Hz with U.S. style flat blade attachment plugs (symmetric).



If your appliances plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.

## **C U R R E N C Y**

Most shops in Davao take only Philippine Pesos. Currency exchange service (USD/EUR/JPY/CNY/AUD/KRW-PHP) can be done at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport or any local banks.

## **DINING PLACES**

If you want to explore exotic Davao, here are some suggested possibilities that you can visit:

***Matina Town Square - Taboan*** (07:00 PM onwards), Matina Town Square, McArthur Highway, Davao City

***Coco's South Bistro***, F. Torres Street, Davao City

***Swiss Deli & Restaurant*** (Italian Restaurant), Lanang, Davao City

***La Toscana*** (Italian Restaurant), Arellano Street, Davao City

***Yellow Fin Seafood Restaurant***, F. Torres Street, Davao City

***Harana and Sarung Banggi***, F. Torres Street, Davao City

## **WHERE TO BUY SEAFOOD**

***Citra Mina Seafood Market***, near SM City Davao, Ecoland, Davao City

## **WHERE TO BUY POMELO/DURIAN**

***Magsaysay Park***, Magsaysay Avenue, Davao City

## **SPA / MASSAGE**

***Holiday Spa***, F. Torres Street, Davao City

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS IN DAVAO CITY**

**COUNTRY CODE +63**

**AREA CODE 82**

Central 911

Bureau of Fire Protection

Directory Assistance

Davao Volunteers Fire Brigade

Filipino Chinese Fire Fighters

Southern Philippines Medical Center

Davao City Hall (Trunkline number)

 911

 +63 82 221 6658

 187 114

 +63 82 227 5433/160

 +63 82 227 2112

 +63 82 227 2731

 +63 82 241 1000



## LIST OF HOTELS IN DAVAO CITY

### *Marco Polo Davao*

PO Box 81540, CM Recto Street, Davao City, 8000 Philippines

 +63 82 221 0888

 [davao@marcopolohotels.com](mailto:davao@marcopolohotels.com)

 [www.marcopolohotels.com](http://www.marcopolohotels.com)

### *The Royal Mandaya Hotel*

J. Palma Gil Street, Davao City, 8000 Philippines


 +63 82 225 8888

 [info@royalmandaya.com](mailto:info@royalmandaya.com)

 [www.royalmandaya.com](http://www.royalmandaya.com)

### *The Apo View Hotel*

J. Camus Street, Davao City, 8000 Philippines


 +63 82 221 6430 to 40

 [info@apoview.com](mailto:info@apoview.com)

 [www.apoviewhotel.com](http://www.apoviewhotel.com)

### *Seda Abreeza Davao*

J.P. Laurel Ave, Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Philippines


 +63 82 244 3000

 [dvo@sedahotels.com](mailto:dvo@sedahotels.com)

 [www.abreeza.sedahotels.com](http://www.abreeza.sedahotels.com)

### *Park Inn by Radisson Davao*

Asian Highway 26, Davao City, 8000 Philippines


 +63 82 272 7600

 [reservations.davao@parkinn.com](mailto:reservations.davao@parkinn.com)

 [www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-davao](http://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-davao)

### *Acacia Hotel Davao*

71 J.P. Laurel Ave, Lanang, Davao City, 8000 Philippines

 +63 82 298 8088

 [enquiry@acaciahotelsdavao.com](mailto:enquiry@acaciahotelsdavao.com)

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***Red Planet***

J.P. Laurel Ave, Buhangin, Davao City, 8000 Philippines



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***Humberto's Hotel***

Jose Palma Gil Street, Davao City, 8000 Philippines



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***The Regency Inn***

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***For Jesuit Fathers:***

Loyola Residence in Davao City -

Look for the Guest Master or House Minister



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## TRANSPORTATION

You can contact the following taxi companies for radio dispatching. Flag down rate starts when you are riding the cab. Please ask for a receipt upon reaching your destination or before payment. Should you have any problem while taking the taxi, please contact the number provided on the receipt or here. Take note of the taxi company and number. As required by the city government, all taxi drivers display their ID cards inside the cab.

### *Holiday Taxi*

 +63 82 300 1717; +63 82 221 0665; +63 82 221 3085

### *Krizia Taxi*

 +63 82 298 5837 to 39; +63 82 298 5541

### *Mabuhay Taxi*

 +63 82 235 1784; +63 82 234 1360

### *Maligaya Taxi*

 +63 82 299 1111; +63 82 299 1391; +63 82 299 1392

### *Midvalley Taxi*

 +63 82 301 0479; +63 82 286 0639

### *Siycha Transport Corporation (STC) Taxi*

 +63 82 299 1143; +63 82 304 4739

**WELCOME TO ATENEO DE DAVAO UNIVERSITY!**



*The Ateneo de Davao University is a Catholic, Jesuit, and Filipino University. As a university, it is a community engaged in excellent instruction and formation, robust research, and vibrant community service. As Catholic, it proceeds ex corde ecclesiae, from the heart of the Church. As Jesuit, it appropriates the mission of the Society of Jesus and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. As Filipino, it contributes to and serves Mindanao.*



## **In Pursuit of Education that Empowers and Transforms**

As a university that is Jesuit and Catholic, **Ateneo de Davao University** (ADDU) is guided by and seeks to articulate a living intellectual tradition that fosters transformative education. All of our undertakings—teaching, research, and service—are infused with a conviction that upholds the sacred character of all reality, the dignity of every human person, the mutually-informing dynamic between faith and reason, and the responsibility to care for those who are suffering most in our world.

As English writer G.K. Chesterton once said, “every education teaches a philosophy of life. If not explicitly, then by suggestion, by implication, by atmosphere. If the different parts of that education do not cohere or connect with each other; if the educational process as a whole does not combine to convey a coherent view of life; if, in the end, it does not empower and transform, then, it is not education at all.” Transformative education, therefore, is one in which the student is incrementally invited to engage life, to reflect upon it and, then, to be of service to our world.

In the spirit of transformative education, the Ateneo de Davao University invites all who share this outlook to take part in its intellectual and living tradition of excellence.

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1 The University 24-hour gate is at the Jacinto Street, for pedestrian and vehicles. There are also pedestrian gates on Roxas Avenue facing Aldevinco and at CM Recto Street.

2 The University is a smoke-free campus. There are strict City Ordinances prohibiting smoking in public places, inside business establishments and buildings, and campuses.

3 Please bring any identification card when on campus. The University implements security measures to ensure safety and security in the campus.

4 Parking on campus is very limited. Please make arrangements through the AIM Office if you need parking on campus [please call Physical Plant Office +63 82 221 2411 local 8220 or the President's Office at local 8296].

5 Guests billeted at the ADDU Faber Hall, 9/F Community Center of the First Companions, can avail the use of the Swimming Pool and Fitness Gym.

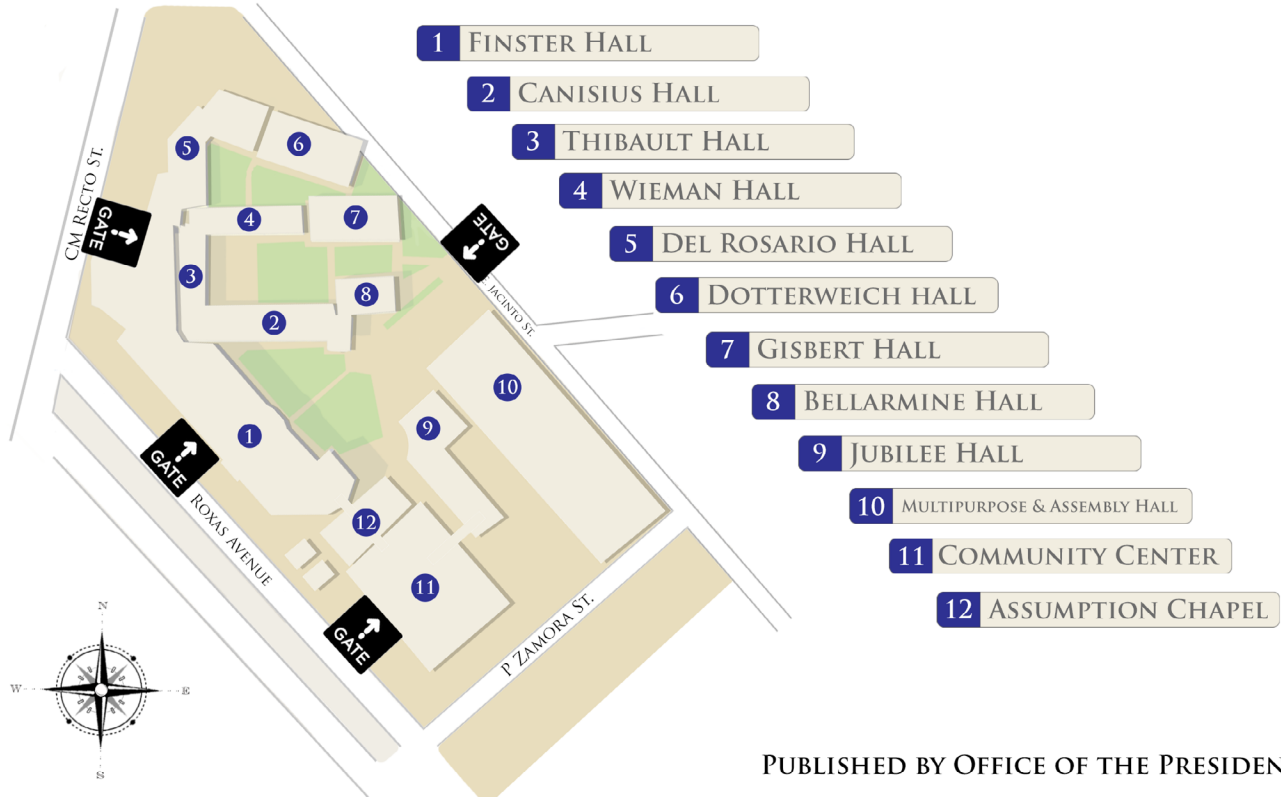
6 There are daily masses at the University Chapel of Our Lady of Assumption, Jacinto Campus. Weekday Masses are at twelve noon (12:00 NN) and five o'clock in the afternoon (05:00 PM). If any priest wishes to concelebrate, please go directly to the sacristy before the Mass.

7 The University enjoys the proximity of the 911 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of Davao City (approx. 800 meters from Ateneo Roxas Gate, it is across Marco Polo Hotel). For immediate medical and police assistance, please call 911 from any local phone or on your mobile phone.

8 A pharmacy and convenience store are located near the Ateneo Claveria Gate; the office of the Philippine Airlines is located at 1/F Finster Hall, beside Western Union Office, and a Cebu Pacific ticket office is at Victoria Plaza, J.P. Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City.

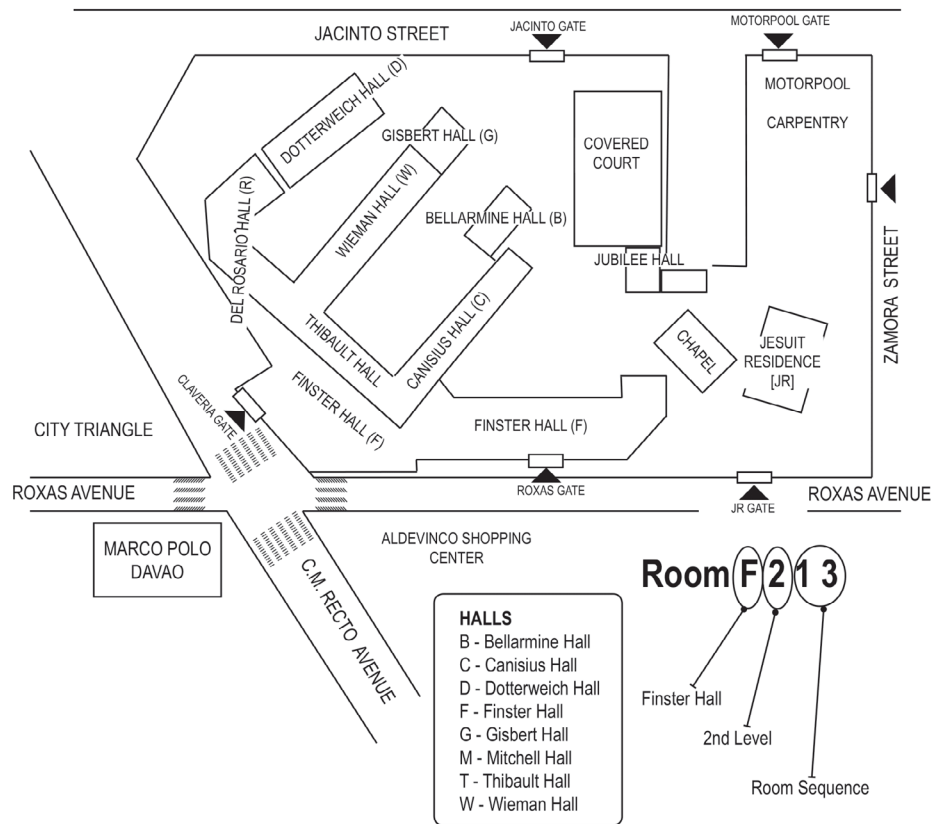


# ATENEODE DAVAO UNIVERSITY JACINTO CAMPUS MAP



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*The Ateneo de Davao University engages in intercultural, interreligious, and inter-ideological dialogue in Mindanao, and promotes cultural understanding and friendship with its international neighbors.*



The **Ateneo Internationalization for Mindanao (AIM) Office** responds to the vision and mission of the Ateneo de Davao University through strategic internationalization rooted in Mindanao realities, identities, histories, struggles, and aspirations.


AIM assists the University Community in initiating, implementing, and maintaining international partnerships and collaborative programs. It fosters cultural understanding, appreciation, and friendship with its international neighbors through formative, experiential, and global learning.

With Ateneo de Davao University's community partners, AIM bridges local and international contexts through intercultural encounters and transformative dialogue towards deeper awareness of our shared humanity.



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