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Congratulations on your acceptance to UC Berkeley, and welcome to Freshman/Transfer Edge! Your participation in this program gives you an early start to your Berkeley experience by offering you the chance to take courses that fulfill breadth and prerequisite requirements ahead of most incoming students, get to know the campus and its many resources before the fall rush, and connect with peers to build your campus community. In addition to your summer coursework, we’ll also provide programming that includes workshops designed to familiarize you with the best Berkeley has to offer, including research, mentorship, and internship opportunities, campus organizations focused on professional development, and fun social activities. Through this program, you will build a strong foundation for your time here at Berkeley.

WHO'S INVOLVED

Berkeley Summer Sessions & Study Abroad: Program Coordination
The Freshman and Transfer Edge programs are coordinated by Summer Sessions & Study Abroad office staff at the University of California, Berkeley.

If you have any questions regarding registration, course enrollment, program-related events, billing, or other logistical aspects of the program, please contact:

Berkeley Freshman/Transfer Edge – Sara Assadi-Nik, Program Coordinator
Address: 1995 University Ave, Suite 130, Berkeley, CA 94704
Phone: (510) 642-5611
Email: summeredge@berkeley.edu
## NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST

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| 2. **Sign up and pay for Summer Session C Housing (optional) OR determine where you will be staying for the duration of the summer** | Space in the residence halls is held for Freshman and Transfer Edge students. If you would like to live in the Residence Halls during the summer, please go to the following link ASAP and register for summer sessions housing. Space is limited. | Freshman Edge Housing Application Due: May 15th, 5PM  
Transfer Edge Housing Application Due: June 5th, 5PM |
| 3. **Add yourself to the Freshman/Transfer Edge Facebook Group** | Please go to Facebook to add yourself to the official Facebook group. This will be a way for you to connect with your cohort and receive announcements and updates from program staff. | ASAP |
| 4. **Complete the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 FAFSA** | Please go to [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/) to complete this step. The 2019-2020 FAFSA will determine your Financial Aid Eligibility for Summer 2020 and the 2020-2021 FAFSA will determine your eligibility for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. | June 1, 2020 |
| 5. **Login to CalCentral to ensure you have submitted all necessary Financial Aid documentation** | Log in to CalCentral (CalNet ID required) and review your Tasks to ensure that your FAFSA has been received and that you have submitted all required documents. | By indicated deadlines on CalCentral |
| 6. **Complete tasks on CalCentral** | There are various items you will need to complete on CalCentral as a new UC Berkeley student. These will be listed in the Tasks section of your Dashboard. | By indicated deadlines on CalCentral |
After selecting Freshman or Transfer Edge in your CalCentral Notification list, your summer enrollment card in CalCentral will be activated within 24-48 hours. To check if your summer enrollment has been activated, log on to the My Academics page of your CalCentral account and see if the summer term appears. Once the summer term populates, you are able to enroll in courses. Enrollment in Summer Sessions courses is on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is in your best interest to register for courses as soon as possible. Keep in mind that to be eligible for summer financial aid, you are required to enroll in a minimum of six units.

Freshman and Transfer Edge courses take place in two sessions: Session C (eight weeks: June 22 – August 14) and Session D (six weeks: July 6 – August 14). Note that you are able to enroll in courses in any summer session, however, all welcome and programming activities for Freshman and Transfer Edge students will take place during Sessions C and D.

Explore courses on the Berkeley Academic Guide, where you can filter results by Session, Major, and Breadth Requirements. When considering classes to take, it may be helpful to review the general undergraduate graduation requirements. Each college and school within UC Berkeley has its own requirements. Check with your specific college, school, and/or major for further details. If you are enrolling in a course for your intended major, you must take that course for a letter grade.

For in depth instructions on how to register for summer courses through CalCentral, please refer to your CalCentral Registration Guide.

**FRESHMAN EDGE SPECIFIC COURSE(S)**

**Letters and Science W1: Exploring the Liberal Arts**

Letters and Science W1 is an online course for incoming freshmen students, particularly those who are excited to be at UC Berkeley but uncertain of where to start their explorations. Taking L&S W1 over the summer will give you the best possible start on your education, and help you make the most of your four years at Cal.

This online course provides an introduction to the intellectual landscape of the College of Letters and Science, revealing the underlying assumptions, goals and structure of a liberal arts education. Guest speakers, drawn largely from the faculty and recent graduates of L&S, will shed light on the nature and attractions of their disciplines.

Topics will be both theoretical and practical: for example, you’ll learn why the L&S breadth requirement exists and also get a sense of which disciplines would be most engaging for you to pursue while satisfying breadth.

The deadline to register/add this course is midnight (Pacific Standard Time) on Friday, June 19, 2020. For more information on Letters and Science W1 visit the Exploring the Liberal Arts website. Please Note: Incoming freshmen enrolling in L&S W1 will be considered part of the Freshman Edge program, even if L&S W1 is the only course you take or you won't be physically on campus in the summer.
NEW! TRANSFER CONNECT— Mentorship Program
All Transfer Edge students are invited and encouraged to enroll in Transfer Connect, a one-unit course that will help you build community and confidence as you begin your time at Cal. Transfer Connect is a version of the popular Berkeley Connect mentoring program, specially designed just for Transfer Edge students. Through Transfer Connect you will be matched with a UC Berkeley graduate student who will be your personal mentor for the summer, and placed in a small group of transfer student peers who will meet weekly for dinner discussions facilitated by your mentor. Through one-on-one and group mentoring, you will start to build your support network and chart your path at Berkeley. Students report that Berkeley Connect mentoring helps them connect with other students and with professors; increases their understanding of the research university and their awareness of resources available on campus; and boosts their sense of belonging at UC Berkeley. Add Transfer Connect to your schedule by contacting berkeleyconnect@berkeley.edu.

CE3 Transfer Transition Program
Are you a student in the CE3 Transfer Transition Program (TTP)? Students enrolled in TTP will have a program-specific orientation and will receive specific information about that orientation. TTP students are not required to attend any other Summer Session orientation. If you are a TTP student, and you have questions, please contact Luisa Giulianetti, TTP Coordinator, at lgiulian@berkeley.edu.

Haas Pre-Core Program
Transfer students who have accepted their offer of admission to Haas are invited to participate in the Haas Summer PreCore Program. The program offers two 6-week courses during Session D for newly admitted Haas transfer students (2 sections of UGBA 196). The program helps students refresh skills they need during their two years of classes at Haas and is intended to better prepare students for the rigorous coursework of the fall semester. After opting in to Transfer Edge, an email with further information about Pre-Core registration will be sent on a rolling basis from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The Pre-Core office will enroll students in coursework and students will be unable to enroll themselves. If you have any further questions regarding Pre-Core coursework, please contact a Haas advisor at 510-642-1421.

PAYMENT, CANCELLATION & ACADEMIC DEADLINES

It is important to understand the deadlines around summer course withdrawal and associated fees. Freshman and Transfer Edge students pay UC Berkeley undergraduate tuition of $419 per unit. There are no registration fees or program fees, and there are no out-of-state or international fees for Freshman Edge or Transfer Edge participants.

In addition, all UC students pay a one-time only campus fee of $352, which covers the cost of ASUC and other student services. This is a mandatory fee paid for campus services and passed via referendum by the student body of the University. All UC students not registered on the Berkeley campus for Spring 2020 also pay $40 for the 2020 Class Pass, which allows free access to all AC Transit buses and campus shuttles.

Fees are not due at the time you select the program. You will receive a bill for your Summer Sessions fees, which will appear on your CalCentral My Finances tab under Billing Summary. Fees will be posted around the third week of the month, and payable by the 15th of the following month.
For more information about fees and the Summer Sessions refund policy please go to our Fees and/or Refund Policy page.

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**FINANCIAL AID**

To apply for financial aid, you will need to complete both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application no later than June 1, 2020, and include UC Berkeley's federal school code (001312) on the applications. **Note:** We strongly encourage FAFSA filers to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to ensure the accuracy of your application information. Please visit Financial Aid for more information. Pose questions to the aid office by ‘opening a case’ online through Cal Student Central.

1. **Complete the 2019-20 AND 2020-21 FAFSA or Dream Act Application no later than June 1, 2020.**
   Completing the FAFSA or Dream Act Application, along with your summer enrollment, allows the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to determine your aid eligibility for the summer term on the UC Berkeley campus.

2. Enroll in a minimum of six units for summer.

3. **Login to CalCentral (CalNet ID required) two to three business days after enrolling in your courses.** Under My Finances, select 2019-20 from the drop-down menu under Financial Aid and Scholarships and click View Awards.

4. **Review your Communications and Tasks** to ensure that we have received your 2019-20 FAFSA or Dream Act Application and that you have submitted all required documents.

5. You can also review your financial aid awards and Cost of Attendance for summer on this page as well.

6. To learn more:
   - Review Summer Aid information and Summer Aid Frequently Asked Questions
   - Understand how your aid will be disbursed with Financial Aid Payments and Refunds
Pre-Arrival and Welcome Webinars
In late April (Freshman Edge) and late May (Transfer Edge), we will hold a pre-arrival webinar focused on providing information that will help you enroll in courses, seek advising, keep on top of important registration and enrollment deadlines, learn more about campus housing and meal plans, and get acquainted with key campus resources.

For all Freshman and Transfer Edge students, we will hold a welcome webinar, focused on preparing you to arrive on campus and make the most of your summer at Berkeley. We’ll share tips and reminders for navigating your first week on campus, review important instructions regarding housing move-in, cover where to purchase textbooks, how to obtain your Cal1 card, and share the schedule for our summer activities.

Program Welcome
During the summer, you will be invited to attend an on-campus program welcome event. Held in the evening during the first week of both Session C and D, this is a great opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow Freshman/Transfer Edge cohort, meet current Berkeley students and Summer Sessions staff, and learn what you can expect from your summer at Berkeley.

Summer Programming
Throughout the summer, we’ll host a variety of programming for Freshman and Transfer Edge students. You’ll be able to take advantage of workshops designed to familiarize you with the best Berkeley has to offer, including research, mentorship, and internship opportunities, campus organizations focused on professional development, and fun social activities to help you connect with peers and build your campus community.

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Please note: This is a preliminary calendar. Specific event details will be given out as we come closer to the date. New events may also be added and dates are subject to change.

### SUMMER HOUSING & MEALS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Summer housing is offered through the Summer Sessions Housing Office, not through the Freshman/Transfer Edge program. Please refer all questions regarding housing to the [Summer Sessions Housing Office](#). For more information about Summer Sessions housing, including housing rates and dates, important deadlines, and application instructions, please visit the [Summer Sessions Housing webpage](#).

**Housing**

You will have the option of living in [Blackwell Hall](#) or your own accommodations during summer. Space in Blackwell Hall is held especially for Freshman and Transfer Edge students. In order to receive priority, participants must apply for housing through the [online Summer Sessions Housing Application Portal](#) no later than:

- **Friday, May 15th, 5:00PM** for Freshman Edge
- **Friday, June 5th, 5:00PM** for Transfer Edge

You are required to select “Freshman Edge or Transfer Edge” from the program dropdown menu prior to submitting the application for review.

Housing is assigned on a first come, first served basis. Room assignments will not be finalized until day of check-in. A $300.00 advance payment is required upon acceptance of a housing offer; the final payment amount will be billed to your [CalCentral](#) account prior to your session start date.

Blackwell offers double occupancy rooms, in a large, secure housing complex conveniently located just one block from campus. The entire building is equipped with wireless internet and amenities including central bathrooms and lounges on every floor, an Academic Center, Fitness Center, and a main lounge with comfortable furnishings for relaxing. Live-in Residential Life staff will also provide community development activities and social programs.

**Space is limited. Apply for housing early to ensure you have the best chance to secure a housing offer.**

**Meals**

Your housing package includes a robust meal plan and dining is offered at the Cafe 3 dining facility featuring all-you-care-to-eat meals with a wide variety of cuisines. The meal points provided with your meal plan may also be used to purchase a la carte food items at any open retail location on campus.
Other Housing Options
For information about other housing options, including off-campus opportunities, visit the University Housing website for information about Cal Rentals, and the Berkeley Student Cooperative to explore co-ops.

ACADEMIC & OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

Registering with DSP
The Disabled Students' Program (DSP) is committed to ensuring that all students with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities at UC Berkeley. DSP offers a wide range of services for students with disabilities. These services are individually designed, and based on the specific needs of each student as identified by disability specialists, development counselors, and accessibility experts.

Students are encouraged to disclose to Berkeley any accommodations (physical, academic, psychological etc.) they may need as early as possible. Though these matters sometimes may seem personal, it is in your best interest to disclose any necessary support you need to the university as soon as possible, so that adequate steps can be taken to allow you to thrive as a student at Berkeley. In order to request accommodations, please visit the UC Berkeley Disabled Students' Program (DSP) website and follow the steps for “New Students”.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students who opt into Freshman or Transfer Edge will be automatically enrolled in Berkeley’s Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). Berkeley SHIP is an affordable health insurance plan, providing medical, counseling, prescription, vision and dental services. Note however, coverage will only be in effect during Sessions C and D.

The cost of the summer SHIP Insurance is $514 for Session C or $389 for Session D. Students who are only taking online courses are NOT eligible for summer SHIP insurance and will not be responsible for this fee. Any participant that wishes to waive out of SHIP coverage during the summer must do so by submitting an online waiver to University Health Services by June 15, 2020. Students who wish to waive out of SHIP insurance for the subsequent fall semester must additionally complete the fall semester opt out waiver. For more information, please visit the UHS Website, contact the UHS office via phone at (510) 642-5700, or email ship@berkeley.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an international student who is admitted for fall semester and registering for summer courses through Freshman or Transfer Edge, there are special instructions that you must follow in accordance with the policies of the Berkeley International Office. You must enroll in full-time units and request an I-20 or DS-2019 that starts in summer and covers your degree program. Please follow the instructions available on the Berkeley International Office website for students ‘Starting in Summer’. Please Note: The Summer Sessions & Study Abroad office does not issue student visas or Nonimmigrant Information Forms (NIF). For questions about the NIF or visa application, documentation requirements, or processing stages, please contact the Berkeley International Office directly, as they are the University office that issues these documents.
To learn more, please refer to the following resources:

- How to obtain the Nonimmigrant Information Form
- Review Berkeley International Office Student Visa webpage
- Explore resources, tips, and helpful information for new students

**CAMPUS RESOURCES**

**Cal 1 Card**
The Cal 1 Card is UC Berkeley’s official photo ID card and access card to many campus resources. It functions as a key card to residence halls and campus buildings and as a meal card to Cal Dining locations. It can also be used as a debit card to make purchases at a variety of on and off-campus vendors. For more information and to add funds to your Cal 1 Card debit account, please visit the Cal 1 Card website.

**Campus Safety**
Berkeley offers comprehensive free night safety services: BearWalk Escort (trained student employees of UCPD, uniformed and radio-equipped), night shuttle buses, and door to door service. Bear Walk provides a walking escort to nearby residences, public transportation or parking facilities during evening hours. All services are free and available to all.

**Counseling and Psychological Services**
The mission of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is to support the academic mission of the University by providing comprehensive counseling services to assist students with a variety of concerns including academic success, life management, career and life planning, and personal growth and development. For more information visit the CAPS website.

**UC Berkeley Parking and Transportation**
Everything you need to know about parking and transportation options in and around Berkeley, including the Campus Shuttles, Night Shuttles, and local public transportation, can be found at UC Berkeley’s Parking and Transportation website.

**The Student Learning Center**
The Student Learning Center (SLC) is a community of 18 professional staff with disciplinary expertise, 300 trained undergraduate peer tutors, and 20 Graduate Student Instructors. The SLC is dedicated to fostering academic excellence and is driven by the philosophy that students working with students promotes academic and personal success. Summer services include study groups and drop-in tutoring in math, science, and statistics; tutoring and coaching in writing, and a study lounge.

**The Transfer Student Center**
The Transfer Student Center provides services to assist students who transfer to Cal from other colleges and universities with navigating the academic and cultural landscape of this research university. Their programs and services focus on supporting a successful transition, helping transfers build connections and community, and assisting students as they explore and pursue their academic and career goals.
**University of California, Berkeley Library**

Listed among the top 10 libraries in the US by the American Library Association, Berkeley’s library, consisting of over 30 libraries on campus, offers more than 11 million volumes (including books, microforms, maps, newspapers), and a wide variety of tools to help students complement their classroom education. Students looking for a quiet place to study will find that the libraries are an ideal environment.

**Computer Centers**

The general access computer facilities provide convenient and secure on-campus computing facilities for students. Staff provides up-to-date and relevant software and hardware coupled with outstanding customer service and technical support. All general access computer facilities are equipped with software offerings, scanners, color/monochrome printing, and laptop charging stations.

**Cal Student Central**

At Cal Student Central, ask questions and take care of key university business all in one place. This is the central location to seek help and ask questions about financial aid and scholarships, fees and billing, payments, disbursements, registration and enrollment. Visit the office in Sproul Hall or [open a case online](#).

**University Health Services**

University Health Services (UHS) provides comprehensive medical, mental health and health promotion services to all Cal students. Students can use the medical services just as they would their regular doctor's office and urgent care center. Board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, a nutritionist, and nurses staff the facility. A comprehensive counseling center, staffed by psychiatrists, psychologists and licensed therapists, offers individual and group counseling, and includes a complete career counseling center.

**Gender Equity Resource Center**

The Gender Equity Resource Center, fondly referred to as GenEq, is a UC Berkeley campus community center committed to fostering an inclusive Cal experience for all. GenEq is the campus location where students, faculty, staff and alumni connect for resources, services, education and leadership programs related to gender and sexuality.

**Recreational Sports**

Cal Recreational Sports is dedicated to enhancing the knowledge, wellness, fitness, personal skills and quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and the community. Rec Sports provides facilities, programs, activities and the opportunity for cooperative and competitive play.

**Recreational Sports Facility**

The (RSF) on campus is the University’s largest, most complete fitness center with an Olympic-sized swimming pool, 3 weight rooms, seven basketball courts, seven racquetball courts, six squash courts, treadmills, elliptical trainers, stairmasters, rowing machines, and stationary bikes. Additionally, there is space reserved for volleyball, group exercise classes, martial arts, and table tennis.

**ASUC Art Studio**

The ASUC Art Studio provides affordable quality art instruction for students as well as the larger Berkeley community. The space offers classes in ceramics, design, painting, drawing, and photography.

Note: Not for academic credit.