



Berkeley Freshman and Transfer Edge

Freshman & Transfer Edge 2021 Student Handbook

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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, prerequisite, and major requirements ahead of most incoming students, learn about campus and its many resources before the fall rush through our orientations and workshops, and build community with your peers through socials and programming events. Through this program, you will build a strong foundation for your time here at Berkeley. Go Bears!

WHO'S INVOLVED & WHO TO CONTACT

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 don't hesitate to contact:



Email: summeredge@berkeley.edu
Explore Your Yirtual Advising Options
Check out our Knowledge Base for answers to common summer questions

Next Steps Checklist

1. Register for summer cources
After selecting Freshman/Transfer Edge in your <u>CalCentral</u> Task list, your summer enrollment card will be activated within 12 hours. To check if your summer term has been activated, log on to the My Academics pag of your <u>CalCentral</u> account and see if the summer term appears. Once the summer term populates, you are able to enroll in courses. Please refer to <u>this guide</u> to registering for classes in CalCentral for further instruction.
Deadline: ASAP 2. Add yourself to the Freshman/Transfer Edge Facebook Group
Please go to Facebook to add yourself to the <u>official Facebook group</u> . This will be a way for you to connect with your cohort and receive announcements and updates from program staff.
Deadline: ASAP
3. Complete the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 FAFSA
Please go to https://fafsa.ed.gov/ to complete this step. The 2020-2021 FAFSA will determine your Financial Aid Eligibility for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 FAFSA will determine your eligibility for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.
Deadline: June 1, 2021
4. Log in to CalCentral to ensure you have submitted all necessary Financial Aid documentation
Log in to <u>CalCentral</u> (CalNet ID required) and review your Tasks to ensure that your <u>FAFSA</u> has been received and that you have submitted all required documents.
Deadline: By indicated deadlines on CalCentral
5. Complete tasks on CalCentral
There are various items you will need to complete on <u>CalCentral</u> as a new UC Berkeley student. These will be listed in the Tasks section of your Dashboard.

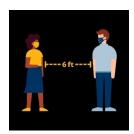
Deadline: By indicated deadlines on CalCentral



SELECTING & REGISTERING FOR COURSES

After selecting Freshman or Transfer Edge in your CalCentral Tasks list, your summer enrollment card in CalCentral will be activated within 12 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. Explore courses on the <u>Berkeley Academic Guide</u>, where you can filter results by Session, Major, and Breadth Requirements. 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 (this will usually amount to an average of two courses).

Note that you are able to enroll in courses in any summer session (A-F), however, programming activities and workshops for Freshman and Transfer Edge students will take place during Sessions C and D (June 21st – August 13th).



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, summer sessions at Berkeley will be **operating remotely** during summer 2021. As such, all courses you will be able to take through Freshman and Transfer Edge will be run virtually. As students move forward with building their summer course schedule, it's important to best understand how these courses will be operated in the virtual realm.

When selecting your courses, it's important to recognize the distinction between courses that are operated remote versus online:

Remote Courses

- Designed to be synchronous, meaning held at the same day(s) and time(s) on a weekly basis, and usually include live course lectures, meeting, and discussions held in Zoom.
- Due to COVID-19, these courses have been temporarily shifted to a remote delivery mode, allowing access to these courses throughout the remote 2021 summer session.
- Remote courses will differ from the existing online courses in that they may require synchronous sessions that will be difficult for students located out-of-country to attend.

Departments operating courses in a remote format are asked to be accommodating of students by:

- Being as asynchronous as possible.
- Being as transparent about the course structure as possible in the syllabi and with students.
- Offering two sittings of exams, one in the early AM and one in late PM (Pacific Time).

Online Courses

- Are courses that have been designed to be asynchronous, meaning you are able to access online modules on a weekly basis. You move at your own pace through the coursework, outside of a traditional set due date and time.
- Online courses are based in careful instructional design focused on both content and interaction. Lectures
 are delivered through videos with high production value and interactive course discussions, and course
 modules are facilitated through online platforms (predominantly through <u>bCourses</u>).

When choosing your classes, it is important to keep this distinction in mind. Refer to this helpful video for more information on the difference between remote and online courses. Make sure to look through course syllabi and class notes on the course schedule to identify which style the course will be taught in and which best matches with your learning style.



It also 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 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/). 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 search for and register for summer courses through CalCentral, please refer to this helpful guide provided by Student Information Systems, titled <u>Register for Classes</u>. Here, you will find step by step infographics guiding you through the registration process, and instructions for dropping and swapping classes.

FRESHMAN EDGE SPECIFIC COURSES

Letters and Science W1: Exploring the Liberal Arts – Session C

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.

The deadline to register/add this course is **5PM** (Pacific Standard Time) on **Friday, June 18, 2021**. Enroll using the course number 13641. For more information on Letters and Science W1 visit the <u>Exploring the Liberal Arts website</u>.

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

The Berkeley Changemaker - A Discovery Experience - L&S C12 - Session D

This course is rooted in the belief that all Berkeley students are in the process of becoming *Berkeley Changemakers*. It is a course for entering students, who will learn to employ creative and critical thinking to imagine better futures, and then develop leadership skills to mobilize others to help create them. The ultimate goal of the course is to help incoming students discover their own identity as *Berkeley Changemakers* through shaping their educational experience at UC Berkeley.

Taught by an all-star team of 18 UC Berkeley faculty members, representing 15 diverse departments and 6 schools across our campus. Our guest faculty includes Chancellor Carol Christ, former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, and 8 Distinguished Teaching Award winners.

Make sure to register for this course by the **July 2nd deadline**. Make a note of the Class Number 10651– you will need it to complete the enrollment process. For more information on this course, visit <u>The Berkeley Changemaker</u> website.

Note: You can take one or both of these courses for free! Newly admitted freshmen who complete one or both course(s) with a "Pass" grade will receive a credit on their account that covers all fees associated with the course. Note that the fees may temporarily appear on your account before the credit has been applied. Students who do not receive a "Pass" grade will see the credit removed from their accounts. Additionally, Freshman Edge students who take either or both the Letters & Science W1 course and/or the Berkeley Changemaker course and receive a passing grade will earn one unit of free summer tuition to be applied to their account to use in summer 2022! Keep in mind if you do decide to take both courses you would only earn 1 unit of free summer tuition, not two.

TRANSFER EDGE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

Transfer Connect - Mentorship Program - Session D

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 Berkeley 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 mentor for the summer and placed in a small group of transfer student peers who will meet online every week for 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 Transfer Connect mentoring helped them connect with other students and with professors, increased their understanding of the research university, their awareness of resources available on campus, and boosted their sense of belonging at UC Berkeley. To sign up for Transfer Connect, log into <u>CalCentral</u> and enroll in any section of English 198BC during Summer Session D. For questions about Transfer Connect email berkeleyconnect@berkeley.edu.

CE3 Transfer Transition Program

Are you a student in the CE3 Transfer Transition Program (TTP)? Enroll in your 6 units of TTP coursework as detailed <a href="https://example.com/here.com/h

Haas Pre-Core Program

Transfer students who have accepted their offer of admission to Haas are invited to participate in the Haas Summer Pre-Core 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 PreCore coordinator, Karren Bautista Tanisaki at kbtanisaki@haas.berkeley.edu.

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 \$380, which covers the cost of <u>ASUC</u> 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 2021 also pay \$48 for the <u>2021 Class Pass</u>, which allows free access to all <u>AC Transit buses</u> and campus shuttles.

Fees are not due at the time you select the program. You will receive a bill for your summer fees and a second bill for your fall fees that will appear on your <u>Cal Central</u> My Finances page under Billing Summary. After you register for courses, you should log-in to CalCentral, and click on View Transaction under Billing Summary on the My Finances tab. There, you'll see that your summer tuition and fees have been posted to your account following your registration, as well as the date the tuition and fees are due.

Please Note: We understand the change in delivery of courses to remote and online may not work for all students. In light of this, we have extended the deadlines to drop or withdraw and receive a refund through the first two weeks of a course for Session A-D. This means students taking classes in Session A, B, C, or D have the opportunity to try a course for two weeks and can drop or withdraw and receive a refund of tuition & the Campus Fee. For students enrolled in a course during 3-week Session E or F, our standard refund deadline would apply.

For more information about important enrollment and cancellation deadlines visit our <u>Summer Sessions Schedule</u> and <u>Deadlines</u> page. For more information about fees and the Summer Sessions refund policy please go to our <u>Fees</u> and/or <u>Refund Policy</u> page, or reach out to program staff if you need clarification.

Remember that after opting-into Freshman/Transfer Edge, you must remain matriculated at Berkeley to be eligible for the UC tuition and fee rates. If there is a change to your admission status, please contact the Office of the Registrar & Office of Undergraduate Admissions to understand how this may impact your summer tuition and fees, as well as other implications.

FINANCIAL AID

To apply for financial aid, you will need to complete both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application no later than June 1, 2021, and include UC Berkeley's federal school code (001312) on the applications. **Note:** We strongly encourage FAFSA filers to use the <u>IRS Data Retrieval</u> Tool to ensure the accuracy of your application information. Please visit <u>Financial Aid</u> for more information. Pose questions to the aid office by 'opening a case' online through Cal Student Central.

Financial Aid Checklist:

- 1. Complete the 2020-21 AND 2021-22 FAFSA or Dream Act Application no later than June 1, 2021. 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 (this usually amounts to two courses).
- 3. Login to <u>CalCentral</u> (CalNet ID required) two to three business days after enrolling in your courses. Under My Finances, select 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 <u>Summer Aid information and Summer Aid Frequently Asked Questions</u>
 - Understand how your aid will be disbursed with <u>Financial Aid Payments and Refunds</u>

ACADEMIC & OTHER ACCOMODATIONS

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".

PREPARATORY WEBINARS & SUMMER VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Pre-Program and Welcome Webinars

In early May, we will hold pre-program webinars for Freshman and Transfer Edge participants. These webinars will be focused on providing helpful information for course selection, information on campus resources and academic



support networks, and options to virtually contact advisors and summer session staff. During the webinar, we will also have advising mentors from The College of Letters and Sciences join us to give you information about academic considerations to keep in mind for summer course selection, virtual advising services, and resources you can utilize for a successful transition to Cal. Not in L&S? Not to worry, we will also cover information and resources for your college. We will also share special opportunities for you to take advantage of this summer, including workshops and virtual social events to help connect you to campus and peers remotely.

In late-May and mid-June, we will hold welcome webinars, focused on preparing you with the information you need to kick off your first summer semester at Berkeley off to a great start! We will provide you with the opportunity to connect with you peers in a virtual community building activity, share helpful resources for academic support, and have current Berkeley students share with you their insights and tips for new students.

SUMMER VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Summer Programming



Throughout the summer, we'll host a variety of virtual programming for Freshman and Transfer Edge students. You'll be able to take advantage of online workshops designed to familiarize you with the best Berkeley has to offer, including study abroad, financial wellness, campus organizations focused on professional development. We'll also host fun online socials to help you connect with peers, build your campus community, and connect with students of shared identities. It's one of the best ways to get involved, find a sense of belonging, and lay down a strong foundation for your time at Berkeley!

PROGRAM CALENDAR

DATE	DESCRIPTION
May 4, 2021	Freshman Edge – Pre-Program Webinar
May 11, 2021	Transfer Edge – Pre-Program Webinar
May 19, 2021	Freshman & Transfer Edge – Welcome Webinar Sessions A-B
June 18, 2021	Freshman & Transfer Edge – Welcome Webinar Sessions C-E
June 21, 2021	Session C begins
May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8	Virtual Social Events
July 6, July 13, July 16, July 20, July 27	Identity Based Virtual Social Events
July 6, 2021	Session D begins
July 15, 2021	Financial Wellness Workshop
July 22, 2021	Summer Minors and Study Abroad Workshop
July 29, 2021	Get to Know the Career Center Workshop
August 5, 2021	Virtual Summer Send-Off Social

EDGE STUDENT PORTAL



As a Freshman/Transfer Edge student, you will receive access to the Edge Student Portal, which will be hosted in <u>bCourses</u> (UC Berkeley's Learning Management System operated by Canvas). This will be your main content hub for program information and documents, a compendium of useful resources, information on program events, and access to video recordings of program orientations and workshops. Refer to this useful space often as you prepare for your program

experience, and throughout the summer to stay informed of program events and opportunities. Keep an eye out in your bMail inbox to receive announcements and reminders through the bCourse. Access to the Edge Student Portal will be granted to students on a rolling weekly basis at the beginning of Summer Sessions. If you have questions regarding the Edge Student Portal, don't hesitate to reach out at summeredge@berkeley.edu.

SUMMER HOUSING

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, summer sessions is being operated remotely, as such, students should not expect to be on campus. In the event that you are in need of summer housing on campus, please refer to the summer housing website for the most up to date information. Summer campus housing remains available for those in need of it.

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 <u>Summer Sessions Housing Office</u>. For more information about Summer Sessions housing, including housing rates and dates, important deadlines, and application instructions, please visit the <u>Summer Sessions Housing webpage</u>. You can read FAQs about applying for Summer Housing as a Freshman/Transfer Edge student <u>here</u>.

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 <u>Berkeley International Office</u>. You must enroll in <u>full-time</u> units and request an I-20 or DS-2020 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'. Additionally, explore resources, tips, and helpful information for new students.

Please Note: The Summer Sessions & Study Abroad office does not issue student visas or <u>Nonimmigrant Information Forms</u> (NIF). For questions about the NIF or visa application, documentation requirements, or processing stages, please contact the <u>Berkeley International Office directly</u>, as they are the University office that issues these documents.

To learn more, please refer to the following resources:

- How to obtain the <u>Nonimmigrant Information Form</u>
- Review Berkeley International Office <u>Student Visa</u> webpage

STUDENT RESOURCES

Identity Based Resource Guide

UC Berkeley offers a wide-variety of resources to support, empower, and equip every student to thrive and succeed. This is an evolving resource document and does not contain all resources and support services available at Berkeley, but can be a great place to start in your exploration. We want to ensure that our Edge students are supported and feel connected to resources and services members of the Cal campus community. If you are seeking additional information and/or assistance please contact us directly at summeredge@berkeley.edu

Student Technology Services



Berkeley has a wealth of technology related resources, learning opportunities, and events to take advantage of. Explore different categories from assistive technology to remote resources, to WiFi, device lending, and zoom tips. Learn more about technology resources specifically for <u>new students</u>. Additionally, refer to the <u>COVID-19 Tech Resources</u> page for IT Support.

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, in addition to e-health and tele-health services. Board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, a nutritionist, and nurses staff the facility and online services. A comprehensive counseling center, staffed by psychiatrists, psychologists and licensed therapists, offers individual and group counseling, and includes a complete career counseling center.

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. The CAPS website contains more information on the many tele-mental health options CAPS offers (counseling, consultations, workshops, and more).

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 virtual services include study groups and tutoring in math, science, and statistics; tutoring and coaching in writing.

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 and virtual library catalogs and digital collections like HathiTrust and OskiCat, offering more than 11 million volumes (including books, microforms, maps, newspapers), and a wide variety of tools to help students complement their classroom education in the virtual realm.

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. The best way to contact the CalStudent Central office with a question in by opening a case online.

Career Center

The Career Center provides comprehensive resources, programs and individualized services on career readiness, internships, employment, and graduate school. On their website, you will find a wealth of helpful resources and tips



for everything from career exploration, to resume building, interview practice questions, and opportunities for virtual career counseling. The Career Center is also your best recourse to be notified of virtual networking events, career fairs, recruitment opportunities. On their site, you will also find information about registering for Handshake, where you can find thousands of jobs and internship listings, register for events, follow your favorite employers, and access other resources for Berkeley students.

Basic Needs Center

The Basic Needs Center is committed to allowing every Berkeley student to find support and resources to battle food, housing, and economic insecurity. The Center has a variety of services: operating the Berkeley Food Pantry, providing emergency, supplemental food support to Berkeley students in need, assistance with CalFresh federal food benefit applications, financial aid counseling in relation to food and housing, and much more. If you or another student you know is in the campus area and experiencing financial, food, housing, or other basic needs challenges in the wake of COVID-19 - you can find a guide to support, services, and resources here.

CE₃

The Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence are dedicated to help students transition, transform and transcend their lives into being students at UC Berkeley and for their lives after graduation. These centers are specifically ensuring that non-traditional students excel on campus, specifically students who have been historically marginalized. CE3 provides counseling programs, supplemental aid, and scholarships to support former foster youth, veterans, student parents, undocumented students, and transfer students of all ages and life experiences. The types of programs offered are to improve Access and Opportunity, supporting Independent Students, as well as Transfer Students.

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. To keep students going near or far, Rec Sports offers a collection of free resources, virtual classes, fitness consultations, and on-demand videos to UC Berkeley students.

LEAD Center

The LEAD Center is a place where leadership, engagement, advising, and development is centered within UC Berkeley. It's the hub for student involvement and co-curricular advising, the main goal of this space is to help students explore their interests, pursue their passions, and create community at Cal. The LEAD Center is a branch of the ASUC Student Union on campus, so through this center students can learn more about student organizations, Greek life, student government, bridges MRC, Cal Debate and many more programs and resources for student involvement and success.

Study Abroad



UC Berkeley offers various programs that allow students to seek unique global academic experiences in over 40 countries! Through UC Education Abroad Programs, Summer Abroad Programs, and Global Internships, students are able to explore options to find a program that best fits their personal, academic, and career goals. Students are advised throughout the process of program selection, financing, and the application process. Explore your study abroad options (including virtual programs) on the Berkeley Study abroad website, where you can also find information on how to connect with study abroad advisors.