

# UC Berkeley Summer Sessions Student Orientation Guide

ASAMST W20AC  
Asian American Communities and Race Relations  
June 22 - August 14, 2020

## Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is **12 hours per week**. In order to be successful in the course, you need to allocate at least this much time per week, if not more.

## Preparing for Your Course

### Textbooks/Course Materials

- Students will be notified of the course materials three weeks prior to the course start date

### Computer Requirements

- Internet
  - Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
  - Minimum of 512kbps
- Operating System
  - Windows 7 and newer
  - Mac OSX 10.6 and newer
  - Linux – chromeOS
- Mobile Operating System Native App Support
  - iOS 7 and newer (versions vary by device)
  - Android 4.2 and newer
- Computer Speed and Processor
  - Use a computer five years old or newer when possible
  - 1 GB of RAM
  - 2 GHz processor
- Screen Size
  - A minimum of 800x600 – (Average size of a netbook)
  - If you want to use a device with a smaller screen it is recommended to use the Canvas [mobile app](#).
- Screen Readers (only needed for students who are blind, visually impaired or have a learning disability)
  - Macintosh: [VoiceOver](#) (latest version for Safari)
  - PC: [JAWS](#) (latest version for Internet Explorer)
  - PC: [NVDA](#) (latest version for Firefox)
  - There is NO screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

## Course Log-on

- Classroom – [bcourses.berkeley.edu](https://bcourses.berkeley.edu)
  - You will need to authenticate and login with your CalNet ID and passphrase
  - If you don't already have your CalNet ID contact CalNet directly
    - [calnet@berkeley.edu](mailto:calnet@berkeley.edu) or 510-642-4126
- [Personalize your settings](#) (only takes a minute)
- [Setting up your notification preferences](#) (you can choose to receive course communication through a personal email account or mobile device)
  - We recommend setting your preference for receiving Announcements to ASAP (via text or email) in case we need to contact you on short notice
- Tech Support
  - In your course, click on the “Help” button on the bottom left of the global navigation menu

## Access to Your Course

- You will be able to access the Orientation Module one week prior to the start date
- Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge
- Module 1 will open on the first day of class

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will NOT be able to launch Module 1 until you read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge.

## Learning Activities

- Read the assigned textbook pages
- Watch the video lecture presentations
- Interact with the GSI and professor
- Post in the discussion forums
- Complete quizzes, term paper, midterms, and final exams

## Students with Disabilities

- If you are requiring course accommodations due to a physical, emotional, or learning disability contact the [UC Berkeley's Disabled Students' Program \(DSP\)](#).
- Notify the instructor and GSI through course email and inform them which accommodations you would like to use.

## Final Exam

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. PT** at TBD for those who are in Berkeley.
- If you cannot attend on-campus you must secure a proctor at an approved proctoring site. Find out how to do this by reviewing the [Steps to Secure a Proctor for Your Course](#).
  - The deadline to turn in a [Proctor Application](#) is **July 17, 2020**.

- If it isn't turned in by the deadline you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.

### Have Questions?

- Email [summer\\_online\\_support@berkeley.edu](mailto:summer_online_support@berkeley.edu)