

UC Berkeley Summer Sessions

Student Orientation Guide

COM LIT W60AC

Boroughs & Barrios: Moving in & through New York City and Los Angeles
June 18-August 10, 2018

Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is **15-20 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

Required Materials

- *Passing*, Nella Larson
- *Open City*, Teju Cole
- *Tropic of Orange*, Karen Tei Yamashita

Books are widely available and may be purchased used and/online. All other readings and materials for this course will be available through our bCourses site.

Computer Requirements

- Internet
 - Along with compatibility and web standards, Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
 - Minimum of 512kbps
- Operating System
 - Windows 7 and newer (users on Windows 10 need to download the [Windows 10 Anniversary Update](#) to submit Canvas assignments)
 - 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
 - 2GHz 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
 - 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 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 official 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 on the first day of class until you read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge.

Learning Activities

- Read the assigned textbooks pages
- Watch and listen to the lecture presentations
- Read web-based announcements and posting assigned during the course
- Compose and post assigned responses to lectures and readings
- Complete the final exam
- Complete writing assignments

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 \(DSP\)](#).

1. Have your Disabled Student Program Specialist send the instructor a formal request **BEFORE** the first day of class by email
2. In addition, notify the instructor through course email and your Online Learning Support Specialist, which accommodations you would like to use.
 - a. Online Learning Support Specialist

1. Tracie Allen, email: summer_online_support@berkeley.edu

Final Exam

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **August 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 1 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](#). Fill out the [Proctor Application Two](#). The application must be submitted by **July 13, 2018** or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.

Have Questions?

Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu.