

UC Berkeley Summer Sessions

Student Orientation Guide

ENERES W100/PUBPOL W184

Energy & Society

June 24–August 16, 2019

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

There are two textbooks for the course (assigned sections of which are available as free .pdf files within the course, but you are also encouraged to order these as physical books if you would like to explore the field in more detail.

- Hirsh, Richard (1999) *Power Loss* (MIT University Press: Cambridge, MA).
- Rubin, Edward S. (2001) *Introduction to Engineering & the Environment* (McGraw Hill: New York, NY).

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
 - 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

- Readings
- Video lecture presentations
- Practice problems
- Discussion sessions and office hours
- Problem sets, midterm, and final exam

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 **Friday August 16, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Pacific Time** 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](#). The application must be submitted by **July 12, 2019** or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.

Have Questions?

- Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu