UC Berkeley Summer Sessions
Student Orientation Guide

L&S C12
The Berkeley Changemaker: A Discovery Experience
July 27-August 14, 2020

Welcome, *Berkeley Changemakers*!

We recognize that many of you are new to UC Berkeley. The purpose of this document is to help you to get the most out of your online learning experience. It includes information on how to prepare for the course, as well as technical requirements and course logistics. If you have any questions, please reach out to: summer_online_support@berkeley.edu

Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is approximately 30 hours per week including watching lectures, doing the assigned readings, participating on bCourses discussion forums, and completing assignments.

Preparing for Your Course

Textbooks/Course Materials

- All student must have access to a computer with Internet connectivity, which will allow them to access course announcements, readings, and instructor-posted materials through the bCourses site and required course reader.
- Students should also be able to watch television texts (via YouTube or other sites).
- Students must also compose their papers and projects on a computer and submit their completed papers and projects electronically on bCourses – handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

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

- o 2 GHz processor
- Screen Size
  - o A minimum of 800x600 – (Average size of a netbook)
  - o 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)
  - o Macintosh: VoiceOver (latest version for Safari)
  - o PC: JAWS (latest version for Internet Explorer)
  - o PC: NVDA (latest version for Firefox)
  - o There is NO screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

Course Log-on

- Classroom – bcourses.berkeley.edu
  - o You will need to authenticate and login with your CalNet ID and passphrase
  - o 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)
  - o 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
  - o 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, July 27.

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 readings
- Watch all the of the video lectures and faculty fireside chats
- Read web-based announcements and postings assigned during the course
- Compose and post assigned responses to lectures and readings
- Complete all required assignments and projects

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 Project

A final project will be completed through the online course. Additional details can be found in the course syllabus.

Have Questions?

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