

# UC Berkeley Summer Sessions

## Student Orientation Guide

*L&S W1*

*Letter & Sciences 1*

*June 18-August 10, 2018*

### Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is an average of **11 hours per week**. In order to be successful in the course, you need to keep this workload in mind. Some weeks will be a little lighter than the average of 11 hours, but on weeks when you have drafts or essays due, you are likely to need to devote more than 11 hours to this course.

### Preparing for Your Course

#### Textbooks/Course Materials

- The readings for this course will all be provided on the course 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](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 articles and essays
- Watch and listen to the multimedia lecture presentations
- Successfully complete short quizzes on the lectures
- Participate actively in the discussion forum
- Complete several “get-ready” exercises, including writing and giving/receiving feedback on one rough draft.
- Write and submit two short (2-3 page) essays and one longer (4-5 page) essay

### 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](mailto:summer_online_support@berkeley.edu)

### Have Questions?

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