UC Berkeley Summer Sessions
Student Orientation Guide
NUSCTX W104
Food, Culture, and the Environment AC
June 22-August 14, 2020

Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is **15 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

Educational Approach

In this course, students will learn via video lectures and interviews, discussion forums, readings, video and podcast clips and projects using virtual software, online office hours, activity-based assignments, and digital quizzes. Due to the online nature of this course, less time is dedicated to lectures and more time is dedicated to other learning activities, such as readings and podcast clips.

To reiterate - expect to spend at least 15 hours per week on this course and to spend more time on other learning activities, such as readings, than you do in traditional courses.

In order to make the most of your experience, we encourage you to participate as much as possible in the discussion forums and partake in the online office hours. There are multiple opportunities to speak with your instructor and/or GSI every week - take advantage of them! Additionally, you are welcome to reach out to the instructor or your GSI to set up an online meeting if their normal office hours do not work for you.

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

- o 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 official start date
- Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge
- Module 1 will open on the first day of class
- All deadline are in Pacific Time (PT) – we will not make accommodations for students who "forget" that they are in a different time zone.

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
- Watch and listen to video/audio lectures led by the instructor and review the accompanying slides focused on the learning theme for that module
- Watch and listen to any other videos or podcasts posted including interviews or presentations by guest speakers
- Read the assigned readings posted to bCourses or available online and (each week) submit two questions based on assigned readings, submit and respond to two questions based on assigned readings

- Participate in GSI moderated discussion forum by answering two weekly prompts and commenting on the responses of the two other students
- Complete the module quizzes
- Complete four written research assignments
- Participate in the digital group presentation and interact with other group presentations using the Whiteboards tool
- Complete the midterm exam 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. If you need DSP accommodations for the final exam, make sure that you file with DSP and the instructor/GSI know by July 17, 2020.

Final Exam
- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 11 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.
  - 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.
- In order to pass this course, you must receive 60% or higher on the final exam. No exceptions.

Have Questions?

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