UC Berkeley Summer Sessions
Student Orientation Guide
POLSCI W145A
Understanding Political Development in India
June 22 -August 14, 2020

Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is **7-10 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

- Snigdha Poonam, 2018. Dreamers: How Young Indians are Changing Their World. Harvard University Press

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 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 textbook pages
- Watch the video lecture presentations
- Interact with the GSI and professor
- Post short essays to the discussion forums
- Complete quizzes, 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 **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 9 a.m. - Noon 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.

Have Questions?

- Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu