

# UC Berkeley Summer Sessions

## Student Orientation Guide

PS W145A

*Understanding Political Development in India*

*June 19-August 11, 2017*

### Summer Session Online Tutorials

The following are helpful Canvas tutorials to prepare you for your online class:

- [Introduction to Your Online Classroom](#)
- [Setting Up Your Notification Preferences](#)
- [Update Your Personal Setting and Profile Picture](#)
- [How to Use Announcements, Discussions and Conversations to Communicate in Your Course](#)
- [How to Check Your Grade](#)

### 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

- Edward Luce, 2008. *In Spite of the Gods: The Rise of Modern India*.

#### Computer Requirements

- Internet
  - Along with compatibility and web standards, Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
  - Minimum of 512kbps download
- 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
- 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](http://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)
  - Click “Account” on the global navigation menu on the left
  - Customize your settings (click on “notifications”) and add your profile picture (click on profile)
- [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, as well as Module 1, one week prior to the start date
  - Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge
- 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 \(DSP\)](#).

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
    - i. Tracie Allen, email: [twgallen@berkeley.edu](mailto:twgallen@berkeley.edu)

### Final Exam

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **Wednesday, August 9 from 9-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](#). Fill out the [Summer Session Proctor Application](#). The application must be submitted by **July 14, 2017** or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.