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 third party media.

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

- Review the What are the browser and computer requirements for Canvas?

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 official start date.
- Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge.
- Module 1 will open on the first day of class.
- All deadlines 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 lectures led by the instructor and review the accompanying slides focused on the learning themes 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. Each week, submit two questions and respond to two questions based on assigned readings.
- Participate in GSI moderated discussion forums by answering two weekly prompts and commenting on the responses of at least two other students.
- Complete the module quizzes.
- Complete three written research assignments.
- Participate in the digital group presentation and interact with other group presentations.
- 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)](https://dsp.berkeley.edu/).
- Notify the instructor and GSI through course email and inform them which accommodations you will be using.

**Final Exam**
- Due to the COVID-19 crisis you will not be taking any Summer Sessions exams in person at Berkeley or at a proctoring center. Both the midterm and the final exams will be available on bCourses.
- On the start date of your course, review the syllabus in bCourses for updates on the final exam process, and be sure to communicate with your instructor during the course about any questions you have about your final exam.
• In order to pass this course, you must receive 60% or higher on the final exam. No exceptions.

Have Questions?
Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu