Academic Preparation for U.S. Universities

University of California, Berkeley, Extension
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Study abroad with UC Berkeley Extension’s College Foundations Program (CFP). Join other qualified international high school students for an introduction to university life. College-level courses and personal college admissions advising offer you a clear path to university. You can attend CFP for the summer term or begin in the fall and stay through the spring for a full academic year.

Your classes are near the UC Berkeley campus in downtown Berkeley. The city of Berkeley welcomes diverse cultures and traditions. Berkeley is part of the San Francisco Bay Area, which is home to famous companies such as Google, Facebook and Twitter. You are sure to meet interesting people from around the world. All students receive personal college admissions advising, as well as support in adjusting to life in Berkeley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Prepare to Succeed in U.S.

The CFP Student Experience

“Applying to a U.S. school is a complicated process that differs from other countries. Being a CFP student helped me understand the process more clearly and provided me with the necessary resources to make competitive applications for some of the top schools in the country.”

—Fares Maimani

“I have been able to write better essays and make better presentations by studying with my peers. My instructors have been very helpful, and I feel more confident applying to my dream universities.”

—Danlu Wang

“I learned math, physics, and college-level writing and reading, but more important, I learned more about myself: my strengths and how to maximize them and my weaknesses and how to overcome them.”

—Abdullah Al-Abdulghan

“The English course improved my writing for the university application, and the math course has helped me to score higher on the SAT.”

—Abdulrahman Mohammed Alshaker
The CFP Experience

The College Foundations Program places you in the heart of downtown Berkeley. You study near the renowned University of California, Berkeley, campus, bustling with students from California and around the world.

**Academics**

In class, you study alongside fellow students who are also preparing for their university-level coursework. You get individualized attention from your instructors and personal college admissions advising from our staff, which can help you to be ready to succeed when you enter university in the United States.

**Life in Berkeley**

Outside of class, you live among your fellow classmates and take part in social activities that are fun, exciting and safe. The city of Berkeley—and the greater San Francisco Bay Area—provides numerous attractions to fill your weekends while introducing you to American life.

Berkeley is a vibrant community of 116,000 people, and its downtown arts and entertainment district offers a variety of cinemas, live theater and music. Scenic San Francisco is just west of Berkeley, across the San Francisco Bay. Whatever your interest, the place to explore it is only a short distance away.
UC Berkeley

UC Berkeley Extension is part of UC Berkeley. Berkeley is the flagship institution of the 10-campus University of California education system. It is the most selective public university in the U.S. for undergraduate education, and it is considered one of the most prestigious universities in the world. Approximately 25,000 undergraduates attend Berkeley each year.

Results

CFP graduates have gone on to attend various public and private universities in the U.S. The list of undergraduate universities includes Berkeley, Brown, Columbia, Duke, Princeton, Purdue, Wisconsin and Yale, among others.
Experience university life to the fullest with the summer CFP session. You live on campus at a residence hall and get personalized support from a resident adviser. You take courses in the bustling atmosphere of the UC Berkeley campus and downtown Berkeley.

During the summer term, you select one core academic course, focusing on either English or math skills. You also choose an elective from a large catalog of courses offered by UC Berkeley Summer Sessions. The elective gives you the opportunity to meet Berkeley students and others from around the world.

The summer term is held June–August (8 weeks) or July–August (6 weeks).

### COURSE OPTIONS

You work with an adviser to determine courses that will meet your study goals.

- One UC Berkeley main campus course
- One UC Berkeley Extension course (Advanced English Writing or Analytic Geometry and Calculus)
- College application workshop for students planning to apply to U.S. universities

#### Popular UC Berkeley Main Campus Courses

- Comparative Literature
- English Through Film
- General Psychology
- Globalization
- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Introduction to Functional Neuroanatomy
- Introduction to Solid Mechanics
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Music in American Cultures
- Nutritional Science
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Practice of Art
- Social Psychology
- The Nature of Mind

#### UC Berkeley Extension Courses

**Advanced English Writing**

Develop your writing abilities, and become familiar with the writing process. You learn about outlining, finding and citing sources, debating, speaking formal English, and making revisions and critiques, among other topics.

**Analytic Geometry and Calculus**

Get an introduction to integration, the fundamental theorem of calculus, areas in the plane and other applications of the definite integral.
Housing

During your stay, you live on campus at residence hall housing. At the residence hall, our student adviser works closely with you and answers your questions about the program and the program application, as well as provides advice throughout your stay. You also have current UC Berkeley students as your residence assistants (RA) who serve as your mentors during the program. The RAs check in with you on a regular basis and organize activities for students.

Residence hall housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Because space is limited, we recommend that you apply for housing by mid-February of each year to ensure the best chance of securing a housing offer.

Other housing options include private student apartments near campus, sublets of rooms and apartments from students who vacate during the summer. Visit extension.berkeley.edu/international/housing or email cfp@berkeley.edu for additional information about housing options.

Sample Daily Schedule

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FALL AND SPRING TERMS

High school graduates can spend a gap year by attending CFP for the fall and spring terms. You can stay for one semester (September–December) or continue through the second semester (January–May).

During the fall term, you focus on improving your English-speaking skills and preparing college applications. If you wish to stay for a second term, you can take college-level courses and acquire the skills to succeed in your university studies.

Note: You may only start in the fall and continue to spring, if needed. There are no spring-only admissions.

COURSE OPTIONS

Fall Term: August–December (15 Weeks)
- Academic English Writing and University Application Essays
- Exam Preparation for TOEFL and SAT
- Precalculus
- Study Skills
- U.S. Culture
- Elective courses from UC Berkeley Extension and UC Berkeley main campus*

Spring Term: January–May (15 Weeks)
- Advanced Writing and Technical Report Writing
- Calculus
- Advanced Study Skills II
- How to Thrive at an American University
- Elective courses from UC Berkeley Extension and UC Berkeley main campus*

*Students with the minimum appropriate English language test scores (TOEFL, 90; IELTS, 7.0) can choose one elective course on the UC Berkeley campus.

Sample Topics for Elective Courses

Biology
Business English
Chemistry
Idiomatic English and Oral Communication Skills
Introduction to C++
Philosophy
Physics
Pronunciation Improvement for Effective Communication
World History
Housing

You can stay at a private student apartment near campus. As there are no on-campus housing options in the fall and spring terms, a CFP program staff member will advise you on housing arrangements. Visit extension.berkeley.edu/international/housing for additional information about housing options.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND FEES

2015–2016

Spring*: Jan. 11–May 15, 2015
Application deadline: July 20, 2015
Program fee: $14,250 for each term

2016–2017

Spring*: Jan. 17–May 5, 2017
Application deadline: July 18, 2016
Program fee: $14,250 for each term

Program dates are subject to change.

*Continuing students only: CFP does not offer spring admissions.

All programs include:

- Immigration support
- Orientation to Berkeley
- U.S. medical insurance
- Housing advice and support
- Personal academic advising
- Review of college application essays
- Computer lab access
- UC Berkeley library access
- UC Berkeley Recreational Sport Facilities access
- Social activities
How to Apply

You must be a high school student or a recent high school graduate to apply for CFP. You must complete the application forms and gather the various supporting documents. Please submit a complete application with the following materials:

☐ 1. Enrollment Application
   Download at extension.berkeley.edu/collegefoundations.

☐ 2. Financial statement and certification (in English) dated within 90 days of your application
   The U.S. government requires you to prove that sufficient financial resources will be available to you while you are in the United States. Please provide financial certification in one of two ways:
   - Complete the “Financial Statement and Certification” section of the enrollment application. If someone else is providing proof of financial support, please clearly indicate your relationship to this person and make sure he or she signs where indicated.
   - Submit an original bank statement.

☐ 3. English language proficiency scores
   Please submit your score from an English language test in accordance with the requirements below. (The score must be from a test taken within the past two years.) The ETS institution code is 9216, and the department code is undergraduate.
   - TOEFL: 75 (iBT)
   - IELTS Academic Format: 6.0

☐ 4. Transcript and English translation
   Please provide a high school transcript with a minimum 3.4 grade point average. An official English translation is required.

☐ 5. Copy of your passport photo identification page and expiration date
   - Include the page in your passport that shows your full name and the passport expiration date.
   - Your passport must be valid for at least six months at any point during your program of study in the United States.

☐ 6. $200 application fee (nonrefundable)
   - Your application cannot be reviewed without this fee.
   - Payment by credit card: Include your credit card number, expiration date and approval signature with your application.
   - Payment by money order or bank draft: Make it payable to UC Regents. Your money order or bank draft must be drawn on an account held at a U.S. bank or a U.S. branch of an international bank.

Please gather all documentation and apply at least eight to 10 weeks before your program start date. This allows enough time to reserve your space and obtain an F-1 visa.

Send all original documents by airmail or courier to:
International Student Administrative Services
UC Berkeley Extension
1995 University Ave., Suite 110
Berkeley, CA 94704-7000 USA

Please do not include any other materials, such as letters of recommendation, that are not mentioned on this page. We cannot consider any additional information, and the documents will not be returned to you.

Access to your documents
All submitted application materials become the property of UC Berkeley Extension. Application materials cannot be returned, duplicated or forwarded to a third party at any time.

Notice of acceptance
The application review process can take three to four weeks. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, in the order they are received, and only complete applications are reviewed. Programs can fill before the application deadline, so send all documents as soon as possible. You will be notified by mail regarding your acceptance status and further instructions.

Transfer from another program
If you are a current F-1 student completing your studies at a different U.S. institution, you must complete the F-1 transfer process. The transfer process is initiated by the school you are currently attending and is completed through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) by UC Berkeley Extension. Complete the Transfer Verification Form with the help of the international student adviser at your current school. Once the form is complete, you or your adviser can submit it to the UC Berkeley Extension International Student Administrative Services office.
Once you are accepted for admission, you will receive an acceptance packet with important information about applying for your visa, paying your fees and enrolling in CFP. Please read this information carefully, and contact us if you have any questions. Additional information is available at extension.berkeley.edu/collegefoundations.

F-1 Visa Application Process
If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States, you must obtain an F-1 visa to attend CFP. Non-U.S. citizens entering the country with a visitor visa (B-1, B-2) or under the Visa Waiver Program are not permitted to engage in full-time study.

Your acceptance packet includes the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) from UC Berkeley Extension, verifying that you have been admitted into a full-time course of study. To apply for an F-1 visa, take your acceptance documents, passport and your most current financial statement to the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Program Fee Payments
Payment is due 30 days before the first day of class. Payments must be made directly to UC Berkeley Extension in U.S. dollars. Four payment options are available.

1. Credit cards. MasterCard, Visa and American Express are accepted. You may also pay fees online using your student account.

2. Bank wire transfers. They must be made in U.S. dollars and sent to:
   - Bank of America
   - 1655 Grant St.
   - Concord, CA 94520 USA
   - Account number: 0175380001
   - Beneficiary: University of California Regents
   - Beneficiary information: UC Berkeley Extension
   - International Student Services
   - Routing number: 0260-0959-3
   - Swift Code: BOFAUS3N
   - All wire fees charged by the bank are the sender's sole responsibility. You are not officially enrolled until International Student Administrative Services is able to successfully track and identify your wire transfer. You must scan and email a copy of your wire confirmation receipt directly to extension-intl@berkeley.edu or fax it to +1-510-643-0216. The wire-tracking process may take 10–15 days. No wire transfers will be accepted once the term has commenced.

3. Western Union Business Solutions. This payment portal allows you to pay fees in the currency of your choice and provides a simple, secure way of making a payment electronically. Get details at extension.berkeley.edu/international/western_union.

4. Bank drafts. Drafts must be in U.S. dollars and payable to UC Regents. The draft must be drawn on an account held at a U.S. bank or a U.S. branch of an international bank.

Cancellation Policy
If your cancellation is received in writing via mail, fax or email prior to the start of the program, you will receive a refund less a $100 cancellation fee. The $200 application fee is nonrefundable. Given the special nature of the program, requests for refunds after the start of the term will not be granted. If UC Berkeley Extension expects to cancel a program, you will be notified at least 15 days before the scheduled start date and offered alternative study arrangements if available; otherwise, you will be given a full refund. If your F-1 visa application is denied after you have been accepted to the program, you will receive a full refund of your program fee.

When to Arrive in Berkeley
Plan to arrive in Berkeley three to five days before the start of your program. This helps you adjust to the local time. The earliest you can arrive in the United States is 30 days before the start of your program, per F-1 regulations.

Orientation
Your attendance at orientation is mandatory. The date and time for the orientation are included in your acceptance packet. At the orientation, you will hear about program requirements, receive your class schedule, and meet the academic staff and other personnel. The International Student Administrative Services staff will provide details about the UC Berkeley Extension medical insurance policy, basic legal responsibilities, understanding your visa documents, traveling and other items to make your stay in the U.S. successful. If you do not attend the orientation, your admission may be canceled.

Participation in the College Foundations Program does not offer any academic advantage for application to UC Berkeley or any other UC campus.
The University of California, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, and the University’s nondiscrimination policies, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), gender identity, pregnancy/childbirth and medical conditions related thereto, disability, age, medical condition (cancer-related), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran. This nondiscrimination policy covers student admission, access and treatment in University programs and activities. Campus Climate & Compliance (CCAC) responds to questions about prohibited forms of discrimination or will refer you to an appropriate campus resource. (See the CCAC website at http://ccac.berkeley.edu.) CCAC may be contacted at tixco@berkeley.edu. Specific questions about sexual/racial harassment may be directed to the Title IX/VI Compliance Officer in CCAC at (510) 643-7985.