Academic Preparation for U.S. Universities

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Prepare to Succeed in U.S. Universities

Study abroad with UC Berkeley Extension’s College Foundations Program (CFP). Join other highly qualified international high school students for an introduction to university life. College-level courses, TOEFL and SAT test preparation, and personal college admissions advising offer you a clear path to university. You can attend CFP just for the summer term or start 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. In addition to one-on-one academic advising, all students receive support in adjusting to life in Berkeley and the San Francisco Bay Area.
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. Peer mentorship gives you an opportunity to connect with Berkeley undergraduates and receive additional support in the college application process from students who have recently been admitted to UC Berkeley. You get personal college admissions advising from our staff to help you succeed when you enter university in the United States. You also receive individualized attention from your instructors, who hold advanced degrees from UC Berkeley and other top-ranked universities.

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, MIT, Princeton, Purdue, Stanford, 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**

Work with your adviser to determine the courses that will meet your study goals.

- One UC Berkeley main campus course
- One UC Berkeley Extension course (Writing, Mathematics, college admissions test preparation)
- College application workshop if you plan 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
- World People and Cultural Environment

**Sample 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. 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 group activities.

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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**IMPORTANT DATES AND FEES**

- 8-week session: June–August program fee: $9,000
- 6-week session: July–August program fee: $8,000

See website for program dates. Program fees are subject to change.

**All programs include**

- Student visa 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
- TOEFL and SAT test preparation

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**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

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“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
Fall and Spring Terms

High school graduates can spend a gap year with the fall and spring terms. Improve your academic English skills in courses on writing and reading and your college readiness for math and science in courses such as precalculus, chemistry and physics. You can also increase your TOEFL and SAT scores in Test Preparation and learn to write engaging college application essays in the Personal Essay course.

Our instructors collaborate across courses to offer you a 2-semester integrated curriculum supporting all aspects of your college preparation. Increase your understanding of how to best succeed at U.S. universities in U.S. Culture and Academic Skills, gain valuable leadership and volunteer experience in Service Learning, and practice effective presentation in front of an audience in your Speaking and Listening course.

Note: There are no spring-only admissions.

Housing

You can stay at a private student apartment near campus or sublet a room or an apartment from students who vacate during the summer. As there are no on-campus housing options, a CFP program staff member will assist you with housing arrangements. Visit extension.berkeley.edu/international/housing for additional information about your options.

Fall and Spring Terms

IMPORTANT DATES AND FEES

Fall: August to December
Fall and Spring: August to May

Program fee: $14,250 for fall; $28,500 for fall and spring

See website for program dates and deadlines. Program fees are subject to change.

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- TOEFL and SAT test preparation

Course Options

Fall Term: August–December (15 Weeks)
- Academic English Writing and University Application Essays
- Exam Preparation for TOEFL and SAT
- Listening, Speaking and Reading
- Precalculus or Calculus
- Service Learning
- Study Skills
- U.S. Culture

Spring Term: January–May (15 Weeks)
- Advanced Study Skills II
- Advanced Writing and Technical Report Writing
- Calculus or Multivariable Calculus
- How to Thrive at an American University
- Service Learning
- Elective courses

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

Sample Course Weekly Schedule

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"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 Masmoudi

"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
How to Apply

You must be a high school student or a recent high school graduate to apply for CFP. All applications must be submitted online. Please follow the instructions at: extension.berkeley.edu/collegefoundations

You need to have PDF versions of the following documents and information:

□ 1. Financial statement and certification (in English) dated within 90 days of your application

□ 2. 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 9316, and the department code is undergraduate:
  - TOEFL: 75 (81)
  - IELTS Academic Format: 6.0

□ 3. Transcript and English translation
Please provide a high school transcript with a minimum 3.2 grade point average. An official English translation is required.

□ 4. Copy of your passport photo identification page and expiration date

□ 5. Signed waivers and parent/guardian contact information for minors
You must also submit a nonrefundable $200 application fee with your online application.

Your application will not be reviewed until all documents have been uploaded and you have paid the $200 application fee.

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. The application review process can take three to four weeks. You will receive your complete acceptance package and I-20 via mail.

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. You will receive your complete acceptance package and I-20 via mail.

Program Fee Payments
Payment is due 30 days before the first day of class.

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. 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.

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 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 United States successful. If you do not attend the orientation, your admission may be canceled.

Participation in the College Foundations Program does not offer any 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. If you have questions about prohibited forms of discrimination or need assistance, contact the Campus Climate & Compliance (CCAC) or refer you to a more appropriate campus resource. (See the CCAC website at http://ccac.berkeley.edu.) For specific questions about sexual/ racial harassment, contact the Title IX/VI Compliance Officer at (510) 643-7985.

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