

# Preparing for Your Study Abroad at UC Berkeley

Spring 2026

# Welcome!



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# Webinar Agenda

- University of California, Berkeley
- Berkeley International Office (BIO)
- Finding housing
- Campus resources for international students
- Travel information
- Q&A

# University of California, Berkeley

- Founded in 1868
- Top 10 university nationwide
- +400 degree programs
- ~60 Nobel Laureates
- Home of Oski the Bear



# International Student Statistics

## Fall 2024 Enrollment Data

- Approximately 7355 total international students
  - 44% undergraduate students
  - 52% graduate students
  - 4% UCEAP students

## Fall 2025

- 268 incoming UCEAP Students
- 8 continuing from Spring 2025

## Spring 2026

- 98 incoming UCEAP Students
- 135 Continuing from Fall 2025



# Berkeley International Office (BIO)

- International student orientation
- Personal and cultural adjustment
- Navigating the campus
- Non-academic assistance
- Visa-related advising
- Workshops
- Social programs



Advising: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
(no advising on Wednesdays)  
10am-12pm, 1:00pm-4pm

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/student-services>

# BIO Website

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/>

- Information and tutorials
- Student request forms
- Contact information
- Events calendar
- Campus and community resources

Notice: Students seeking services can see our current [student services page](#), which includes virtual and in-person options. For J scholar and Employment-based services, please see our [Contact Us page](#).

UC Berkeley Contact Donate Quick Links Search this site

## Berkeley International Office

Home Students Professors & Researchers Departments Immigration Living in Berkeley Statistics About

Supporting Cal's international community!

Community Mental Health Resources for International Students

Mental Health Services for Students in the U.S. and Abroad

Applying for a Visa

Events

MAY 15 OPT Doc Check Workshop

MAY 22 STEM OPT Document Check Workshop

Taxes

Scholar Information Meeting (SIM)



**Bookmark BIO website for easy reference!**

# BIO Social Media

The screenshot displays the BIO website interface. At the top, there is a video player showing a group of people. Below it, the 'Events' section features a calendar for October 30th with an event titled 'OPT Document Check Workshop'. A 'More events' link is provided. The main content area is divided into two columns of service categories: 'Applying for a Visa', 'Travel and Re-Entry', 'Maintaining Your Status', and 'Social Security Numbers' on the left; and 'Taxes', 'Scholar Information Meeting (SIM)', 'Scams and Safety information', and 'H-1B Temporary Workers' on the right. Below this is a 'QUICK LINKS FOR STUDENTS:' section with icons for 'Apply for an I-20 or DS-2019', 'Apply for work authorization', 'Travel on OPT', 'Student request forms', 'Transfer to another school', and 'Get involved'. The 'BROWSE SERVICES BY AUDIENCE:' section includes buttons for 'New Students', 'Scholars', 'Students', and 'Dependents and Family'. At the bottom, there are 'Quick Links' and 'Social Media' sections. The 'Quick Links' list includes: Contact Us, Visa and Travel, Financial Aid, Immigration Policy Updates & FAQs, UC Berkeley's Principles of International Engagement®, and International Families. The 'Social Media' section encourages joining on social media for quick updates and useful information, accompanied by icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

- Stay informed about upcoming events and workshops!
- Keep in touch with your fellow Cal students from around the world!

## Social Media

Join us on social media for quick updates and useful information.



# Finding Housing



<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/housing>

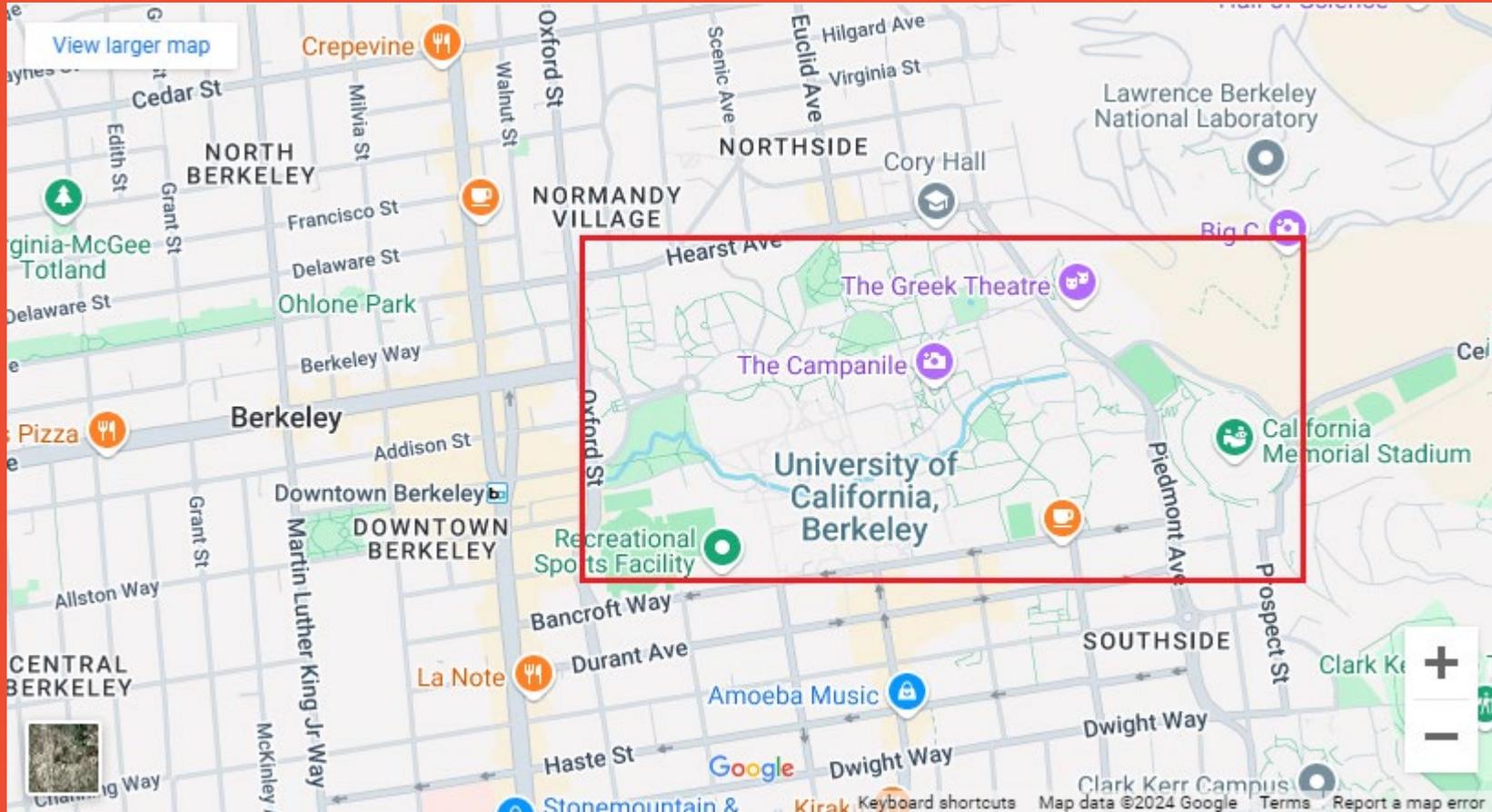
# Housing Options

- **On-Campus Residence Halls** (Deadline: October 1st, 2025)
  - **Limited space available.** The more open you are with your preferences (ex: room type, location) the better your odds.
  - Visit <http://housing.berkeley.edu/> for more information
  - **Bowles Hall:** Apply to the College Principal at Bowles (<https://forms.gle/vpcsFkLuXgCbwlQGA>). If you have questions, please email **Professor Gasper Begus: [begus@berkeley.edu](mailto:begus@berkeley.edu)** and **Nicholas Beskrowni: [nicholas.beskrowni@greystar.com](mailto:nicholas.beskrowni@greystar.com)**. Please identify yourself as an UCEAP student.
- **Semi On-Campus**
  - **Co-Op:** Large residence, membership based where members share resources and everyone collaborates; very social; can be cheaper <https://www.bsc.coop/>
  - **International House:** Dormitory style with meal plan; open to US and International students. <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/>
    - Applications are still open!
- **Off-Campus Housing**
  - Lots of options! Lots of resources!
  - <https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/housing>

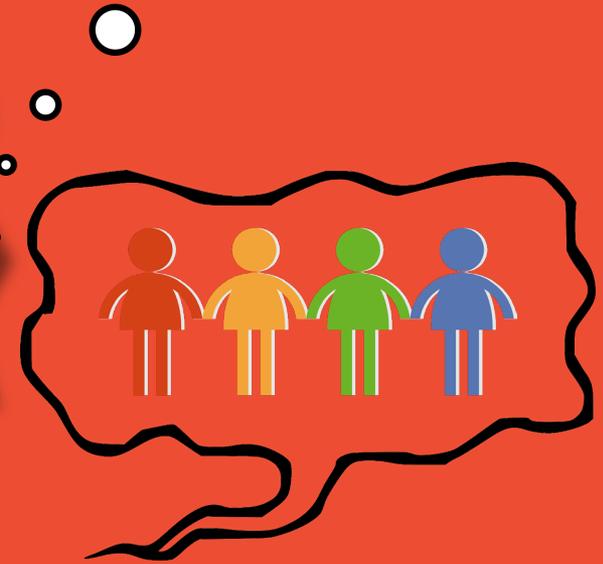
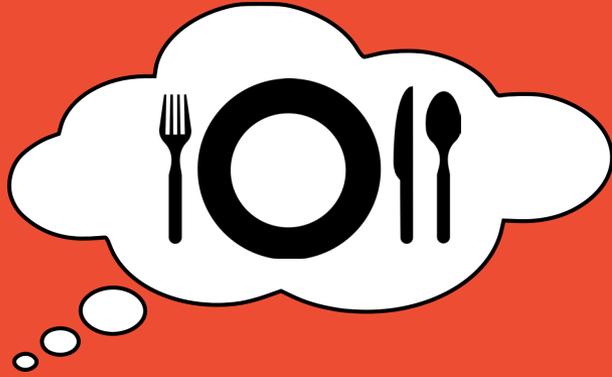
Looking for a Cal Roommate or Housing Share?

<a href="#">International Roommate Search Tool</a>	<a href="#">International Roommate Listing</a>
<a href="#">Cal Rentals Roommate Search Tool</a>	<a href="#">Berkeley Housing, Sublets &amp; Roommates Facebook Group</a>
<a href="#">Berkeley Off-Campus Housing Anywhere Facebook Group</a>	

# Campus Neighborhoods



# Where to live?





# Precautions

- **Housing scams**
  - These primarily appear as online advertisements on sites such as craigslist.org. The contact person will insist that you send them money for housing accommodations even though you have not yet visited the property in person. When students show up to the address, the place is unavailable.
- **Do not ever send money or give out personal information or immigration details to anyone over the phone or online**
- **If the caller seems to have a lot of your personal information, do NOT give out any more information**
- **Ask for a name and telephone number. If the caller refuses, take this as a warning that something is not right**
- **Contact a BIO advisor immediately if you suspect you have been a victim**

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/scams-safety>

# COST OF LIVING AT DIFFERENT CAMPUSES





# Campus Resources

# Campus Services



## Cal Student Central

120 Sproul Hall

Pay tuition  
Registration issues  
Transcripts

## Graduate Division

Dissertation/thesis procedures

Graduate Professional Services (GPS)

Writing Center

## Disabled Student Program

260 César Chávez Center, #4250

services for students with disabilities

## Cal1Card Services

180 César Chávez Center

Getting and managing your Cal 1 Card

## Housing and Dining Services

2610 Channing Way

Housing & meal questions

## Gender Equity Resource Center

202 Cesar Chavez Center

resources and services related to gender and sexuality

## Career Center

2440 Bancroft Way

Learn about internships  
Find a job  
Resume and cover letter help

## Confidential Care Advocate

Sproul Hall

confidential support for those who have experienced gendered violence

# Research and Identify Resources



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Student Learning Center  
UC Berkeley Library  
Academic Integrity  
College Writing Programs

Public Service Center  
Student Government & Organizations  
Mentoring opportunities  
BIO Events & Leadership Programs

University Health Services  
Counseling and Psychological Services  
Recreational Sports  
Outdoor Adventures

# Academic Resources for Undergraduates Students

*terms to know*

## Department Advisor

- Planning your studies
- Advising on your preparation for enrollment
- Selecting courses

## Instructors / Professors

- Discuss course content & expectations
- Discuss and develop your research interests
- Cultivate relationships for grad school - recommendations

# Academic Resources for Undergraduates Students

*terms to know*

## College Advisor

- University & College policies
- Add and drop courses
- Academic difficulty advising

## Enrollment Resources

- [College advisor contact information](#)
- [College of Engineering enrollment information](#)
- [College of Letters & Sciences enrollment information](#)
- [College of Chemistry \(including Chemical Engineering\)](#)
- [Advisors based on particular majors](#)

# Academic Tips

- Enroll online prior to arrival
- Contact academic advisors and instructors
- Consider a wide range of courses
- Bring your transcript and home university academic advisor's contact information with you
- Review the UCEAP webpages:  
<http://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- Attend the BIO and Golden Bear orientations

# Berkeley SSALLEX

- UCEAP Reciprocity Advisor: Amandip Singh
  - Contact via email (fastest): [visiting-intl@berkeley.edu](mailto:visiting-intl@berkeley.edu)
  - Zoom or in-person appointments available at <https://go.oncehub.com/uceapr>
  - Two office locations:
    - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1995 University Avenue, Suite 130 in Downtown Berkeley (corner of Milvia St. and University Ave.)
    - Tuesday and Thursday at Stephens Hall, Suite 360 (south of the Campanile/Sather Tower)

If you have questions about UCEAP policies or procedures – and/or if you have questions that are academic, administrative or personal in nature – and you are not sure who to ask .. ask us!

# UC Berkeley Student Systems



# Campus E-mail (bMail)

- [bmail.berkeley.edu](mailto:bmail.berkeley.edu)
- Need student ID and passphrase
- Required for all students
- Used by staff and professors to contact students

# CalCentral

- <http://calcentral.berkeley.edu>
- Use to update local address, phone number, email (all required)
- View tasks to complete, including Golden Bear Prep, Immunization/TB records submission, etc
- Access academic information and enrollment tools
- Pay mandatory fees
  - Health insurance and document fee (due before the first day of class)
  - You are exempt from tuition and campus-wide fees but may incur add/drop, late fees etc.

The screenshot displays the 'My Academics' page on CalCentral. At the top, there are navigation links for 'My Dashboard', 'My Academics', 'My Finances', and 'My Campus'. Below this, the page is divided into several sections:

- Profile:** Shows a student's name and a placeholder for a photo.
- Majors:** Lists 'Undergrad Letters & Science', 'Economics BA', 'Undergrad Letters & Science', and 'Statistics BA'.
- Academic Career:** Shows 'Undergraduate'.
- Level:** Shows 'Senior'.
- Terms Information:** Shows 'Expected Graduation' as 'Spring 2018' and a note to 'Contact your college advisor with questions or concerns'.
- Cumulative Units:** Shows '117'.
- GPA:** Shows 'Show GPA'.
- Status and Holds:** A section for checking holds.
- Semesters:** A table showing class enrollment for Fall 2017 and Summer 2017. The Fall 2017 table lists classes like MATH 198BC, MUSIC 148, and STAT 135. The Summer 2017 table lists UGSS W157.
- Class Enrollment FALL 2017:** A section with a warning about holds and a list of activities.
- Enrollment Period:** Shows dates for Phase 1 Begins (Wed Apr 19 9:30 AM), Phase 2 Begins (Thu Jul 20 9:00 AM), and Adjustment Begins (Mon Aug 14 9:00 AM).
- Class Adjustment:** A table showing enrolled classes for Undergrad, including MATH 198BC, MUSIC 148, and STAT 135, with columns for 'When' and 'Units'.

# Health and Immunizations

- **Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)**
  - All students are automatically enrolled
  - J-visa health insurance requirements are strict
  - Most international insurance plans do **NOT** meet SHIP waiver requirements
  - SHIP coverage begins on August 1st: Must have insurance that meets J-visa requirements if you will be in the U.S. prior
- **Documentation of immunizations and TB screening**
  - Hold on enrollment until documentation of COVID is provided
  - Deadline: December 31, 2025
  - Check UHS website for info about immunizations



# Packing & Entry



Available at:

<http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/new>

# Packing for your trip

- Check the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website: [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)
- Check in advance with your airline the weight and maximum dimensions allowed for baggage
- Consider Berkeley's weather (*U.S. uses °F*)
  - Summer temperatures 12°C to 24°C
  - Winter temperatures 6°C to 14°C



# Packing for your trip

- Food items
  - Check [help.cbp.gov](http://help.cbp.gov)
  - Failure to declare will result in fines
- Prescription medications / eye glasses
  - In original containers
  - Up to 30 days
- Plug adaptor / converter
- Do not bring things that you can easily find in the US



# Travel Documents



- Valid passport
- Valid visa
- DS-2019 from UC Berkeley
- SEVIS fee receipt
- Financial documentation



# Visa



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entries allowed (M-multiple)

Number of

\*The visa is used only for entering the U.S. If it expires while you are here, there is no need to renew it. However, if you leave the U.S., your visa must be valid for reentry.

# DS-2019

## Check your DS-2019 for accuracy!

### Your program start and end dates

- You may arrive in the US no more than **30 days before** your program start date.
- You must depart the U.S. within **30 days after** your program end date.

U.S. Department of State  
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

OSIA APPROVAL NO 180-0118  
06/04/2017  
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min  
\*See Page 2

1. Applicant's Primary Name: Name: <b>Cambridge</b> City of Birth: <b>Cambridge</b> Country of Birth: <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> Citizenship Country Code: <b>GB</b> Citizenship Country: <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>		Gender: <b>FEMALE</b> MOB: <b>XXXXXXXX</b>			
Legal Permanent Resident Country Code: <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> Priority Site of Activity: <b>UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS</b>		Position Code: <b>215</b> Position: <b>UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS</b>			
2. Program Sponsor: <b>Council on International Educational Exchange</b>		Program Number: <b>P-3-05133</b>			
Participating Program Official Description: <b>INTERN</b>					
Up to: <b>12 Months</b>					
Purpose of this form: <b>Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.</b>					
3. Exchange Category Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): <b>09-06-2016</b> To (mm-dd-yyyy): <b>09-30-2016</b>		4. Exchange Visitor Category: <b>INTERN</b> Subject Field Code: <b>26-0101</b> Subject Field Code Remarks: <b>N/A</b>			
5. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: THIS IS AN ORIGINATING BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER. THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCE220M DATED).				6. Signatory Information: Name of Official Preparing Form: <b>300 Fore Street Portland, ME 04101</b> Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Alternate Responsible Officer: Title: <b>888-268-6245</b> Telephone Number: <b>04-29-2016</b> Date (mm-dd-yyyy): <b>04-29-2016</b>	
7. Statement of Responsible Officer for Relieving Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM): Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary as highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended. Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature: _____				8. TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year*) *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work Travel. (1) Exchange Visitor is or good standing at the present time. Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time. Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____	
9. PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 216(a) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-404, AS AMENDED (see item 10a of page 2). The Exchange Visitor in the above program: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the entry or residence requirements. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to entry or residence requirements based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing, and/or B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Health Law, and/or C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-404 as amended. Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____				10. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 216(a). EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document. Signature of Applicant: _____ Place: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____	

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# SEVIS Fee Receipt

- Pay online at [www.fmjfee.com/](http://www.fmjfee.com/)
  - \$220 (J-1)
- Print Receipt and bring to visa interview



## I-901 Fee

[PAY I-901 FEE](#)

[CHECK I-901 STATUS](#)

### APPLICANT VALIDATION

Enter the following information exactly as it appears on your Form I-20 or DS-2019.

*\*\** Indicates that the information is required

SEVIS ID \*

N00000000000

Last Name \*

Surname or Primary Name

Given Name

First Name and Middle Name

Date of Birth \*

Month



Day



Year



SUBMIT

### Payment Instructions

#### Before Proceeding:

**You must have a complete and accurate Form I-20 or DS-2019** If you do not have an I-20 or DS-2019 or if the information on the form is incorrect, contact your school official or program sponsor.

**Do not** pay for a dependent child or spouse who is on an F-2, M-2, or J-2 visa. There is no I-901 SEVIS fee due for a dependent child or spouse for these visa types.

**Do not** pay again if you know that you have made a mistake after you submitted your information. Instead, send an email to [fmjfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:fmjfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov) and explain what information may need to be changed.



# Arrival in the U.S.



# Current US Immigration Updates & Policy Changes

- BIO welcomes you and values your presence at UC Berkeley
- US immigration policy remains unpredictable and subject to rapid change.
- Current international travel may be high risk due to extra strict vetting and scrutiny
- BIO recommends to review these resources ahead of time:
  - [BIO Immigration Policy Changes FAQ](#)
  - [Immigration Policy Updates](#)
  - [Know your Rights](#)
  - [Urgent Response Guidance](#)
  - [Travel Information](#)
  - [Maintaining Status](#)
- BIO Emergency contact [form](#) (only for deportation/detention, arrest, unexpected encounter with law enforcement, trouble at US Point of Entry)

# Arrival in the U.S.

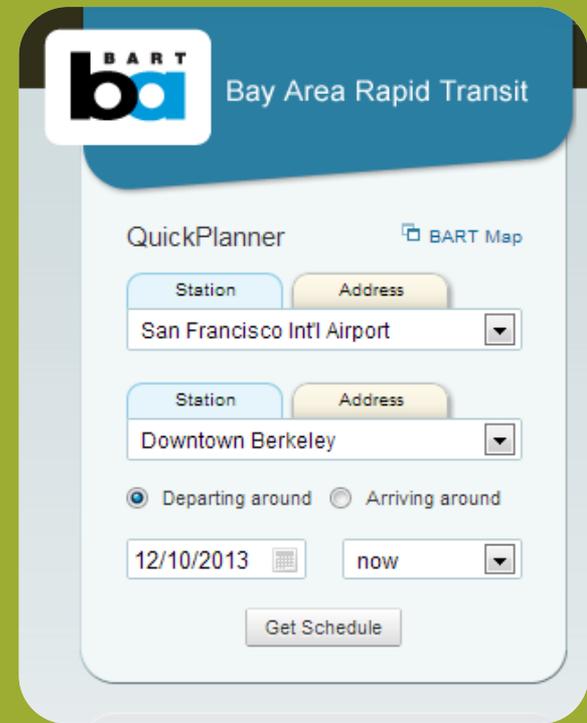
- US Customs and Immigration
- Present your travel documents to a CBP officer



*source: dhs.gov*

# Getting to Berkeley

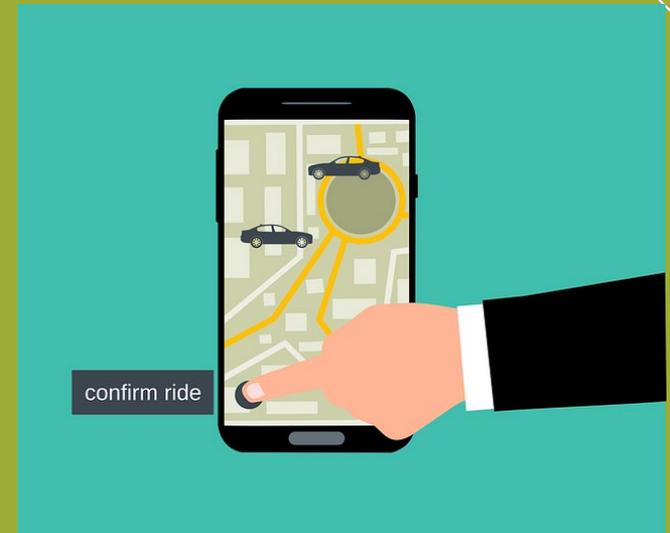
- From San Francisco Airport (SFO)
  - 45 minutes
- From Oakland Airport (OAK)
  - 30 minutes
- Public Transportation
  - BART (Bay Area Public Transit)
  - [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov)
  - Destination: Downtown Berkeley



The image shows a screenshot of the BART QuickPlanner interface. At the top, the BART logo and the text "Bay Area Rapid Transit" are visible. Below this, the "QuickPlanner" section includes a "BART Map" link. There are two input fields for "Station" and "Address". The first "Station" field is set to "San Francisco Intl Airport" and the first "Address" field is set to "Downtown Berkeley". Below these fields, there are radio buttons for "Departing around" (selected) and "Arriving around". The date is set to "12/10/2013" and the time is set to "now". A "Get Schedule" button is located at the bottom of the form.

# Getting to Berkeley

- Shuttle Service
  - [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)
- Taxis and Rental cars
  - [www.hertz.com/rentacar/reservation](http://www.hertz.com/rentacar/reservation)
  - [www.avis.com/car-rental/avisHome](http://www.avis.com/car-rental/avisHome)
- Ride apps
  - Uber or Lyft – download on your phone, very common





# Spring 2026 International Student Orientation

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**  
1:00pm – 4:00pm PST  
Virtual orientation

Register and see the schedule:  
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/new/orientation/spring>

**Attendance is mandatory to  
comply with the J-1 Regulations.**





# Spring 2026 International Student Orientation

## Part 2: Social Welcome Day

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

5:30pm – 7pm PST

In-person : TBD



# Golden Bear Orientation

Dec 9 – Jan 11: [Golden Bear Prep On-line & Bear Pact SVSH](#)

This online program provides an overview of UC Berkeley and your transition to campus.

January 16, 2025 : In-Person (Optional)  
[EAP students must opt in to participate](#)

Fee: \$200

This orientation helps new students connect with peers and explore campus through various welcome activities and meals. BIO will also host a Q&A with staff and a social event for EAP students.

Attendance is encouraged

For more information, [visit GBO's website.](#)



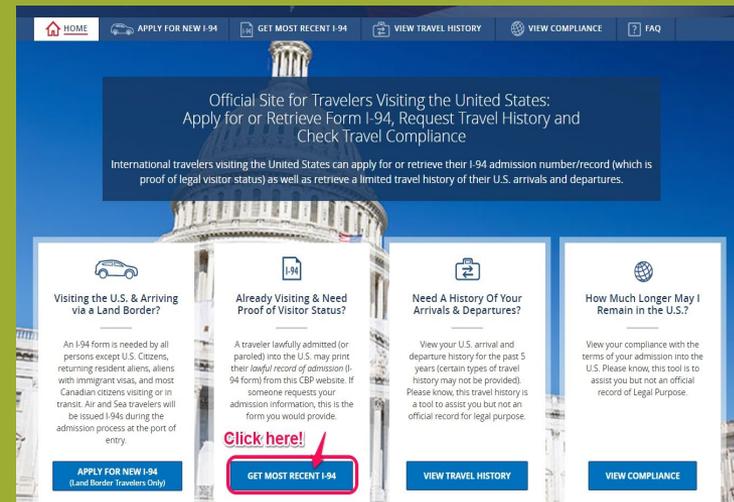
# Online Arrival Confirmation & U.S. Address Update **Required!**

1. Update your local address and phone number on CalCentral
2. Upload your I-94 Arrival Record to our website

**Everything can be done online and will take approximately 10 minutes.**

*\*If you cannot access your I-94, please come to Berkeley International Office for assistance.*

<http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/new/arrival-confirmation>



# Travel Signature

- You need a travel signature if you plan to travel internationally during your program
- Get a signature at Berkeley International Office during the semester, prior to your departure from the US.

Get your Travel Sig here! 

OMB APPROVAL NO. 087-0119  
06-06-2017  
ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 48 OF THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER

U.S. Department of State  
**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)**

1. Domestic Primary Name <b>(Surname)</b>		Given Name <b>(First, Middle, Surname)</b>		Gender <b>FEMALE</b>		MOB <b>(OPTIONAL)</b>	
State of Birth (Country Code) <b>USA</b>		City of Birth <b>Cambridge</b>		Country of Birth <b>USA</b>		Citizenship Country Code <b>USA</b>	
Legal Permanent Resident Country Code <b>UK</b>		Legal Permanent Resident Country <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>		Position Code <b>215</b>		Position <b>UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT</b>	
Address (City of Arrival) <b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY 400 CHASE DRIVE BERKELEY, CA 94720-7440</b>		Country of Arrival <b>USA</b>		City of Arrival <b>BERKELEY</b>		State of Arrival <b>CA</b>	
2. Program Sponsor: <b>Council on International Educational Exchange</b>				Program Number: <b>P-3-05113</b>			
Participating Program Official Description: <b>INTERM</b>							
Up to: <b>12 Months</b>							
Purpose of this form: <b>Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.</b>							
3. Birth Dates Period: From (mm-aa-yyyy): <b>08-08-2016</b>		4. Exchange Visitor Category: <b>INTERM</b>		5. Expiration Date: To (mm-aa-yyyy): <b>09-30-2016</b>			
Subject Field Code: <b>24-0903</b>		Subject Field Code Remarks: <b>N/A</b>		6. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Sponsor: <b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY</b>			
7. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: THIS IS AN OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (PLEASE DATE).				8. U.S. Department of State 300 Fore Street Portland, ME 04101 Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer  Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer		Alternate Responsible Officer Title <b>888-268-6245</b> Telephone Number <b>94-28-2016</b> Date (mm-aa-yyyy)	
9. Statement of Responsible Officer for Exchange Sponsor (OF TRAVELER IF PROGRAM) Effective date (mm-aa-yyyy): _____ Title of the exchange visitor: _____ This program number: _____ sponsored by: _____ to the program specified in item 2 in accordance with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1946, as amended.							
10. PRELIMINARY ENFORCEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(b) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-48, AN AMENDMENT (See item 7(b) of page 2). The Exchange Visitor in the above program: <input type="checkbox"/> Will be subject to the one-year residence requirement. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to one-year residence requirement based on: <b>1446, 13 AM PLAIN PAVES G-1-MOV</b> (See item 7(b) of page 2)				11. TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Obtain validation period in 3(a) of 7(b)). *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 3 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work Travel. (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time.  (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time.  (3) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time.			
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Date (mm-aa-yyyy): _____				Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Date (mm-aa-yyyy): _____			
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.							
Signature of Applicant Name: _____ Title: _____				Signature of Applicant Name: _____ Title: _____			

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# Making Connections

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/programs-and-events>



# Making Connections

- Attend events with other Berkeley visiting students! Check your Berkeley email for invitations.



# Getting Involved on Campus

- Student organizations
  - Over 1,200 student groups categorized into 15 unique communities
  - LEAD Center [lead.berkeley.edu](http://lead.berkeley.edu)
  - Tabling on Sproul
- Leadership opportunities
  - Volunteer with BIO
- Community engagement
  - Public Service Center
- Jobs/internship On campus or Off campus during/after studies
  - *Need permission from BIO before starting any work; check BIO website*
  - Talk to an International Student Advisor early to inquire





# Questions?

# See you at Orientation on Thursday, January 15, 2026!



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# Thank you!

We look forward to meeting you in Spring 2026!

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