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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



10 REASONS TO CONSIDER UC BERKELEY

While there are many more than ten reasons to include the University of California, Berkeley in your college search, consider the following points of distinction. They combine to create one of the premier teaching and research universities in the world.

1. World-Class Faculty

As an undergraduate student, you can count on finding yourself in a classroom with one of the nation's most distinguished professors. Berkeley's faculty includes 8 Nobel laureates, 135 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 222 members of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, 30 MacArthur Fellows, 74 Fulbright Scholars, 87 members of the National Academy of Engineering, 362 Guggenheim Fellows, 12 National Medal of Science Awardees, 110 Sloan Fellows, and 4 Pulitzer Prize winners. These faculty members and their colleagues choose to teach and study at Berkeley because of its long legacy of innovative thinking, exceptional scholarship and pioneering research.

While fully 90 percent of all undergraduate classes are taught by tenured faculty, visiting faculty and lecturers, it's worth noting that even the graduate students who serve as Graduate Student Instructors on the Berkeley campus are some of the top emerging scholars in their fields.

2. World-Class Students

Undergraduates at UC Berkeley come from the best of California's high school and community college students, and from every state and some 106 foreign countries. Among each entering class are scores of AP Scholars, National Merit Finalists, high school valedictorians, college scholars and thousands of other students who have demonstrated excellence in their academic and extracurricular achievements. They are leaders, amazing volunteers, very talented, and highly respected individuals who serve their schools, communities and families in numerous ways.

3. Diversity and Variety

Berkeley students have a few things in common: they're all talented, engaged and have shown their desire to meet academic challenge. That's where the similarities end. In fact, Berkeley is remarkable in that no single racial, ethnic or cultural group forms a majority of its students. No particular political orientation, socio-economic background or religious preference dominates the others. The University community believes that a broad diversity of student experiences, backgrounds, interests and strengths will ultimately enhance the educational experience of all of its students—both in and out of the classroom. If you feel you have something to add, we hope that you will apply to Berkeley.

4. Over 100 Undergraduate Majors

Whether you've chosen your major or not, Berkeley has an extensive array of academic programs. It is also possible for you to create your own major program under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Please refer to the complete listing of undergraduate majors by College in this brochure.

5. 1,200 Organizations and Endless Opportunities

Regardless of your academic or social interests, you're likely to find other students who have similar passions. Berkeley has campus chapters of many organizations you might expect (Phi Beta Kappa, Model United Nations, Cal Forensics, The Berkeley Political Review, Bay Area Environmentally Aware Consulting Network, Queer Alliance), and hundreds more that are topical, inventive, and diverse (The



Cheese and Bread Conspiracy, The People's Republic of Improv, Art Aids Art, Cafe Wiki). Student organizations come in a number of categories: Arts (109), Cultural (227), Political (111), Professional (189), Sport (37), Service (232), Academic (221), Other (146). If you can't find a club that matches your interests, you can always start your own.

Berkeley students also reach out to the larger community. Cal Corps Public Service Center coordinates a wide variety of programs for students who want to volunteer for a local organization, work with an established campus group such as Cal Berkeley Habitat for Humanity, or pursue internship opportunities to supplement their classroom experience. The Berkeley Career Center is another excellent resource for internships, both in the corporate and nonprofit arenas.

6. Undergraduates Benefit from Berkeley

Although Berkeley is well known for its stellar graduate programs, undergraduate teaching remains a campus priority. In fact, most professors enjoy having an opportunity to introduce undergraduates to their fields of study and areas of research. While some of Berkeley's classes are large, nearly 75 percent of all courses offered at the undergraduate level have 30 students or fewer and many lecture courses include smaller laboratory or study group sections which allow close interaction with professors and other instructors. Between 80 and 100 Freshman Seminar courses are offered each semester and are designed to expose students to exciting, interdisciplinary topics. Summer Sessions courses can help you get a jump-start on your academic career (summer.berkeley.edu).



TEN REASONS *continued*

7. Top-Notch Facilities

Many of the same laboratories, libraries and specialized equipment used to conduct ground-breaking research are also available to Berkeley undergraduates. With well over nine million volumes, Berkeley's library holdings are the fourth largest in North America and have been ranked first in the nation among public universities by the Association of Research Libraries. Berkeley students also have access to state-of-the-art computer labs, excellent sports and recreational facilities and have a wide range of housing choices including new and newly-renovated residence halls, student apartments and cooperatives.

8. Berkeley and the Bay Area

It's hard to imagine a place more stimulating than Berkeley. The University, the City of Berkeley and the surrounding San Francisco Bay Area form an extraordinary environment for all types of educational, cultural and recreational pursuits. Coffeehouses, bookstores and street vendors line the streets near campus, and lecturers, artists and performers from around the world make sure to visit UC Berkeley. If you want to head into San Francisco, the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) is just a few blocks away in downtown Berkeley. Regardless of what you choose to do, you won't find a more temperate climate or a more beautiful setting.

9. A Marketable Degree

When you are ready to graduate, Berkeley's reputation may take on new importance. Hundreds of recruiters visit campus each spring, hoping to employ talented new Berkeley graduates. Other Cal grads choose to pursue graduate studies; in fact, Berkeley is the top single source of Ph.D. recipients in the United States. Whatever your aspirations, the campus Career Center and Career Counseling Library can help you chart your course.

10. Excellent Educational Value

If you are comparing Berkeley to Ivy League or other selective private institutions, you'll see a significant difference when it comes to cost. About 65 percent of all Berkeley undergraduates receive financial assistance, and an impressive 90 percent graduate within 6 years (national average is less than 60 percent). Berkeley financial aid offers are designed to meet full need (as determined by federal guidelines).



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BERKELEY FACTS

2009 TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE

Enrollment	25,530
Male	47%
Female	53%
California Residents*	89%
Nonresidents*	11%
Asian/Asian-American	45.3%
Caucasian	32.9%
Chicano/Latino	11.7%
African-American	3.2%
American Indian	0.5%
Other/Unknown	6.4%
Student/Faculty Ratio	15:1

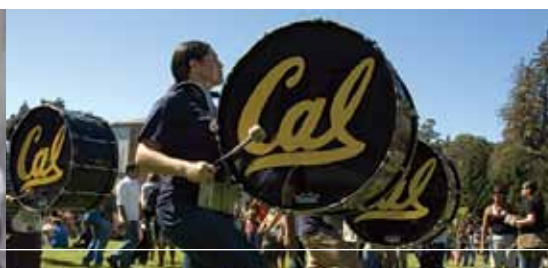
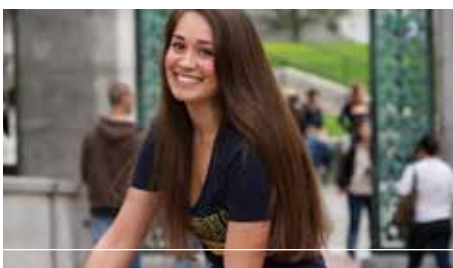
*These are 2009 statistics. Estimated percentages for 2010 are: California Residents: 77%, Nonresidents: 23%

VISITING BERKELEY

A visit to the campus is the best way to find out what makes UC Berkeley such a special place to live and to learn. No matter how much you've read or heard about Berkeley, nothing can compare to experiencing it first-hand. We invite you to tour the campus, listen to an admissions presentation, explore the surrounding area, and talk informally to some of the people in the Berkeley campus community.

Campus tours are arranged through our Visitor Services office, 101 Sproul Hall near the intersection of Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. Public tours are offered Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Weekday public tours begin from the Visitor Center at 101 Sproul Hall while weekend and holiday tours begin from Sather Tower. These student-led walking tours are free of charge and

last about ninety minutes; please check the Visitor Services website at www.berkeley.edu/visitors/ to confirm tour times before you arrive on campus. Admissions presentations for prospective students are also available most weekdays; please see the Admissions website for more information: <http://students.berkeley.edu/admissions/general.asp?id=24>



APPLYING TO BERKELEY

FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

The campus selects its freshman class through a comprehensive review of all information—both academic and non-academic/personal—presented in your application. Academic achievement is measured by the college preparatory coursework completed and planned, grade point average, scores on the required SAT Subject Tests and the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Assessment plus Writing Test, scores on completed AP and IB exams, honors, and awards. We will also consider your likelihood of contributing to the intellectual and cultural vitality of the campus based on leadership, motivation, concern for others and community, and accomplishment in the performing arts, athletics or other areas. Since all achievement is considered in the context of your personal and educational circumstances, the personal statement is an important part of our selection process. For eligibility requirements for the University of California, please refer to: universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

Required Tests for Freshman Admission

The University of California requires that applicants complete the ACT Assessment plus Writing Test or the SAT Reasoning Test. In addition, all applicants must complete two SAT Subject Tests in different subject areas selected from history, literature, mathematics (Math Level 2 only), science or a language other than English. Applicants to the Colleges of Chemistry and Engineering are strongly encouraged to take the following SAT Subject Tests: Math Level 2 and a science test (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) that is closely related to the applicant's intended major. All tests must be completed no later than the December examination dates of the year in which you file your application.

Important Note: Effective for the fall 2012 entering class, UC's freshman admission requirements are changing. Please visit this University of California web page for more details: http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/paths_to_adm/freshman2012/

UC Application Timetable:

Application available online at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply *	Early October
Filing period	November 1-30
Application deadline	November 30
Freshman Admission decisions posted	End of March**
Transfer Admission decisions posted	No later than May 1**
Freshman Statement of Intention to Register (SIR) and enrollment deposit due	May 1
Transfer Statement of Intention to Register (SIR) and enrollment deposit due	June 1

*You may also access the link to the UC application at: admissions.berkeley.edu

**Approximate; dates and decisions will be available online.

Fall 2010 Freshman Admissions Data*

	CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	NON-CA U.S. RESIDENTS	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Applicants	38,443	7,189	4,750
Admitted	9,495	2,468	1,044
(% Admitted)	(24.7%)	(34.3%)	(22%)
Enrolled	4,033	696	524

Fall 2010 Freshman Profile*

SAT I scores (25th & 75th percentiles)	Reading:	620-740
	Math:	650-770
	Writing:	640-750
Average unweighted GPA	3.93	
Average weighted GPA	4.39	

*Based on Office of Undergraduate Admissions student data; these numbers may vary from Office of the President statistics



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TRANSFER APPLICANTS

The Berkeley campus is strongly committed to admitting transfer students, who each year make up about one-third of our entering class. Transfer students do very well at Berkeley, graduating with similar grade point averages and at similar rates as students who started Cal as freshmen. Transfer admission is limited to students who have or will have completed a minimum of 60 UC-transferable semester units by the end of the spring semester before enrollment. As a junior transfer applicant, you must indicate your intended major on the UC application, as your application for admission will be reviewed based on the completion of prerequisite courses for a particular academic program at Berkeley.

Transfer applicants receive a comprehensive assessment that includes a review of all information—both academic and personal—presented in the application. For more information about specific course and unit requirements for transfer students, please check the Berkeley campus flyer on Transfer Admission, or the Announcement of each of our colleges/schools. Transfer applicants from community colleges in California may also access valuable information from the following website: www.assist.org

COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

Nearly three-quarters of all Berkeley undergraduates receive financial aid, which is primarily need-based. Applicants apply for university-sponsored scholarships automatically when they apply for admission; a separate form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is required for grants, loans and work study.

Fall 2010 Transfer Admissions Data*

	CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	NON-CA U.S. RESIDENTS	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Applicants	12,338	500	2,272
Admitted	3,301	92	486
Enrolled	2,216	57	353

Fall 2010 Transfer Student Profile*

College GPA (25th & 75th percentiles on a 4.0 scale)	3.75-3.80
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*Based on Office of Undergraduate Admissions student data

Estimated Undergraduate Student Budgets for 2010-2011 (Per Academic Year)

	LIVING IN A RESIDENCE HALL	LIVING OFF CAMPUS	LIVING WITH RELATIVES
Housing and Utilities	\$14,384	\$7,784	\$2,436
Food	924*	2,520	1,920
Books & Supplies	1,314	1,314	1,314
Personal	1,344	1,484	1,868
Transportation	618	1,038	1,960
Fees	12,460**	12,460**	12,460**
Total Resident Budget	\$31,044	\$26,600	\$21,958
Nonresident Tuition and Fees	\$22,879	\$22,879	\$22,879
Total Nonresident Budget	\$53,923	\$49,479	\$44,837

*Includes food not covered by the residence hall meal plan

**Includes \$1,522 for Student Health Insurance

The student budget is subject to change. The fees and nonresident tuition include the most recent estimates available as of 04/22/10.

Nondiscrimination Statement

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. It also covers faculty (Senate and non-Senate) and staff in their employment. For information on other groups, including student applicants and current students, go to the "Resolving Discrimination Issues" section of the Campus Climate and Compliance Office website at ccac.berkeley.edu/resolving.shtml.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY

Chemistry: *also offered in the College of Letters and Science*

Chemical Biology
Chemical Engineering

Joint Majors: only available to junior transfers

Chemical Engineering/Materials Science and Engineering

Chemical Engineering/Nuclear Engineering

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bioengineering

Civil Engineering

Computational Engineering Science

Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences:

Computer Science also offered in the College of Letters and Science

Engineering Mathematics and Statistics

Engineering Physics

Environmental Engineering Science

Engineering Undeclared: *only available to freshman*

Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

Manufacturing Engineering

Material Science and Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Nuclear Engineering

Joint Majors: only available to junior transfers

Bioengineering/Materials Science and Engineering

Materials Science and Engineering/Electrical

Engineering and Computer Sciences

Materials Science and Engineering/

Mechanical Engineering

Materials Science and Engineering/

Nuclear Engineering

Nuclear Engineering/

Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

Nuclear Engineering/Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Architecture

Landscape Architecture

Urban Studies

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

African American Studies

American Studies

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art

and Architecture

Anthropology

Art, History of

Art, Practice of

Asian American Studies

Asian Studies

Astrophysics (includes Astronomy)

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Cell and Developmental Biology

Celtic Studies

Chemistry: *also offered in the College of Chemistry*

Chicano Studies

Chinese

Classical Civilizations

Classical Languages

Cognitive Science

Dance and Performance Studies

Development Studies

Dutch Studies

Earth and Planetary Science

(Atmospheric Science, Environmental

Earth Science, Geology, Geophysics,

Marine Science, Planetary Science)

Economics

English

Environmental Economics and Policy: *also offered*

in the College of Natural Resources

Environmental Sciences (biological, physical,

social): *also offered in the College of*

Natural Resources

Ethnic Studies

Film and Media

French

Gender and Women's Studies

Genetics

Geography

German

Greek

Hispanic Languages and Bilingual Issues

History

Iberian or Latin American Literatures

Immunology

Integrative Biology

Interdisciplinary Studies

Italian Studies

Japanese

Latin

Latin American Studies

Legal Studies

Linguistics

Luso-Brazilian

Mathematics

Mathematics, Applied

Media Studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Molecular and Cell Biology

Music

Native American Studies

Near Eastern Civilizations

Near Eastern Languages and Literature

Neurobiology

Operations Research and Management Science

Peace and Conflict Studies

Philosophy

Physical Sciences

Physics

Political Economy

Political Science

Psychology

Public Health

Religious Studies

Rhetoric

Scandinavian

Slavic Languages and Literatures

Social Welfare

Sociology

South and Southeast Asian Studies

Spanish and Spanish American Statistics

Theater and Performance Studies

Undeclared: *only available to freshman*

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Conservation and Resource Studies

Environmental Economics and Policy: *also offered*

in the College of Letters and Science

Environmental Sciences (biological, physical,

social): *also offered in the College of Letters*

and Science

Forestry and Natural Resources

Genetics and Plant Biology

Microbial Biology

Molecular Environmental Biology

Molecular Toxicology

Nutritional Science

Society and Environment

Undeclared: *only available to freshman*

HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Business Administration: *only available to junior*

transfers; freshman applicants may apply to the

College of Letters and Science, Undeclared—

Pre-Business Administration



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