

Berkeley International Office Pre-Arrival Survey

Q33 What other information would be helpful to receive from BIO before you being your studies at UC Berkeley?

Answered: 481 Skipped: 682

#	Responses	Date
1	choosing classes Mainly more reminding about choosing classes etc	9/3/2014 9:22 PM
2	Clubs/leadership About campus activities	9/1/2014 3:58 PM
3	working/career about part-time job and Social Security Number	9/1/2014 11:59 AM
4	Academic requirements other More info about ny bar exam	8/26/2014 11:06 AM
5	choosing classes tele bears tip	8/23/2014 8:04 AM
6	Sufficient None.	8/17/2014 12:14 PM
7	Finances/Make payments I feel entirely at ease with almost everything, despite only being a week away from arriving at Cal. I'm not the type of person to be unduly stressed by cultural differences, building friendships, or academic pressures. My one and only concern is finance. I'm from a middle to low income family in England, and my parents cannot afford to fund my education for four years. My mum has been remarkably generous in putting her life savings towards my first year at Berkeley, but that is it. The money is now dried up. No more. Even if I were from an aristocratic and wealthy family, I wouldn't want to rely on my parents to pay for university. Perhaps that's just a cultural difference between the UK and US. Nevertheless, financial pressures remains my main and only concern. Any spare time I have at Cal during my first year will without a doubt be spent finding and applying for scholarships, looking into loan schemes, contacting philanthropists and begging businesses to sponsor me. I'm desperate, and the BIO hasn't really offered any help with regard to funding. Aside from that though, the BIO has been great. All the emails and everything have been really reassuring, just knowing im now part of the UC community. Thanks guys!	8/16/2014 4:20 PM
8	housing Best time to apply for housing	8/14/2014 10:27 AM
9	other I just hope that UC Berkeley can send emails directly to Chinese email address more since Chinese students have trouble using American email address due to Chinese policies.	8/14/2014 6:33 AM
10	housing Housing information	8/11/2014 11:16 PM
11	Sufficient None	8/11/2014 1:02 AM
12	other How long does it take to hear back from the appeal of SHIP waiver denial.	8/10/2014 4:51 PM
13	immigration It would have been good to have more information provided by BIO for i-20 transfer students (those who hold an existing i-20 issued through another high school).	8/10/2014 12:42 PM
14	Adjusting to local area adjustment Things need to do on the first week of a new semester	8/10/2014 6:25 AM
15	US Academic Culture Checklist of what I am supposed to bring to school as a freshman.	8/10/2014 5:56 AM
16	housing The guide to find housing with more details.	8/9/2014 11:05 PM
17	US Academic Culture More information about academic preparation.	8/9/2014 10:34 PM
18	housing visual campus tour students forum Food!!!!!! More detailed information about residential hall	8/9/2014 8:54 PM
19	Adjusting to local area housing housing and life in Berkeley	8/9/2014 6:31 PM
20	immigration I believe that it would be more helpful if BIO came up with some sort of tutorial or explain what each category asks when filling in all those different documents to try and get a visa. Need to send a clearer list of the different useful numbers or emails so that students knows who to contact and when.	8/9/2014 5:33 PM
21	Adjusting to local area shopping information, including furniture and vegetable etc.	8/9/2014 1:04 AM
22	Sufficient This question is not clear. What is before you being your studies?	8/9/2014 12:05 AM

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23	choosing classes Some things (such as visa documentation) were quite self-explanatory, so although I felt that the overall information received from BIO was limited, most things were perfectly manageable. In this case, limited information was okay in its own right. However, I strongly feel that there needs to be more guidance available regarding Telebears and first semester schedule-planning. I also found that whatever information was given was hard to access. The emailed arrival bulletins, for example, were hard to navigate.	8/8/2014 9:10 PM
24	Adjusting to local area adjustment Academic Information - such as adjusting to US culture. Also, transportation information would be really helpful as well.	8/8/2014 8:07 PM
25	Academic requirements Transfer credits evaluation information from OOS	8/8/2014 3:12 PM
26	Adjusting to local area Cultural an academic activities happening in campus	8/8/2014 1:34 PM
27	other No idea at this stage.	8/8/2014 10:44 AM
28	working/career Career Planning	8/8/2014 10:31 AM
29	Sufficient no	8/8/2014 9:21 AM
30	choosing classes Information on enrollment procedures, choosing courses wisely, and questions that may relate to enrollment (ex. in one course, there are two classes with the same timeslot and same teacher. So how does this work?)	8/8/2014 9:11 AM
31	Clubs/leadership US Academic Culture Information about student organisations/clubs and the best opportunities available in each academic department.	8/8/2014 7:13 AM
32	Adjusting to local area How to set up a bank account.	8/8/2014 7:12 AM
33	working/career 1. Post graduation job landscape 2. Work-permit laws/ scenario post graduation 3. Work-permit laws for spouses on dependent student visas (F2)	8/8/2014 6:40 AM
34	Academic requirements Finances/Make payments More information on degree requirements, how to pay the tuition fees for international students, scholarships available and internship opportunities	8/8/2014 6:17 AM
35	Adjusting to local area adjustment working/career job application advises, phone plans/companies, safety cautions (i would like to know it very much i think it's very very important) like which part of campus/town should try to avoid after dark, what do pot/drug dealers/sketchy people look like, where they usually gather, what to expect from/should beware of by going to parties, rape seminars, social etiquette/dress codes for different situations	8/8/2014 5:55 AM
36	Sufficient None	8/8/2014 4:13 AM
37	Sufficient Information was very sufficient.	8/8/2014 3:55 AM
38	Sufficient None.	8/8/2014 2:50 AM
39	Academic requirements adjustment immigration BOI should send multiple reminders for various deadlines - they have sent deadline emails once in a while, but multiple reminders would make the prospective student more aware of deadlines. Also, a more clear student calendar detailing all the orientation event dates and activity dates on one clear calendar.	8/8/2014 2:36 AM
40	adjustment US Academic Culture I hope BIO would provided more videos which might represent life and study at Berkeley better.	8/8/2014 1:18 AM
41	immigration clear explanations on those situations in which you need to pay the sevis fee	8/8/2014 1:17 AM
42	choosing classes How to choose classes, in case I want to take something outside of my department (e.g language class, academic writing class etc.)	8/8/2014 12:11 AM
43	Sufficient No.	8/7/2014 8:57 PM
44	Adjusting to local area Information about the bay area, i.e. Public transportation, climate, what to pack etc.	8/7/2014 7:52 PM
45	Adjusting to local area pick up service from SFO airport; how to get a California drive licence? Supermarket and shopping malls near campus	8/7/2014 7:45 PM
46	Sufficient N/A	8/7/2014 7:42 PM
47	adjustment US Academic Culture A list of due dates for all payments and registrations that has to be done pre and post arrival to Berkeley	8/7/2014 7:27 PM
48	adjustment How to manage stress	8/7/2014 7:24 PM

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49	Sufficient Nothing more. You've done enough.	8/7/2014 6:30 PM
50	other It is really not good for a Chinese student to use those google products.	8/7/2014 6:25 PM
51	Adjusting to local area Especially for international freshmen, it could be helpful if BIO could offer the transportation info from the airport to the campus.	8/7/2014 6:01 PM
52	Sufficient none	8/7/2014 5:27 PM
53	Adjusting to local area US Academic Culture Information about where to go to get what I need on campus.	8/7/2014 2:45 PM
54	Sufficient None	8/7/2014 1:21 PM
55	other US Academic Culture It'd be helpful to go to one place after arrival that could give you a quick brief over the most important things you have to do. I'm constantly hearing about new documents and information, but there is not one place I can ask for help and guidance.	8/7/2014 1:15 PM
56	other Whether students enrolled in purely online programs are required to complete the NIF or I-20, etc. The only on-campus requirement is 1 week in 2 summers (e.g. 14 days).	8/7/2014 12:11 PM
57	other Reach out more to the incoming students.	8/6/2014 10:38 AM
58	Adjusting to local area Finances/Make payments US Academic Culture The financial system is a little difficult to understand, therefore, a little more help from BIO regarding opening bank accounts in the US, the CARS system, EFT etc. would be much appreciated.	8/6/2014 10:22 AM
59	Finances/Make payments More Financial Aid opportunities for international students	8/6/2014 9:40 AM
60	Sufficient N.A.	8/6/2014 6:36 AM
61	US Academic Culture information about academic difficulty/managing workload etc	8/6/2014 2:31 AM
62	Sufficient None. Thank you.	8/6/2014 12:09 AM
63	US Academic Culture Academic orientation	8/5/2014 9:26 PM
64	Sufficient None	8/5/2014 7:59 PM
65	Finances/Make payments US Academic Culture Managing online payments to the school as an international student.	8/5/2014 5:23 PM
66	working/career Student Job Opportunity	8/5/2014 4:24 PM
67	choosing classes immigration I would have loved to have received a weekly news-letter about FAQs and information that would have been useful to me not only in the VISA application process but also in preparing for TELEBEARS (which is so hard to navigate!!!!). Thank you.	8/5/2014 8:10 AM
68	other US Academic Culture I would like to see one big overview of all crucial information and ToDos. I feel like there was an overflow of information and I had difficulty making sure I didn't miss anything or any big deadline. I also found all the different e-mails that we received from different addresses to be confusing.	8/5/2014 4:30 AM
69	Sufficient no	8/4/2014 11:13 PM
70	immigration Expected/suggested timelines for the NIF & visa application process. I ran into a time crunch because BIO was waiting for info from my graduate department but I wasn't aware that I needed to be the middle man. Perhaps I missed that. In any case, it would be helpful to set that expectation upfront. Once I took a more active role, the team was very accommodating and extremely helpful!!	8/4/2014 7:01 PM
71	choosing classes US Academic Culture better understanding of having better schedules at the first semester	8/4/2014 7:00 PM
72	other Understanding all the registration steps you need to complete before starting school (or the checking list of things to do and the websites to complete such steps)	8/4/2014 11:04 AM
73	Academic requirements choosing classes US Academic Culture Understanding the stress/number of units and classes taken on by a typical student by major.	8/4/2014 10:54 AM
74	Sufficient n/a	8/4/2014 9:30 AM
75	Adjusting to local area other Email a list of all relevant links about life in Berkeley	8/4/2014 6:58 AM
76	Finances/Make payments US Academic Culture Details of payment. What is the deadline to pay within being charge an extra fee?	8/4/2014 6:05 AM

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77	other Detailed previous EAP student profiles.	8/4/2014 5:46 AM
78	Adjusting to local area US Academic Culture Information on the libraries, phone services with good service on campus.	8/4/2014 3:01 AM
79	Adjusting to local area Driving	8/4/2014 2:47 AM
80	There is a spelling mistake in this question. :)	8/3/2014 7:52 PM
81	Sufficient I think the contents are pretty sufficient to understand what Berkeley is like and what kinds of processes that students need to go through.	8/3/2014 6:08 PM
82	Finances/Make payments Financial support opportunity other than GSI and GSR	8/3/2014 4:05 PM
83	Finances/Make payments other US Academic Culture 1. How and when to pay the tuition. I have saw the ppt showing some methods but I still have some doubts. 2. It's better to provide new students' contact information so that we can at least make some friends before we arrive at UC Berkeley.	8/3/2014 9:24 AM
84	choosing classes Recommended courses for freshmen to try.	8/3/2014 8:52 AM
85	Sufficient Information provided is sufficient so far.	8/3/2014 8:04 AM
86	Finances/Make payments housing US Academic Culture Housing issue&Academic Resource&Financial support	8/3/2014 7:49 AM
87	immigration I currently feel sufficiently informed about travel etc. And I trust that everything I would like to find out about social activities and other aspects of campus life will be talked about during EAP student orientation. I would just like to specify that it was a shame not to receive information regarding visa application etc earlier, as I had already gone through most of the procedures when I received it. I was mainly disappointed because the information you provided was much clearer than what I had had to work with !	8/3/2014 6:00 AM
88	choosing classes Information about Class Registration	8/2/2014 8:37 PM
89	Sufficient None	8/2/2014 4:17 PM
90	Adjusting to local area how to buy a cheap and useful car	8/2/2014 3:08 PM
91	other Information on sending and receiving original paper documents/ credentials-- to and from my home country and Berkeley, respectively.	8/2/2014 3:01 PM
92	Adjusting to local area A list with important recommended services: bank, phone, Internet, gym, etc.	8/2/2014 2:04 PM
93	other It will be really helpful to give international students a schematic of the different steps for completing their registration on campus with the expected time that each step will take.	8/2/2014 12:11 PM
94	Sufficient none	8/2/2014 11:42 AM
95	Sufficient The info received is sufficient, I will be in communication with BIO if need arises. Jacinta	8/2/2014 10:34 AM
96	Sufficient BIO can get more communications and interactions with students by holding activities like sending gifts or money like this survey.	8/2/2014 8:04 AM
97	housing about housing near berkeley would be helpful for me.	8/2/2014 7:52 AM
98	choosing classes US Academic Culture About academic courses, and what choices to make, how to be in contact with professor if we are on waitlist etc...	8/2/2014 5:02 AM
99	Adjusting to local area Where to shop for dormitory supplies, textbooks, school supplies etc. Also a description of available food options for international students, especially vegeterians.	8/2/2014 4:54 AM
100	adjustment More info about roommates.	8/2/2014 4:02 AM
101	Sufficient none	8/2/2014 2:48 AM
102	Adjusting to local area adjustment Range of price for housing (other than on campus), liability insurance, health system (SHIP and how to find your medication), disability services (DMV, medication, accessibility,...)	8/2/2014 2:43 AM
103	Clubs/leadership student organizations and activities.	8/2/2014 1:20 AM
104	Academic requirements US Academic Culture I want to receive more information about how to get into graduate school for international students.	8/2/2014 12:27 AM
105	US Academic Culture Tips from previous exchange on the differences the classroom environment in 2 country	8/1/2014 10:40 PM

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106	Finances/Make payments working/career Financial support. GSI opportunities.	8/1/2014 10:26 PM
107	adjustment Sufficient US Academic Culture First of all thanks a lot for providing all the information. BIO covered everything, I would request BIO to provide information on or sessions on succeeding at academics, maintaining good physical and mental health.	8/1/2014 9:45 PM
108	Academic requirements choosing classes where to go to get advice for classes and such, counselors from L&S department or advisor? It would be more helpful if there were special counselors and advisors for each major at BIO for international students	8/1/2014 9:44 PM
109	Sufficient I dont know yet	8/1/2014 9:33 PM
110	Academic requirements Clubs/leadership I think I would've liked more information on social life on campus (clubs, sororities, ets). Also, maybe more on pre-law/pre-med because internationals often don't know much about these paths	8/1/2014 9:25 PM
111	Finances/Make payments other I wish I could have received more detailed info regarding the payments possibilities.	8/1/2014 9:00 PM
112	Adjusting to local area US Academic Culture As a graduate student, with housing already provided for due to my spouse working in the US, I think my expectations are somewhat different from the typical international undergraduate student. Simply knowing where I can find help when needed will suffice.	8/1/2014 8:47 PM
113	choosing classes More information about telebears and choosing courses cause virtual orientation was a bit insufficient.	8/1/2014 8:46 PM
114	Adjusting to local area It could be great to explain the best way to come from the airport to berkeley with supershuttle for example. Berkeley's student have some reduction with a code, don't they?	8/1/2014 8:22 PM
115	adjustment US Academic Culture Some videos which can better present life and study at UC Berkeley	8/1/2014 8:20 PM
116	immigration working/career F-1 employment information	8/1/2014 7:58 PM
117	Adjusting to local area housing Introduction on how to use public transportation, housing	8/1/2014 7:57 PM
118	Sufficient None.	8/1/2014 7:45 PM
119	choosing classes how to choose/register in classes	8/1/2014 7:43 PM
120	working/career How to make a career plan and go for it.	8/1/2014 6:45 PM
121	Sufficient None	8/1/2014 6:42 PM
122	Sufficient I am receiving sufficient information now:)	8/1/2014 6:07 PM
123	adjustment US Academic Culture Information on how to navigate the university in terms of the culture, academic workload and the social environment at Berkeley as an international student would be very useful.	8/1/2014 6:03 PM
124	immigration working/career finding internship during the summer; career advice after graduation and relevant visa issues	8/1/2014 5:26 PM
125	choosing classes Courses recomendations	8/1/2014 5:16 PM
126	Sufficient The information is sufficient	8/1/2014 4:34 PM
127	Adjusting to local area - a little more information on health insurances and hospitals nearby - tips for students with spouse/children	8/1/2014 3:40 PM
128	Adjusting to local area US Academic Culture The transportation to get to school and to classes.	8/1/2014 3:36 PM
129	other It would be really nice if you gave more informations or clearer informations about how to waive from SHIP and how important telebears appointments are. Globally, BIO was really helpful and reassuring. Thank you for your work.	8/1/2014 2:34 PM
130	Sufficient n/a	8/1/2014 2:27 PM
131	Finances/Make payments housing -More information about how to find housing -More targeted information on how to transfer money/pay CARS (this was very difficult and confusing, especially considering the fact that it's rather large sums of money one has to pay I'd rather have more information on how to, safely, do this!)	8/1/2014 2:23 PM

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132	Sufficient none	8/1/2014 2:04 PM
133	choosing classes A bit of additional advice for using telebears and about wait listed classes.	8/1/2014 1:31 PM
134	immigration Important Official and Immigration related deadlines.	8/1/2014 1:27 PM
135	housing how to get housing where there seems to be not a lot remaining on the market at decent price	8/1/2014 1:21 PM
136	other An overall expectation of the Berkeley experience	8/1/2014 12:58 PM
137	adjustment choosing classes Information on the perspective of students on the classes in Berkeley, whether it's recommended to take, useful, easy, hard, or fun.	8/1/2014 12:50 PM
138	US Academic Culture Advice on how to find a good editor for academic papers.	8/1/2014 12:41 PM
139	Sufficient ...	8/1/2014 12:40 PM
140	Sufficient No more	8/1/2014 12:38 PM
141	adjustment Culture of the community around, way of life. I come from a totally different place!	8/1/2014 12:36 PM
142	Sufficient Thank you very much, all were very helpful.	8/1/2014 12:35 PM
143	Sufficient Details that I received during my application process will be enough.	8/1/2014 12:31 PM
144	Sufficient Nothing else.	8/1/2014 12:31 PM
145	adjustment I believe the list of various websites that helps students getting information or making friends would be helpful.	8/1/2014 12:28 PM
146	Sufficient Na	8/1/2014 12:27 PM
147	other It would be helpful, If I get a sheet in which all the procedures for becoming a UCB student from the admission email are included. The information is spreaded on the website. I don't know what to first.	8/1/2014 12:22 PM
148	adjustment Dietal issues	8/1/2014 12:18 PM
149	immigration other Better coordination with the department on the funding amounts for easier processing of i20	8/1/2014 12:18 PM
150	Sufficient None	8/1/2014 12:12 PM
151	immigration working/career How to obtain a H1 B visa after graduation.	8/1/2014 12:09 PM
152	adjustment More information about logistic for example, like where to go if you need this, or where you can find that other thing, etc.	8/1/2014 10:27 AM
153	Sufficient Nothing I can't get to know anyway (for now). BTW I think you meant "begin", not "being"!	8/1/2014 2:40 AM
154	US Academic Culture English tutoring information	8/1/2014 2:15 AM
155	other So far, the information I have received is very complete and useful. It might look to much, however I think is needed in order to get to know all the things regarding UC Berkeley studies. My only suggestion is to give mre info about using CARS and be more especific on making the first payment, since many of us will have to do it outside U.S.	8/1/2014 1:17 AM
156	housing Housing information	7/31/2014 6:41 PM
157	Sufficient Nothing special	7/31/2014 12:19 PM
158	immigration More in NIF: what it is and that EAP Students need to apply for NIF prior to applying for the visa.	7/31/2014 11:16 AM
159	immigration A schedule of document check sessions.	7/31/2014 5:59 AM
160	Sufficient The BIO did an awesome job. Thank you for all your work.	7/31/2014 3:52 AM
161	adjustment other put me in contact with other people from my country	7/30/2014 4:44 PM
162	working/career Applying for on campus jobs	7/30/2014 3:04 PM
163	immigration country specific requirements and more flexible in terms of documents required (from different countries) - review the language used in NIF. very basic but irritating errors to cause confusion	7/30/2014 1:41 PM
164	immigration Country specific information - especially for countries like India, where there are a lot of rumors and scared about the visa application process.	7/30/2014 1:29 PM

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165	other I hope BIO can offer a list telling us all things we need to do, like visa, courses, houses, etc. And a list telling us all fees we need to pay.	7/30/2014 7:45 AM
166	other US Academic Culture I think it is better to let all the relative info gather in the same website. Instead of keep seeing "for more info on visa click this link" while I am on nif page(they are related). Another very important thing is, it is hard for international student to find the right office to use phone call. Every question has a differnt phone call and usually the one we call can't answer the question. The department separte too specifically, costing international student many times and money on phone call questioning. It should be a general phone call number that can help us with most of the questions.	7/30/2014 3:59 AM
167	Clubs/leadership That would be helpful if BIO introduced some international related clubs or social activities.	7/30/2014 12:16 AM
168	Sufficient none	7/30/2014 12:07 AM
169	other Social events for new grad students.	7/29/2014 10:54 PM
170	other US Academic Culture university organizations and resources, e.g. berkeley library vpn	7/29/2014 8:35 PM
171	other Information about students from my home country currently attending Berkeley	7/29/2014 3:24 PM
172	Sufficient that's all I can think about.	7/29/2014 2:26 PM
173	other More student testimonials would be helpful.	7/29/2014 1:43 PM
174	Sufficient N/A	7/29/2014 1:38 PM
175	Sufficient all info was sufficient for me.	7/29/2014 12:20 PM
176	other I believe there should be one person for each issue who is designated for that task. For instance, the housing issues could have one-point contact who would be able to guide us, while the financial queries could be handles by another person. In case such a system is there,my apologies for not being aware of it	7/29/2014 11:20 AM
177	Sufficient I think I have everything that I need. Thanks!	7/29/2014 11:02 AM
178	Sufficient In general, information is sufficient; I would contact you for more specific topics and doubts.	7/29/2014 10:21 AM
179	adjustment US Academic Culture tips regarding how to deal with the pressure of studies and being in an unknown environment for the first months	7/29/2014 9:41 AM
180	other Social events taken place at the School you are attending.	7/29/2014 9:40 AM
181	Sufficient none	7/29/2014 9:34 AM
182	Sufficient -	7/29/2014 8:58 AM
183	Adjusting to local area housing Detailed estimates of living/other costs.	7/29/2014 8:39 AM
184	Finances/Make payments how to pay the tuition	7/29/2014 2:39 AM
185	housing Hoping to get more information about how to find a good house. I've been looking for a house in Berkeley for more than 2 months.	7/29/2014 2:27 AM
186	other The Arrival Guide is very useful and it deserves improvement!	7/29/2014 12:36 AM
187	working/career The opt and the job opportunities	7/28/2014 11:11 PM
188	Academic requirements Academic advice.Requirements for foreign student.	7/28/2014 9:29 PM
189	adjustment I think it will be helpful if BIO introduces me about UCB life more in detail. And for students who want 1 to 1 peer mentoring, I think it will be better to match the students by e-mail before the international student come to UC Berkeley, so that he or she can ask and know better about the life in UCB.	7/28/2014 9:13 PM
190	Sufficient I think you are doing a great job.Thank you.	7/28/2014 8:20 PM
191	Sufficient For the time being, I think what you have provided is sufficient	7/28/2014 8:03 PM
192	other Student advisers	7/28/2014 3:39 PM
193	Clubs/leadership other Maybe information about sports. Is it possible to join a team? What sports can we practice? Is it expensive? How does it work with the insurances?	7/28/2014 3:06 PM
194	Academic requirements More information about waiving American history and institution courses	7/28/2014 2:41 PM

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195	adjustment I would prefer if there was some sort of alumni meetings (or something else of a kind) for international students (especially for students in the UAE or Middle East) held by an official at UC Berkeley	7/28/2014 1:33 PM
196	immigration I could not confirm my first report to BIO have been done correctly. I hope the way to confirm my status online.	7/28/2014 1:30 PM
197	other Activities for Spouses, such as work (when they have a J-2) and/or courses.	7/28/2014 12:54 PM
198	working/career on-campus jobs availability and eligibility	7/28/2014 12:30 PM
199	other How to make good use of SHIP, the insurance at Cal?	7/28/2014 12:29 PM
200	other Everything	7/28/2014 11:57 AM
201	other Just make things easier. Please don't use too much abbreviated word.	7/28/2014 11:55 AM
202	adjustment Cultural adjustments are extremely important, I didn't have a problem myself, but I did in terms of other classmates who don't understand some social and cultural rules.	7/28/2014 11:09 AM
203	adjustment I'd like to receive charts showing where other International Students will be coming from so I know if I should expect people from a similar geographical background to mine.	7/28/2014 10:45 AM
204	adjustment Special events	7/28/2014 10:33 AM
205	immigration More detailed instructions on obtaining visa. Also, move international orientation closer to move-in!	7/28/2014 10:10 AM
206	other I would recommend them to explain what kinds of services are included in our tuition. For example, psychology counseling are included but gym is not.	7/28/2014 9:58 AM
207	Sufficient -	7/28/2014 9:33 AM
208	other Make yourself and your website more known, especially to grad students who are doing their degrees in Berkeley over the summer, e.g. professional LL.Ms.	7/28/2014 9:17 AM
209	choosing classes More information on how to use Tele-Bears (maybe step by step instructions, or explanations on what appointment dates are)	7/28/2014 9:11 AM
210	Finances/Make payments working/career Detailed information for international students without financial aids to apply for GSI/reader or part-time on campus jobs.	7/28/2014 8:56 AM
211	choosing classes Selecting courses.	7/28/2014 8:29 AM
212	other Tried to call BIO using Skype but nobody answered.	7/28/2014 7:29 AM
213	other Information on travelling to Berkeley. Specifically, the best way to get from SFO to campus, bearing in mind the cost.	7/28/2014 7:10 AM
214	housing Housing	7/28/2014 6:06 AM
215	Finances/Make payments information on financial/tax status of international students	7/28/2014 4:55 AM
216	Sufficient None	7/28/2014 4:21 AM
217	Finances/Make payments housing housing information; jobs opportunities; financial aid	7/28/2014 3:37 AM
218	Finances/Make payments A comprehensive and easy-to-go guide on paying my tuition fees.	7/28/2014 3:21 AM
219	adjustment Clubs/leadership Information about DeCals and other activities taking place in the campus.	7/28/2014 2:08 AM
220	Clubs/leadership Extracurricular activity	7/28/2014 1:48 AM
221	Adjusting to local area adjustment A guide to the area	7/28/2014 1:37 AM
222	Adjusting to local area housing information on settling down in University Village (e.g. transportation to the campus and other cities or local places)	7/28/2014 1:27 AM
223	Sufficient NIL	7/28/2014 12:48 AM
224	working/career how to find internship and the timeline	7/28/2014 12:22 AM
225	housing other The crime reports in Berkeley and security situation in local area. If there is more sufficient and accessible information about where and how to find temporary accommodation, it will be really helpful!	7/27/2014 11:39 PM

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226	Academic requirements choosing classes How not attending Calso can be a hindrance for international students to get classes they want. It would be better if BIO had advice for this subject matter.	7/27/2014 11:18 PM
227	adjustment Any work that I need to do beforehand, like summer reading.	7/27/2014 10:08 PM
228	immigration DS-160 instruction and immigration questions	7/27/2014 9:29 PM
229	adjustment other As an EAP student, I do hope to get contact information of other EAP students, especially those from my home country.	7/27/2014 7:39 PM
230	Adjusting to local area List of stores near UCB where students could buy cheap/used books.	7/27/2014 7:16 PM
231	working/career Information on how to apply for part time jobs on campus.	7/27/2014 6:58 PM
232	other To be informed about the entrance of the United States.	7/27/2014 6:55 PM
233	choosing classes Information on choice of courses for the first semester.	7/27/2014 6:04 PM
234	Academic requirements more academic advising is required	7/27/2014 5:44 PM
235	Adjusting to local area adjustment a specific guideline and information about native website, such as Amazon, Ebay, PayPal and so on, and a map marking some restaurants, shops, around the school	7/27/2014 12:06 PM
236	Academic requirements academic issues	7/27/2014 11:57 AM
237	choosing classes Enrollement procedure for the courses and the corresponding deadlines	7/27/2014 11:51 AM
238	Sufficient BIO has been very helpful.	7/27/2014 11:35 AM
239	adjustment other US Academic Culture I don't exactly know the role of my international advisor and for which issues I should reach Berkeley International Office. I am also a bit lost about the roles the different divisions are going to play for me at Berkeley (BIO, Graduate division, academic division...)	7/27/2014 10:23 AM
240	Sufficient None	7/27/2014 10:08 AM
241	working/career information related to the part-time job opportunities on campus would be useful.	7/27/2014 10:01 AM
242	Adjusting to local area other More advice on money management (e.g. comparison of interest rates on saving accounts between various banks located in Berkeley)	7/27/2014 9:42 AM
243	Sufficient Nil...	7/27/2014 9:39 AM
244	choosing classes US Academic Culture More information about how to use BearFacts, the timing of TeleBears appointments for new students and the academic expectations of new students.	7/27/2014 9:31 AM
245	Sufficient NIL	7/27/2014 9:02 AM
246	Sufficient N/A	7/27/2014 7:24 AM
247	adjustment US Academic Culture Advice on how to manage time. Plus, sample expectations in term of amount of academic work and strategies to survive.	7/27/2014 7:01 AM
248	adjustment tips about getting along with roommates	7/27/2014 6:15 AM
249	Adjusting to local area Transportation Information. (How to get to downtown? How to get to San Francisco? How to take bus to go to classes? etc.)	7/27/2014 5:41 AM
250	adjustment How to apply for the early move-in if I will not attend the international orientation and not apply for the summer temporary housing.	7/27/2014 5:12 AM
251	Adjusting to local area How to bill for tuition and create a US account. Managing money.	7/27/2014 3:04 AM
252	US Academic Culture universities are different in my country and in US. Some students need to understand the system of education, getting points, etc.	7/27/2014 1:42 AM
253	Sufficient none. thanks	7/27/2014 1:42 AM
254	adjustment choosing classes More precise information and tutoring on how to look for housing and how to apply to classes.	7/27/2014 1:24 AM
255	Finances/Make payments Clear instructions for paying tuition fees as an international student	7/26/2014 10:29 PM

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256	US Academic Culture I would like more information on course work, and would like to know what I could study during the summer before I come into Berkeley.	7/26/2014 10:22 PM
257	Finances/Make payments Information about CARS and wire transfer	7/26/2014 9:27 PM
258	Sufficient none	7/26/2014 9:09 PM
259	Adjusting to local area Where I can get a phone, licence?. Where to buy thing for my apartment? Where it is better to buy a car?	7/26/2014 7:17 PM
260	choosing classes More information on what to do before coming for choosing electives towards achieving career goals, navigating the system - espily since most of these portals are new for international students. Foremost, coming across as easily accessible so that international students don;t hesitate in contacting univ staff/departments	7/26/2014 6:11 PM
261	adjustment I'd like to receive more information about social media intended to UC Berkeley, which seems to be very helpful to find off-campus housing, as well as courses recomendations.	7/26/2014 5:58 PM
262	Adjusting to local area Maneuvering, financial advising	7/26/2014 5:51 PM
263	other How to get Cal ID, How to access Telebears	7/26/2014 5:34 PM
264	other A checklist of things to do upon arrival	7/26/2014 5:04 PM
265	adjustment A list of where to do printing, list of libraries, greek life summary of each sorority.	7/26/2014 3:39 PM
266	Sufficient NA	7/26/2014 1:16 PM
267	Sufficient N/A	7/26/2014 12:04 PM
268	US Academic Culture advice on the US education system	7/26/2014 11:47 AM
269	other What to pack!	7/26/2014 11:31 AM
270	Adjusting to local area A step by step guide of applying for a bank account, and what the best sorts are for students / whether you are allowed to maintain accounts once you have returned to you own country.	7/26/2014 11:26 AM
271	Sufficient -	7/26/2014 11:17 AM
272	choosing classes choose major and sample courses plan	7/26/2014 10:51 AM
273	housing I learned about the international house after I had secured housing through the academic department. It would have been helpful to know on admission.	7/26/2014 10:47 AM
274	Sufficient The information is sufficient.	7/26/2014 10:23 AM
275	choosing classes More information on choosing courses	7/26/2014 10:14 AM
276	adjustment How to make friends in U.S. :)	7/26/2014 9:39 AM
277	adjustment housing More housing And roommate meeting opportunities	7/26/2014 9:06 AM
278	Sufficient sufficient, thanks!	7/26/2014 8:55 AM
279	Sufficient BIO is already helpful and thank you	7/26/2014 8:37 AM
280	working/career Potential internship/ career opportunity notices.	7/26/2014 8:24 AM
281	Sufficient n/a	7/26/2014 8:20 AM
282	working/career Information on available part-time job in campus would be great. Thanks!	7/26/2014 8:17 AM
283	Finances/Make payments housing More aid towards finding housing.	7/26/2014 7:53 AM
284	Sufficient no.	7/26/2014 7:46 AM
285	other Transportation advice	7/26/2014 7:45 AM
286	Sufficient None. Thank you from the bottom of my heart !!! :-)	7/26/2014 7:42 AM
287	adjustment I think BIO can send information for specific ethnic students such as Chinese, Africans perspectively. Providing information differently for those studets is a way to cater to their need.	7/26/2014 7:21 AM

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288	Adjusting to local area adjustment Where to go to purchase everyday needs, nearby shops or restaurants, more about campus life. Also, I'm very curious about exactly what goes on during the orientation.	7/26/2014 7:18 AM
289	Sufficient "NIST-grad-f1" and "A Guide For Graduate Students_where_to_begin" are very helpful.	7/26/2014 6:45 AM
290	US Academic Culture It would be helpful to know what level of reading/writing is average for a UC Berkeley student. I am not sure how the English education I received at an international school compares to the one a typical UC Berkeley student how.	7/26/2014 6:28 AM
291	working/career Information about part-time jobs on campus	7/26/2014 6:20 AM
292	Academic requirements choosing classes More first-hand advising is needed. Many international student do not arrive at the campus until mid August, and thus will miss Calso, which is the best opportunity to get first-hand information (such as course choosing or advise on social experience) from higher-grade students. It would be great if international students can hear advise and experience form students on campus, not just "official website information", which is comparably abundant. The mentor program is the best part, although the mentors are not for everyone, and need some writing to apply for. I hope there be mentors for all international students, or at least 2 or 3 sharing one mentor.	7/26/2014 6:16 AM
293	housing A more exhaustive housing options for International students at reasonable prices.	7/26/2014 5:52 AM
294	Adjusting to local area Finances/Make payments Payment of fees for the first semester, this was rather difficult to figure out for non residents. The proceddure being followed for registration of classes. The facilities available on/near campus for food and other basic amenities. Banks in the near vicinity.	7/26/2014 5:37 AM
295	Sufficient N.A.	7/26/2014 5:36 AM
296	choosing classes working/career Which courses satisfy which requirements. How to find a job on campus in the first semester.	7/26/2014 4:53 AM
297	Sufficient I am very excited.	7/26/2014 4:52 AM
298	adjustment US Academic Culture More advice to deal with my mental pressure of being in a new environment.	7/26/2014 4:38 AM
299	Sufficient n/a	7/26/2014 4:18 AM
300	adjustment A small plan of the sensations, experiences we are going to feel when we get to Berkeley, so we don't feel alone and know what we are feeling is normal.	7/26/2014 4:07 AM
301	Clubs/leadership Introduction to student organizations	7/26/2014 3:43 AM
302	US Academic Culture More information regarding the US academic system	7/26/2014 3:38 AM
303	adjustment assign each international students a local peer advisor	7/26/2014 3:37 AM
304	choosing classes more (or clearer) information on subject enrolment- difference between Tele-Bears and Bear-Facts, what to do if subjects are full, how to select subjects. Also more information about the mandatory health insurance.	7/26/2014 3:15 AM
305	US Academic Culture Is an Ipad extremely helpful with the study in UC Berkeley?	7/26/2014 2:44 AM
306	Clubs/leadership working/career Do I need to apply for on campus jobs already in my home country or can I wait until I arrive in Berkeley? How do I get involved in campus sports?	7/26/2014 2:44 AM
307	Sufficient none	7/26/2014 2:36 AM
308	Sufficient None, you are doing a great job!	7/26/2014 2:27 AM
309	Sufficient None	7/26/2014 1:49 AM
310	other I thought that BIO webpage has enough information. However, due to the amount of information, it is quite difficult for me to reach to the information which I want to know. It will be quite helpful to create the start up page for new students which shows briefly what should new students do next.	7/26/2014 1:36 AM
311	Sufficient No	7/26/2014 1:35 AM
312	adjustment A clear map of campus and different departments and where to go for help.	7/26/2014 1:34 AM
313	Finances/Make payments \$\$\$\$	7/26/2014 1:29 AM
314	choosing classes Why freshmen cannot access all classes at Telebears?	7/26/2014 1:21 AM

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315	Adjusting to local area adjustment It would be nice if the BIO can also provide more information on obtaining necessities for life in Berkeley (cell phone, international markets, American banks, nearby stores for beddings/things for dorm) that is directly targeted towards international students, because we really have no idea on the system in U.S. I have friends whose school provide a 2 weeks long "jump start" for international students to take care of these things, and I cannot but feel a bit jealous. Like mentioned before, although this may not be BIO's responsibility, I also hoped international students can get more knowledge such as signing up for classes (Calso and Tele-bears) and moving in. I was not sure what to do half of the time, and had to email constantly to ask questions. Overall, although the BIO website may had these information, it was difficult to find, so a easier/clearer organization would have helped very much.	7/26/2014 1:18 AM
316	working/career Internship information.	7/26/2014 1:08 AM
317	adjustment other Who are coming from the same country as me (and who are the grad students from the same country that already is on campus)	7/26/2014 12:51 AM
318	Academic requirements adjustment choosing classes Finances/Make payments immigration US Academic Culture More resources on academic advising. Facilitating interaction with current peers (Timothy Meyers was very helpful). Maybe an open forum where past and current students can post questions about academics, getting into classes. A schedule sent early showing the key things to be done: - NIF - DS160 & Visa Issues - Class registration in - Payment - Getting part-time employment If such an email was sent and I missed it, apologies. Also, the schedule should be easily accessible on the site. Can get a bit lost because of how these generic pdfs sent by various departments to get the information needed. Thanks!!	7/26/2014 12:50 AM
319	Sufficient None.	7/26/2014 12:50 AM
320	other How to come from the airport to the campus.	7/26/2014 12:49 AM
321	Sufficient None	7/26/2014 12:29 AM
322	Sufficient I am satisfied with the informations BIO provides us now.	7/26/2014 12:17 AM
323	adjustment Culture adjustment Everyday life guidance on shopping and also getting a cell	7/26/2014 12:14 AM
324	US Academic Culture more info on the curriculum, faculty	7/26/2014 12:07 AM
325	choosing classes It would be wonderful if BIO can give personal academic advices like courses we should take to every international students, because it's the first time I choose courses on my own and I am very confused.	7/25/2014 11:58 PM
326	Academic requirements I still wish to receive more information about how to be academically successful and how to make friends with people from other countries. Also, I want to know more about the resources at Berkeley, both academically and socially.	7/25/2014 11:49 PM
327	working/career internship opportunities and on-campus working experiences	7/25/2014 11:41 PM
328	Adjusting to local area adjustment Electronic map and introduction to the campus, tips for meals, housing and shopping, tips for what to bring to Berkeley, information about future roommate(s).	7/25/2014 11:34 PM
329	Academic requirements Just any requirements that I have to do as an international student,	7/25/2014 11:20 PM
330	Finances/Make payments Outside sources of funding for international students.	7/25/2014 11:19 PM
331	other Reminders on legal stuff that we need to do/mandatory stuff	7/25/2014 11:06 PM
332	Sufficient .	7/25/2014 11:02 PM
333	housing More housing options.	7/25/2014 11:02 PM
334	choosing classes course introduction	7/25/2014 10:49 PM
335	choosing classes More feedback on course choices	7/25/2014 10:38 PM
336	adjustment Information on alternative housing would be very helpful since on campus housing is very costly especially for students burdened with international fees. Additionally, a basic supplies list for college students would be helpful since we may choose to purchase or transport them from our home country.	7/25/2014 10:37 PM
337	Clubs/leadership To have regular conferences/meetings with international students who sign up for the meetings.	7/25/2014 10:27 PM
338	Sufficient I think the information you provide is enough.	7/25/2014 10:24 PM
339	Finances/Make payments Alternative option for financial support	7/25/2014 10:12 PM

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340	choosing classes Clubs/leadership How to access and select courses in other departments or interdisciplinary academic activities around the campus.	7/25/2014 10:02 PM
341	housing More housing options around campus.	7/25/2014 9:52 PM
342	housing Housing!!!very difficult for international students to find appropriate housing.	7/25/2014 9:31 PM
343	adjustment Ongoing event at UC Berkeley.	7/25/2014 9:25 PM
344	Sufficient -	7/25/2014 9:09 PM
345	Sufficient None	7/25/2014 9:01 PM
346	Sufficient None, I think the BIO has already done a brilliant job. but some information needs to be more detailed	7/25/2014 8:45 PM
347	adjustment choosing classes The process to register for the classes. How to get the off-housing safely and properly. It would be better to let new students the date of orientation earlier, since international students generally book the flight 3-6 months in advance before the class begins. .	7/25/2014 8:35 PM
348	adjustment other More information that would be helpful for students with family	7/25/2014 8:34 PM
349	Sufficient N/A	7/25/2014 8:18 PM
350	US Academic Culture I would like to know how it feels to be in UC Berkeley classes with professor. May be some demonstration during orientation would help.	7/25/2014 7:55 PM
351	adjustment US Academic Culture More detailed information on campus life and updates of the arrival guide will be appreciated.	7/25/2014 7:54 PM
352	Finances/Make payments financial issues such as aids	7/25/2014 7:43 PM
353	Finances/Make payments How to pay the bills	7/25/2014 7:34 PM
354	immigration More detailed transferring information for transfer students, such as transferring the i-20, and FAQs about visa.	7/25/2014 7:34 PM
355	working/career Information about on campua jobs that hire international students	7/25/2014 7:32 PM
356	Sufficient NIL	7/25/2014 7:28 PM
357	housing Housing	7/25/2014 7:23 PM
358	housing More information about house renting with reasonable price (not too high) and great spot (not too far away from campus)	7/25/2014 7:22 PM
359	adjustment more arrival bulletins would be better	7/25/2014 7:19 PM
360	housing more housing information near campus	7/25/2014 7:12 PM
361	Academic requirements academic advising resourses and writing support	7/25/2014 7:09 PM
362	Adjusting to local area Information about moving service (and taxi, perhaps) at Berkeley.	7/25/2014 7:04 PM
363	adjustment How to get into various parties?	7/25/2014 7:01 PM
364	Sufficient I don't know frankly. Google is Great.	7/25/2014 6:56 PM
365	housing More housing information	7/25/2014 6:46 PM
366	adjustment How to be safe living off campus.	7/25/2014 6:46 PM
367	Sufficient It's ok now.	7/25/2014 6:41 PM
368	US Academic Culture How to set and achieve academic goals coping up with current US/UCB students.	7/25/2014 6:39 PM
369	Sufficient None	7/25/2014 6:33 PM
370	housing More information about housing and some help at finding it, since as internationals we don't have some documents Americans have (that are required to sign a lease)	7/25/2014 6:33 PM

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371	adjustment Running a peer program may help me out. There is a program named "buddy program" in my own university that helps exchange-in student to understand all processes they need to go through in my university. Some voluntary students will take care of the exchange-in students, eg picking them up in the airport, exchanging Facebook and so on. That can really help a lot.	7/25/2014 6:24 PM
372	adjustment choosing classes I would like to receive any information about event for international students to make friends before studying at UCB, and also any class information.	7/25/2014 6:10 PM
373	Sufficient No by this time.	7/25/2014 6:10 PM
374	working/career Leadership opportunity, part time jobs	7/25/2014 6:05 PM
375	adjustment Tips for daily life, such as restaurant, malls and so on.	7/25/2014 6:03 PM
376	immigration For a summer LLM students, we need to apply twice for the I-20 and visa. Information on how to make application simply for the second summer is necessary for us.	7/25/2014 5:47 PM
377	adjustment Introduction of food services	7/25/2014 5:36 PM
378	Sufficient No.	7/25/2014 5:28 PM
379	Adjusting to local area Clubs/leadership A sample schedule suggesting students when to start preparing for Berkeley (i.e. when to start Visa process, when to start getting books...), information on getting textbooks, information for accommodations for parents (e.g. nearby hotels), information on transportations. It would also be great if BIO can arrange for someone in a student's home country to meet up with a couple students there before they leave for Berkeley. One of my greatest concerns is not being able to make a lot of friends at school because I'm quiet. Although I have already met a couple other freshmen from activities by student organisations/BIO (can't remember which), it would still be nice to get to know a returning student well before beginning my studies at Berkeley.	7/25/2014 5:26 PM
380	Adjusting to local area other Campus maps to print, information about things to do in Berkeley and where to find important places such as banks, stores, etc.	7/25/2014 5:19 PM
381	other Information about taxes in the USA. (For Scholarship and Job Payment)	7/25/2014 5:10 PM
382	choosing classes Finances/Make payments How and when to pay the tuitions, when to enroll for the class.	7/25/2014 5:05 PM
383	Sufficient nothing else	7/25/2014 5:02 PM
384	other 1. Good mobile phone plans. 2. How to fill out the medical insurance waiver, and tackle the very tricky(!!) questions on the website. I think that my private insurance is a lot better than the one UCB offers, only that I could not overcome and correctly address to the question on the website. I felt like the waiver questionnaire intentionally tried to sabotage my attempts to come with my own private insurance and save a lot of money. It is just too difficult and complicated!	7/25/2014 4:56 PM
385	Adjusting to local area adjustment More info on housing, info about travel after exchange - specifically about exiting and re-entering the US.	7/25/2014 4:47 PM
386	Sufficient NA	7/25/2014 4:39 PM
387	Clubs/leadership A-Z list of student clubs	7/25/2014 4:26 PM
388	adjustment I would find it helpful to receive information about the adjustment of international students to an American surrounding, and perhaps things that current international students have experienced or learned.	7/25/2014 4:25 PM
389	Sufficient I don't have other questions.	7/25/2014 4:25 PM
390	Adjusting to local area It would have helped to know the average walking distance / time between various halls where classes are scheduled as it would help to plan the schedule accordingly	7/25/2014 3:58 PM
391	Adjusting to local area US Academic Culture Advices on American banks and where to find help for homework.	7/25/2014 3:54 PM
392	adjustment A list of frequently used abbreviations at Berkeley	7/25/2014 3:30 PM
393	choosing classes Finances/Make payments I would like to know exactly what I should do to pay for the fees and for enrolling in classes. I am still lost regarding those issues.	7/25/2014 3:21 PM
394	immigration First, everything arrived behind my schedule, because things are prepared for arriving at fall, the I20 was a nightmare, I got my Visa 5 days before a international trip, this is not adequate. Would be easier for foreing people if you give information by steps, instead of writing everything, as they had the same urgency	7/25/2014 3:21 PM

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395	Academic requirements choosing classes More detailed information on enrollment issues, like how to take graduate courses, meet pre-requisites, waitlist procedures, enrollment calendar, etc.	7/25/2014 3:04 PM
396	Adjusting to local area adjustment Clubs/leadership housing other Tax preparation, driver's license test, purchasing cars and finding car rental services, descriptions and contact information for student groups, more meet-and-greet events in home countries, better e-mail correspondence (faster response and more information), reaching out to students with more advice on finding housing, social groups for graduate students, more information on international orientation	7/25/2014 3:03 PM
397	Finances/Make payments Bio offers a lot of information. The most difficult part was getting a scholarship and being accepted at Berkeley. Everything else is easy.	7/25/2014 3:01 PM
398	working/career more work opportunities for freshman students	7/25/2014 2:51 PM
399	immigration Prolonging f-1 visa	7/25/2014 2:39 PM
400	Academic requirements choosing classes Enrollment	7/25/2014 2:28 PM
401	housing Housing	7/25/2014 2:25 PM
402	other International Student Orientation	7/25/2014 2:22 PM
403	Sufficient I think the information from BIO is sufficient enough for me to get a jump start at Berkeley.	7/25/2014 2:21 PM
404	adjustment I need an information about English conversation practice information in the learning center or others.	7/25/2014 2:18 PM
405	Sufficient NA	7/25/2014 1:56 PM
406	Sufficient -	7/25/2014 1:38 PM
407	other A list of orientations and events recommended for international students to go to. Right now, these events and dates are all over the place.	7/25/2014 1:36 PM
408	adjustment Any information regarding american cultural habits.	7/25/2014 1:13 PM
409	Sufficient I think BIO covers all the important topics of information	7/25/2014 1:04 PM
410	working/career Information on how to get an internship or part-time work in campus.	7/25/2014 1:04 PM
411	housing Housing options outside Berkeley	7/25/2014 1:01 PM
412	Finances/Make payments Scholarships that international students can apply.	7/25/2014 12:51 PM
413	Adjusting to local area Exactly where to go and how you'll get there the first meeting.	7/25/2014 12:47 PM
414	housing Some more housing assistance would be great!	7/25/2014 12:40 PM
415	immigration I think anything we can expect at the port of entry. Example - many of my friends who went from H1 to F1 had a special interview at the port of entry to discuss what's going on with the VISA status.	7/25/2014 12:40 PM
416	adjustment How to manage our free time, what kind of hobbies...	7/25/2014 12:38 PM
417	Adjusting to local area Specifics about the city	7/25/2014 12:34 PM
418	Sufficient You're doing the right job!	7/25/2014 12:33 PM
419	adjustment Roommate expectations	7/25/2014 12:33 PM
420	Sufficient We will see!	7/25/2014 12:30 PM
421	Sufficient I guess the info available is kind of sufficient	7/25/2014 12:23 PM
422	Academic requirements Information re how to build a logical curriculum of classes, and information re the thesis route.	7/25/2014 12:20 PM
423	Sufficient N/A	7/25/2014 12:18 PM
424	US Academic Culture Information on professor expectations.	7/25/2014 12:15 PM
425	choosing classes More visa application help and academic contact to help plan course schedule for students who were unable to attend CalSo. I was unable to attend and I feel confused when it comes to my course selection	7/25/2014 12:11 PM

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426	other Document requirements for SSN, tax papers etc.	7/25/2014 12:08 PM
427	adjustment Items to bring like toiletries	7/25/2014 12:06 PM
428	housing working/career Finding a suitable house& On campus jobs for international students	7/25/2014 12:06 PM
429	choosing classes US Academic Culture Some information about how US classes work - I was confused about what say, 137A was as opposed to 137B, it's not something that exists in the UK. There were also lots of other terms I didn't understand when signing up for classes - do I go to one of the example classes or both? If there are two classes on the schedule with the same number, are they the same class repeated or is all the same class? The terminology was really confusing to someone who didn't grow up in the US educational system.	7/25/2014 12:03 PM
430	working/career Information on finding an internship after my exchange.	7/25/2014 12:00 PM
431	Sufficient I think BIO covered all the topics I can think of	7/25/2014 11:58 AM
432	Sufficient I think the BIO is already helpful very much !	7/25/2014 11:56 AM
433	working/career On campus jobs	7/25/2014 11:55 AM
434	adjustment other It would be great if you could connect people from the same home country going to UC Berkeley before classes begin	7/25/2014 11:54 AM
435	Academic requirements More academic counseling and the ability to attend an online CalSO	7/25/2014 11:51 AM
436	housing University village interior	7/25/2014 11:49 AM
437	other Clearer information on the health insurance plan eg. what it covers, where should/can I go in case of emergency, how to proceed if I need a specific type of physician care (example: can I chose to have an appointment with a specific doctor or do I need to be recommended first?)	7/25/2014 11:42 AM
438	other schedule of international meetings/orientation	7/25/2014 11:41 AM
439	immigration Visa status for junior transfer students	7/25/2014 11:39 AM
440	adjustment choosing classes US Academic Culture What kind of merit do I have if I have early morning classes or what kind hardship do I have if I have them. Also likewise with late classes.	7/25/2014 11:39 AM
441	working/career Information on how to find part-time jobs, internships and other sources of income as an international student.	7/25/2014 11:37 AM
442	Academic requirements More advising info	7/25/2014 11:37 AM
443	other Don't know.... but, PLEASE, send less emails! AND I' don't care about confraternities, don't give my email to them, thank you.	7/25/2014 11:36 AM
444	Sufficient nil	7/25/2014 11:36 AM
445	housing other I think Medical information is a wee bit neglected,atleast for me,I had no intimation at all about any medical requirements,e.g. Pre arrival vaccinations check list etc. Also,information regarding housing is a little scanty for the graduates and more often than not,students would find themselves struggling with temporary housing before actually getting down to the house hunting. Therefore,some more assistance in this field would be appreciated and would be a big source of relief to international students.	7/25/2014 11:34 AM
446	Adjusting to local area adjustment It would be helpful if BIO provided the overall arrival process information. Since the move-in, settling, and CalSO all together, especially for Summer Bridge students, might be overwhelming.	7/25/2014 11:30 AM
447	other An explanation site like http://web.stanford.edu/group/cdnclub/wiki/content/faq would be great. I know it's from Stanford, but those are the nitty gritty questions I would want answered. Go Bears!	7/25/2014 11:30 AM
448	other The final list of students pertaining to the same program will help knowing future classmates and will also help to find accommodation together.	7/25/2014 11:29 AM
449	choosing classes More on how to choose the classes you need for your major.	7/25/2014 11:25 AM
450	Finances/Make payments housing Specially more financial, visa and housing information.	7/25/2014 11:24 AM
451	choosing classes Advices on choosing courses	7/25/2014 11:23 AM
452	Adjusting to local area other Travel information, Neighbourhood information.	7/25/2014 11:21 AM

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453	Sufficient None	7/25/2014 11:20 AM
454	Adjusting to local area adjustment Packing lists, locations and names of stores to buy necessary living supplies	7/25/2014 11:18 AM
455	Sufficient k	7/25/2014 11:15 AM
456	Academic requirements AWPE Exam	7/25/2014 11:14 AM
457	other Perhaps the best time to book flights back home or to go travelling after finals	7/25/2014 11:14 AM
458	Adjusting to local area immigration a list of basics to be packed for country change and process of immigration while travelling.	7/25/2014 11:12 AM
459	Sufficient yes!	7/25/2014 11:11 AM
460	Sufficient -	7/25/2014 11:11 AM
461	Sufficient None.	7/25/2014 11:08 AM
462	Sufficient I think the amount of information was fine. Thanks for your help!	7/25/2014 11:08 AM
463	Adjusting to local area adjustment Advice on how to open a bank account, mobile phones, public transportation, how to arrive near campus from the airport, descriptions of the neighborhood around the campus or where to go. And about the housing there is a facebook group just for berkeley students with offers that have been more helpful than any other resource so maybe you should mention it.	7/25/2014 11:07 AM
464	Academic requirements Possible ways to gain credits across the departments that may count towards graduation. Example: While doing MBA from Haas, can I take courses in Computer Engineering?	7/25/2014 11:05 AM
465	Sufficient None	7/25/2014 11:05 AM
466	US Academic Culture Students experience about how to succeed in berkeley	7/25/2014 11:04 AM
467	Adjusting to local area adjustment Local events	7/25/2014 11:01 AM
468	housing Some info regarding the co-operative societies nearby where I can go for housing after arriving at Berkeley	7/25/2014 11:00 AM
469	immigration I personally did not know about the 30 day arrival limitation, and then I had a hard time figuring out that I could get a B1/B2 Visa AND the J1 visa at the same interview, enter on my B1/B2 60 days prior to program-start, exit the US and re-enter on a J-1. I even sent multiple e-mails to BIO and did not get a clear answer on that...	7/25/2014 10:58 AM
470	Sufficient None. It is sufficient.	7/25/2014 10:57 AM
471	housing working/career Part-time job or on campus job offering House/ apt information	7/25/2014 10:55 AM
472	Sufficient N/A	7/25/2014 10:55 AM
473	housing More housing resources, because it is quite difficult for international student to find an apartment or sublease(before we can move into our dorms).	7/25/2014 10:53 AM
474	Sufficient n/a	7/25/2014 10:53 AM
475	Sufficient Every Info is so far sufficient! Thank you for your help!	7/25/2014 10:52 AM
476	Finances/Make payments More information about how to solvr financial problem	7/25/2014 10:52 AM
477	choosing classes I would like to know more about telebears and course selection.	7/25/2014 10:51 AM
478	Sufficient i think it is really sufficient for graduate student like me.	7/25/2014 10:51 AM
479	Adjusting to local area It would be great if you can give us some local information of Berkeley (e.g. cheap and delicious restaurants suitable for students, where to buy some clothes, etc.)	7/25/2014 10:50 AM
480	immigration How to get the visa	7/25/2014 10:49 AM
481	Adjusting to local area adjustment Things to do immediately after I settle here.(first week in the US)	7/25/2014 10:48 AM