Preparing for your summer in Berkeley

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Renew your passport if it will expire in the next 6 months.

Photocopy the biographic page to carry with you after arrival in the U.S.
# Understanding your I-20

**SEVIS ID number**
Log into MySummer to view the SEVIS number.

**Start Date**
You may enter the U.S. up to **30 days** before the **start date**.

**Expiration Date**
You are allowed **60 days** to depart the U.S. or transfer to a new school after the expiration date.

**Carry it with you when you travel. Do not pack it away in your luggage!**

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**ICE Form I-20 A-B (12/2016)**

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**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

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**TOTAL | $32,500**

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## Remarks


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## School Attestation

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was created before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States or was reviewed and is in the United States by me or where obtained by the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of academic status and proves in financial responsibility, which were received in the school prior to the execution of this form. This school has determined that the above named student qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 C.F.R. 214.12(b)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

**Signature:** Helene Roberts, 76000
**Date:** 21 April 2016
**Place:** Ft. Washington, MD

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## Student Attestation

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I reside in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS personnel in 8 C.F.R. 214.12(b) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

**Signature:** John Doe Smith
**Date:**

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**NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

**SIGNATURE**

**ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)**

**DATE**

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Understanding your I-20

Make sure you keep all I-20 pages together.

Travel Signature Located on page 3 of the I-20.
Pay the SEVIS fee

Pay SEVIS (i–901) fee at least 3 days prior to visa interview.

Visit the SEVIS fee web page for more details.

Make copies of the SEVIS fee receipt (i–797) & carry during travel.
Make a visa appointment

Apply for a Visa
Read our Applying For A Visa webpage.
Visit the U.S. Department of State website.

Plan ahead!
Visit the U.S. Department of State for more details at least one month in advance.
The visa is used only for entering the U.S.
If it expires while you are here, there is no need to renew it.
If you leave the U.S., your visa must be valid for re-entry.
Keep documents safe

- Photocopy ALL your documents.
- Store originals and copies in two separate and safe locations.
- Carry photocopies of all your documents at all times.
- Take your original documents when traveling out of the area.

Keep all original documents. You could be asked to present them at future visa interviews!
Arrange housing early

Housing in the Bay Area is very competitive. It is important to plan ahead.

Visit the Berkeley Summer Session website for more information about Options for Student Housing During Summer Session.
Purchase health insurance

The US healthcare system is complex and can get extremely expensive.

**Health Insurance Requirement**

J1/J2 visa holders are held to strict, and higher, health insurance minimum requirements:

**J1/J2 coverage details**

[Overview of the US Healthcare System](#) [video].
Buy a ticket

Recommended Arrival: 1 week before classes

30-Day Arrival Limit:
New F–1 students are NOT allowed to enter earlier than 30 days prior to program start date.

Plan Ahead! Refundable tickets are a good option should delays arise
Plan transportation from the airport

Most students arrive at:  
[San Francisco Airport](#) or [Oakland Airport](#)  

Here are some options for getting to UC Berkeley from the airport.

- [Airport Express Shuttle](#)
- [Bay Porter](#)
- [Bay Area Rapid Transit: BART](#)

Transit Trip Planner: [http://511.org/](http://511.org/)
At the U.S. port of entry

Follow the Arrival Procedures for Students as outlined by U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Be sure to read:

• Advance Preparation Prior to Entry
• Documents you should carry on you (do not pack away in your luggage)
• Tips on completing customs forms
At the U.S. port of entry

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer places a stamp in your passport.

This shows your immigration status as F–1 or J–1 and “D/S.”

D/S is an abbreviation for “Duration of Status.”

It means you are legal to stay in the U.S. until the expiration date on your I–20 and as long as you remain a full–time student.
At the U.S. port of entry

I-94: Arrival–Departure record. Your Proof of Legal Entry into the U.S.

You will be asked to complete the Form I–94 and present it at the port of entry.

Electronic Record

Paper Form
Some people may receive the paper form I–94.
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Review the other Summer Tutorials!

- Arrival Essentials
- Finding your way on campus
- Making changes to your course schedule

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