



Arrival Essentials

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Arrival Confirmation

You must notify the University of your arrival on campus by completing the **online [Arrival Confirmation](#)** as soon as possible, and no later than 15 days after classes begin.

After a successful **online Arrival Confirmation**, you will:

- ✓ finally be in lawful F-1 student status



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Welcome to Cal!

All new and readmitted international students are **required** to report their Arrival to Berkeley International Office. We need this information to activate your student visa status at UC Berkeley.

In order to activate your student visa status, you must

1. Report your arrival by uploading your most recent I-94 or I-797c to our system (**you are about to do this!**).
2. Report your current address and phone number in our system (**separate CalCentral task**)
3. You must also report your current address and phone number in the LOCAL fields in Cal Central.

In this form, we will collect information about your most recent arrival in the U.S. and confirm your visa status.

Which visa status are you using to attend Berkeley?

- ☒ F-1 (I received an I-20)
- ☐ J-1 (I received a DS-2019 issued by UC Berkeley)
- ☐ J-1 (I received a DS-2019 issued by another sponsor)
- ☐ Another non-student visa status

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Resume Where I Left Off

Online Arrival Confirmation

1. Go to the [Arrival Confirmation Form](#)
2. Go to [I-94 website](#) to retrieve your record
3. Upload your I-94 Arrival-Departure record

The screenshot shows the official website for travelers visiting the United States. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, APPLY FOR NEW I-94, GET MOST RECENT I-94, VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY, VIEW COMPLIANCE, and FAQ. The main content area has a header with the text: "Official Site for Travelers Visiting the United States: Apply for or Retrieve Form I-94, Request Travel History and Check Travel Compliance". Below this, a paragraph states: "International travelers visiting the United States can apply for or retrieve their I-94 admission number/record (which is proof of legal visitor status) as well as retrieve a limited travel history of their U.S. arrivals and departures." There are four main service tiles: 1. "Visiting the U.S. & Arriving via a Land Border?" with a car icon and a button "APPLY FOR NEW I-94 (Land Border Travelers Only)". 2. "Already Visiting & Need Proof of Visitor Status?" with an I-94 icon and a button "GET MOST RECENT I-94". 3. "Need A History Of Your Arrivals & Departures?" with a calendar icon and a button "VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY". 4. "How Much Longer May I Remain in the U.S.?" with a globe icon and a button "VIEW COMPLIANCE". A red arrow points to the "GET MOST RECENT I-94" button with the text "Click here!".

Click the link!

Review the [online Arrival Confirmation](#) webpage for detailed instructions.

Local Address and Phone Reporting

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All new and readmitted international students are **required** to report their current local address and phone number to Berkeley International Office. We need this information to activate your student visa status at UC Berkeley.

In order to activate your student visa status, you must

1. Report your current address and phone number in our system (**you are about to do this!**)
2. You must also report your current address and phone number in the LOCAL fields in Cal Central (**we will show you how to do this!**)
3. Upload your most recent I-94 to our system (**this is another task in your Cal Central.**)

In this form, we will collect your current local address and phone information.

*Please note that any *changes* to your address or phone should be updated in Cal Central within 10 days of the change throughout your studies at UC Berkeley.

What student visa status are you currently on?

- ☒ F-1 (I received an I-20)
- ☐ J-1 (I received a DS-2019 issued by UC Berkeley)
- ☐ J-1 (I received a DS-2019 issued by another sponsor)
- ☐ Another non-student visa status

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The screenshot shows the CalCentral web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'My Dashboard', 'My Academics', 'My Finances', and 'My Campus'. Below this is a 'CalCentral Update' section. The main content area is titled 'Profile' and contains a sidebar with links to 'Basic Information', 'Contact Information' (highlighted), 'Emergency Contact', 'Demographic Information', 'Privacy & Permissions', 'Title IV Release', 'Credentials', and 'Work Experience'. The 'Contact Information' section is expanded, showing fields for 'Phone Number', 'Email', and 'Address'. The 'Phone Number' field has a 'Home/Permanent Phone' entry (510/642-1234 ext. 123) and a 'Local Phone (preferred)' entry (510/555-1212), which is highlighted with a red box. The 'Email' field has an 'Other Email (preferred)' entry (sacommunications@berkeley.edu). The 'Address' field has a 'Diploma Address' (2111 BANCROFT WAY #4880, BERKELEY, California 94720-4880) and a 'Home Address' (2111 BANCROFT WAY #550). A 'Local Address' field (200 SPROUL HALL, BERKELEY, California 94720) is also highlighted with a red box.

1. Go to the [U.S. Address & Phone Reporting Form](#)
2. Provide your U.S. local address (within the Berkeley Area) & U.S. phone number
** Temporary or short-term addresses are accepted.*
3. Report the same information in [CalCentral](#)

Click the link!

Review the [online Arrival Confirmation](#) webpage for detailed instructions.

Attend A Welcome Reception!



- Learn to navigate the campus
- Meet staff and fellow international Summer Sessions students
- Enjoy free refreshments!

For dates and locations, please visit:

<http://summer.berkeley.edu/international/international-welcome>

What are the requirements of my visa?

1. Keep documents **valid** (not expired).
2. Update your **Local Address** in [CalCentral](#) immediately.
3. Enroll in [full-time](#) units.

Failure to maintain legal status will require your immediate departure from the U.S.





But, I entered the U.S. as a tourist.*

If you entered on a B-1/B-2 visa or the Visa Waiver Program (ESTA), you should not be enrolled in [full-time](#) units.

*Berkeley International Office always recommends you enroll as a full-time F-1 student. We cannot advise or assist you if you are not in F or J status.

How many units is full-time enrollment in summer?

- You must enroll [full-time](#) based on your first session/I-20 start date.
- **Waitlisted courses do not count!**
- Students may enroll in more than one session.

Summer Sessions Full-Time Enrollment Requirements

Session(s)	Dates	Week												Full-time Units Minimum
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
12w	May 26 - August 14	12W												10
A only	May 26 - July 2	A												5
A + B, C, and/or D	May 26 - August 14	A		B		C		D						10
A + F + E	May 26 - August 14	A						F			E			10
A + F	May 26 - July 24	A						F						8
A + E	May 26 - August 14	A									E			8
B only, or B + any later session	June 8 - August 14			B										8
C only, or C + any later session	June 22 - August 14					C								6
D only, or D + E and/or F	July 6 - August 14							D						5
F + E	July 6 - August 14							F			E			5
F only	July 6 - July 24							F						3
E only	July 27 - August 14										E			3

Important Information About Your Enrollment

- Berkeley International Office will issue you an I-20 matching the dates of your enrollment (see chart on previous page).
- Once your I-20 has been issued, you must do BOTH of the following to properly maintain your visa status: (1) stay enrolled in session(s) that match the dates on your I-20 and (2) continue to meet the full-time enrollment requirement for those dates.
- For more information regarding full-time enrollment requirements, including adding/dropping classes and taking online classes, please see <https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/summer/full-time>.

What are some examples?

Examples:	
I am enrolled in Session A only. My I-20 dates are 5/26/2020 - 7/2/2020.	My full-time enrollment is 5 units .
I am enrolled in Session A and Session D. My I-20 dates are 5/26/2020 - 8/14/2020.	My full-time enrollment is 10 units .
I am enrolled in Session C only. My I-20 dates are 6/22/2020 - 8/14/2020.	My full-time enrollment is 6 units .
I am enrolled in Sessions C, D, and E. My I-20 dates are 6/22/2020 - 8/14/2020.	My full-time enrollment is 6 units .

Can international students take online courses?

Yes, but you are limited in the number of online courses that count towards full-time enrollment.

- 3 online units maximum can be counted toward full-time enrollment for Session 12W, A, B, C, or D only.
- 3 online units maximum can be counted toward full-time enrollment for any combination of Sessions 12W, A, B, C, D, E, and/or F.
- NO (ZERO) online units can be counted toward full-time enrollment for enrollment in Session E only or Session F only.



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Review the other Summer Tutorials!

- [Preparing for your summer in Berkeley](#)
- [Finding your way on campus](#)

internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/summer