Berkeley International Office Welcomes You!
Welcome
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Agenda

7 a.m.   Icebreakers
7:30 a.m. Welcome
7:40 a.m. Who Is BIO & Overview
7:50 a.m. Wellness & Safety
8:20 a.m. Break
8:30 a.m. Teambuilders
9:20 a.m. Student Q&A
10:00 a.m. Immigration Essentials
10:50 a.m. Next Steps
Digital Folder Materials

- Orientation program/agenda
- BIO flyer
- BIO Upcoming Events
- Academic Integrity Handout
- Health Insurance Handout
- Campus Map/Neighborhoods
- Bank of the West Flyer
- Deserve Flyer
Who is BIO?

Background information on the Berkeley International Office and the services we provide
We have been in your shoes!

BIO staff has lived and studied in 33 different countries!
What can BIO do for you?
Answer questions about your visa status
Guide you through adversity
Endorse campus forms as appropriate
Advise you on travel & provide travel signatures
Provide information about employment options
Connect you with on- and off-campus resources
Provide social and leadership opportunities
Upcoming BIO Events

A variety of virtual events that allow you to connect with other international students and the UC Berkeley community from a distance!

- Coffee Break
- English Conversation Tables
- International Graduate Happy Hour
- International Grad Webinar: How to Choose Your Adviser
- Virtual Social Events
- Immigration and Career Workshops

...and more! Visit our event calendar for event details and sign up information.
Location

2150 Shattuck Ave
Suite 500
Berkeley, CA 94704

Conveniently located near campus, Downtown Berkeley BART, and several bus lines!
One-on-One Virtual Advising

- Meet with an adviser one-on-one via Zoom or phone to discuss your questions
- Drop-in advising
- Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 10 am - 12 pm and 1-4 pm.
- Visit our website for instructions on how to access
Email

For less time-sensitive questions, contact us by email to receive a detailed response from an adviser in 3 business days or less!

Email: internationaloffice@berkeley.edu
Weekly BIO Newsletter

- Important immigration reminders
- Upcoming events and programs
- Relevant news from around campus

Subscribe by updating your LOCAL address in Cal Central to the email you would like to have the newsletter sent to!
Connect with us

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Wechat
Stay up-to-date

Things can change quickly in the immigration world. Please stay up to date on the latest information and how it could affect your immigration status in the following ways:

• BIO Website, especially:
  • [COVID 19 FAQ](#)
  • [Immigration Policy Updates FAQ](#)
• Subscribe to weekly BIO Newsletter
• Read ALL emails from BIO
Navigating Campus

How to prepare for and navigate UC Berkeley and the Bay Area to set yourself up for success
University Structure & Culture
University Structure

College/School
- College of Chemistry
- School of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Environmental Design
- Haas School of Business
- School of Information
- School of Journalism
- School of Law

Department

Major

College of Letters & Science
- College of Natural Resources
- School of Optometry
- School of Public Health
- School of Public Policy
- School of Social Welfare
Two examples:

- **College of Letters and Science**
  - Department of Biological Sciences
    - Molecular & Cell Biology, Neurobiology, Genetics, etc

- **College of Engineering**
  - Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
    - Civil & Environmental Engineering
Classroom Culture

- Lecture
- Laboratory / Studio / Workshop / Field Work
- Seminar
- Section

[Images of classroom scenes]
Learning is supported holistically.
Academic Support: Office Hours

- Ask questions
- Clarify a point
- Delve deeper into an idea
- Ask about research opportunities
Academic Support: Academic Advisers

- Advice on selecting a major
- Help enrolling in courses
- Clarity on degree requirements
- Support with low grades
- Academic Advisers go by many titles:
  - College advisers
  - Department advisers
  - Major advisers
  - Faculty advisers
  - Peer advisers
This is a **BIG** university

Create small communities

- **40,000 students**
- **6,000+ International Students**
“Berkeley can be isolating. Join a graduate student association in your area of study and attend events. For example, MEGSCo, Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Council.”
Our decentralized campus requires Persistence + Politeness
Graduate academic advising

Department
• Course selection
• Degree requirements
• GSR/GSI positions

Graduate Division
• Graduate Writing Center
• Financial Support
• Petition Processing
• GSI Teaching & Resource Center
Cross-Disciplinary Pursuits

College of Environmental Design

“You are allowed to take classes outside the department, but scheduling is difficult – especially with studio time. Plan ahead, anticipate deadlines, research scheduling conflicts, explore your interests while using your time wisely.”
You will be challenged

Resilience

Support

Occasional Failure
Be an active learner
Utilizing Advising
Actively engage with faculty and classmates

Balance academic work with GSR/GSI responsibilities

Offer something new to the field through critical thinking
Campus Resources

Offices and departments that can provide you support, whether you are here in person or abroad!
Student Learning Center (SLC)

The Student Learning Center supports a global community of learners as they navigate the cultural expectations and academic rigor of UC Berkeley.

- A variety of programs for different disciplines and majors
  - Writing Program
  - Language Exchange
  - Peer-led advising
- International Student Program: [https://slc.berkeley.edu/international-student-program](https://slc.berkeley.edu/international-student-program)
- Resources for Academic Support: [https://slc.berkeley.edu/general-resources](https://slc.berkeley.edu/general-resources)
Transfer Student Center (TSC)

• Virtual Front Desk
• Academic Counseling
• Mentorship program: https://transfers.berkeley.edu/transferinsights
• Transition Course: https://transfers.berkeley.edu/transitioncourses
Lead Center

- UC Berkeley’s hub for student involvement, leadership development, and co-curricular advising
- Over 1,200 diverse student organizations, organized primarily for students and by students
- Find your student org using Cal Link: https://callink.berkeley.edu/
- Virtual Fall Calapalooza: https://lead.berkeley.edu/calapalooza/
Disabled Students’ Program (DSP)

- Promotes an inclusive environment for students with disabilities and equips students with appropriate accommodations and services to achieve their individual academic goals.
- Apply for services: [https://dsp.berkeley.edu/students/new-students/application-process](https://dsp.berkeley.edu/students/new-students/application-process)
- Various support services:
  - Cal Trio DSP SSS
  - Autism Spectrum Services
  - Career Services
  - And more!
Career Center

Your career portal at Cal:  https://berkeley.joinhandshake.com

Career Center International Student website:
•  https://career.Berkeley.edu (24/7 resources!)
•  https://career.Berkeley.edu/intnlstudents/intnlstudents

Career Mail (weekly e-newsletters with jobs, events & resources)
•  Handshake > Career Interest > Careermail: International students

Virtual Appointments and Drop-ins:
•  30-min appt See schedule and sign up in Handshake
•  10-min drop-in Wed & Thur, 3-5pm, check website for Zoom link
Community Resources

Resources that will help you adjust to life in the US, whenever you arrive!
Housing

- BIO Finding Housing Web Page: https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/housing
- Cal Housing Office: On-campus housing http://www.housing.berkeley.edu/housing/
- UC Berkeley Cal Rentals: Provides rental listings, roommate search tool, housing tips: http://calrentals.housing.berkeley.edu/
- Housing scams & safety information: https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/scams-safety-old
Money & Banking

- BIO Money and Banking web page: https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/money
- BIO Financial Aid Web Page: https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/aid
- Bears for Financial Success: a campus group focusing on financial literacy and helping students manage their expenses. http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/bears-financial-success
Bank of the West

Bank of the West the official bank of UC Berkeley, and is a fundamentally different bank. We are taking bold action for the planet and leading in the areas of sustainability, global impact and diversity.

We’re on Campus
We have a branch and 10 convenient ATMs right on campus for your convenience, as well as other locations across the US for when you head home.

We Have International Reach
As a member of the BNP Paribas Group, our values and presence span the globe across 71 countries. With us, so does your potential!

We’re Sustainable and Diverse
Bank of the West has the strongest environmental stance of any major bank. We also lead diversity by example with a female CEO and nearly 30% female leadership.

Where You Put Your Money Matters
Open a checking account with a bank that finances a sustainable tomorrow.

Now offering two accounts for all Berkeley Students!
Bank of the West

**Now offering two accounts for all Berkeley Students!**

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<th>The bank account designed with students in mind</th>
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<td><strong>1% for the Planet Account</strong></td>
<td><strong>UC Berkeley Student Checking</strong></td>
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<td>• We donate 1% of our net revenue from this account to 1% of the Planet (at no cost to you) *3</td>
<td>• $0 monthly service charge as long as you are a UC Berkeley Student*5</td>
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<td>• $0 monthly service charge with any deposit per statement or if you are under the age of 25*1</td>
<td>• Online and Mobile Banking— check your balance, make deposits, view transactions, and set up low balance alerts *6</td>
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<td>• No minimum opening deposit. No minimum balance requirement</td>
<td>• Open your account with just a $20 deposit. No minimum balance requirement</td>
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<td>• Track CO₂ impact of every purchase made on the 1% for the Planet debit card *2</td>
<td>• Student Perks Bundle— earn debit rewards and get rebates on 2 non-Bank of the West ATM transactions per month. *7</td>
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<td>• Debit card made from 100% biodegradable plastic*4</td>
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*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7* Indications or notes related to the services and features mentioned in the table.
1 - The 1% for the Planet account is the Any Deposit Checking account that donates 1% of the net revenue to environmental nonprofits through the 1% for the Planet organization. $10.00 monthly service charge waived with one deposit of any amount each statement cycle. Deposits include direct deposit, mobile deposit, ATM deposit, or in-branch deposit of any amount. Does not include fund transfers between Bank of the West accounts or any credits from Bank of the West. Opening deposit can be any amount ($0.01 or more). No monthly service charge if any account owner is under age 25.

2 - The carbon tracking tool, which will appear in the Bank of the West Mobile app for 1% for the Planet account, uses the Aland Index, a cloud-based service for carbon impact calculations, to provide a measurement of the potential carbon impact of purchases made with the 1% for the Planet debit card. The calculation is based on the merchant code, a code that indicates the types of goods or services a company provides, and the amount of the purchase. The actual carbon impact may be higher or lower than the measurement provided. The Aland Index is the leading index solution for carbon emission calculations for payments and financial transactions. The Aland Index Solution is a joint venture between Alandsbanken and Doconomy. Bank of the West licenses the Aland Index through Doconomy. To learn more visit alandindexsolutions.com.

3 - Net revenue is defined as fees charged directly to the account, plus interest income, minus losses. Net fees is gross fees charged less reversals. Interest income is defined as the lowest end of the target Fed Funds range during the time period being assessed, multiplied by the average balance of the account and the percent of days in the year during which balances were held. Debit card revenue is not included in the account revenue calculation.

4 - The EMV chip, magnetic strip, ink and hologram are not biodegradable.

A Bank of the West account is not required for any aspect of the Cal 1 Card or its debit feature.

5 - The UC Berkeley Student Checking account offer is only available to UC Berkeley students. A current student Cal 1 Card, transcript, class schedule, or for incoming students an acceptance letter, must be presented at account opening. All accounts are subject to the standard Bank of the West Deposit Account Disclosure for Personal Accounts and the Schedule of Fees and Charges. Renew your UC Berkeley student status before the six-year anniversary of your account by presenting a valid student Cal 1 Card. Otherwise your account will be converted to our Any Deposit Checking product and the $5 monthly Student Perks Bundle fee will no longer be waived.

6 - Bank of the West Mobile App is available for Android™ and iPhone® devices. Mobile Banking is supported on Apple iPhone devices with iOS 4.3 and greater and on Android mobile devices with OS 2.1 and greater.

Wireless carriers may charge fees for text transmissions or data usage. Message frequency depends on account settings. Text HELP to BKWST (25978) for help. Availability of Mobile Banking may be affected by your mobile device’s coverage area.

7 - Student Perks Bundle includes benefits for using non-Bank of the West ATMs and enrollment in debit rewards. The $5 monthly Student Perks Bundle fee is waived for UC Berkeley Student Checking accounts. There’s no Bank of the West charge for two transactions per statement cycle ($2.50 per transaction) for non-Bank of the West ATM transactions (balance inquiry, transfer, withdrawal); and up to $6 per statement cycle for fees charged by non-Bank of the West ATMs for use of their ATMs will be rebated within one business day. Foreign transaction fees may apply.
With more than 1M international students studying in the U.S. under F, J, and M visas, Deserve's mission is to help these deserving students access a U.S. credit card and start establishing their U.S. credit history early.

The Deserve EDU Student Credit Card

- No SSN required for international students to apply
- Amazon Prime Student on us \(^1\)
- 1% Cash Back on all purchases \(^2\)
- Cellphone Protection \(^3\)
- $0 Annual Fee

\(^1\)One year of Amazon Prime Student, with a lifetime value up to $59. See terms and conditions at Deserve.com
\(^2\)All cash back rewards are issued as statement credits, and are automatically applied to your statement in increments of $25. Purchases do not include items returned for credit, or interest and account fees.

\(^3\)Subject to limitations and exclusions. See terms and conditions at Deserve.com/perks.

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$50,000 Deserve Scholarship Sweepstakes

Twenty-five (25) US students and twenty-five (25) international students will receive a $1,000 Deserve 2020-2021 Scholarship.

JULY 27
Sweepstakes Opens

OCT 31
Sweepstakes Closes

NOV 30
Winner Announcement

DEC 15
Check Disbursement

You worked hard to get into college. Let us make it easier for you to pay your tuition.

Visit deserve.com/scholarship for full details and enter today.
Transportation

• BIO Transportation Web Page: General transportation information for international students
  https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/transportation

• BIO Driving in California Web Page: Information on driving and obtaining a driver’s license for international students
  https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/driving

• UC Berkeley Parking and Transportation office:
  http://pt.berkeley.edu/

• Berkeley AC Transit bus system: http://www.actransit.org/

• Berkeley Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) subway system:
  http://www.bart.gov/
Go Bears!