Berkeley International Office Welcomes You!
Welcome

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Agenda

8:30 AM   Welcome
8:40 AM   Navigating Campus
9:00 AM   Wellness & Safety
9:30 AM   Team Builders
10:20 AM  Immigration Essentials
11:15 AM  Next Steps
11:20 AM  Academic with L&S Adviser
12:00 PM  Return to GBO
Digital Folder Materials

- Orientation program/agenda
- BIO flyer
- EAP Handout
- Academic Integrity Handout
- Health Insurance Handout
- Campus Map/Neighborhoods
- Bank of the West Flyer
- Deserve Flyer
Bank of the West

As the official bank of UC Berkeley, Bank of the West provides friendly local service backed by the global strength of BNP Paribas.

Adrian Millen
International Banking Group Manager
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.

If you have questions and / or want to schedule an appointment, please contact the International Banking Group

international.students@bankofthewest.com
Navigating Campus

Information on our office, and the other campus and community resources that will support your success here at UC Berkeley!
Who is BIO?
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
Location

2150 Shattuck Ave
Suite 500
Berkeley, CA 94704

Conveniently located near campus, Downtown Berkeley BART, and several bus lines!
In-Person Services

• Document pick-up and drop-off appointments
• In-person advising appointments

Please note that students seeking in-person services must comply with the university’s campus access, vaccination, and face covering policies.
One-on-One Advising

Meet with an adviser one-on-one via Zoom or in-person to discuss your questions

• Drop in Virtual advising available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10am-12pm and 1-4pm.

• In-Person Advising Appointments Available Monday-Tuesday 10am-12pm, Thursday-Friday 1-4pm.

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
University Structure & Culture
University Structure

- 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
- College of Letters & Science
- College of Natural Resources
- School of Optometry
- School of Public Health
- School of Public Policy
- School of Social Welfare
Classroom Culture

- Lecture
- Laboratory / Studio / Workshop / Field Work
- Seminar
- Section
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
Our decentralized campus requires Persistence + Politeness
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
• Resources for Academic Support: https://slc.berkeley.edu/general-resources
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/](https://callink.berkeley.edu/)
- Virtual Fall Calapalooza: [https://lead.berkeley.edu/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

• Various support services:
  – Cal Trio DSP SSS
  – Autism Spectrum Services
  – Career Services
  – And more!
Basic Needs Center

Supports students with all the essential resources needed to not only survive, but thrive here at UC Berkeley.

Basic needs support includes areas such as:

- Nutritious food
- Stable housing
- Financial sustainability
- Mental wellness

...and much more! Visit their website to view a variety of resources, tools, and information: https://basicneeds.berkeley.edu/home
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
Deserve – EDU Credit Card

If you’re an international student, you’ve come to the right place! Check out why thousands of students at more than 1,400 universities are starting their credit journey with Deserve. **You don’t need an SSN or even a credit history to apply.**

Deserve* has been helping the nationwide student body access credit since 2014. With multiple awards from NerdWallet, Money Magazine, Fast Company, and more, our Student EDU Card(link is external) is one of the best, most reliable student cards on the market.

*All Deserve Cards are issued by Celtic Bank, a Utah-Chartered Industrial Bank, Member FDIC.
Deserve
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!