



# Transfer Pre - Arrival Webinar



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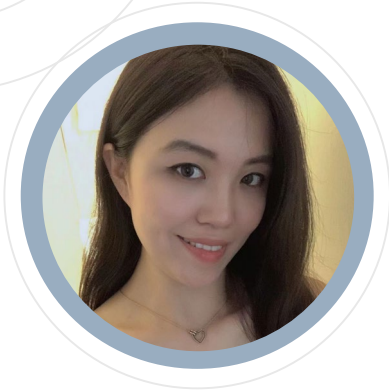
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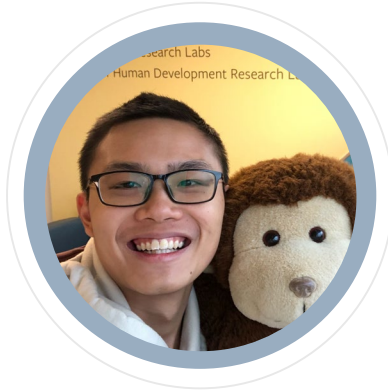
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# Agenda

**Intro to Berkeley International Office (BIO)**

**Intro to Transfer Student Center (TSC)**

**Intro to Career Center**

**Immigration**

**Academics & Student Life**

**Transfer Student Q&A**



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# Berkeley International Office

More than just an immigration office!

# What can BIO do for you?

- Advising: in - person, email, or phone
  - Employment
  - Financial matters
  - Personal/cultural adjustment
  - Immigration matters
  - . . . and so much more!
- Workshops & webinars
- Programming: social, cultural, leadership

If you don't know where to go, come to us!





# Advising Services

- No appointment, drop - in only
- Location: Zoom!
- Hours: 10 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM 4 PM, Weekdays except Wed.
- Email:  
[internationaloffice@berkeley.edu](mailto:internationaloffice@berkeley.edu)

We will be moving to a hybrid model in August, so stay tuned for more information to come!



# Physical Location

2150 Shattuck Ave

Suite #500

Berkeley, CA 94704

Close to campus

Easily accessible by BART and bus!





# Upcoming Resources



## International Student Orientation

**Aug 18, 1 - 5 PM PDT**

- Receive important immigration information
- Introduction to Cal
- Make new friends!

## Social Programming

- BIO Bear Meetups
- Remote Start Cohort Program
- Global Pen Pal Program
- Affinity Space

# Stay Connected

## Weekly Newsletter

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

## Social Media

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Wechat



## Website

- [www.international.office.edu](http://www.international.office.edu)
- First place to look for information before advising



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**TRANSFER**  
STUDENT **CENTER**

Support tailored to the  
transfer student experience

# What can TSC do for you?

- L&S 198 Transitioning to Cal
  - 1 unit upper - division elective
- Academic Counseling
- Success Workshops
- Transfer Community
- Mentorship Programs
- Leadership opportunities

100 Cesar E. Chavez Student Center





# TRANSFER STUDENT CENTER

## Services We Provide

100 Cesar E. Chavez

[transfers.berkeley.edu](https://transfers.berkeley.edu)

### Visit the Transfer Student Center

The Transfer Student Center provides assistance to students who transfer to Cal from other colleges or universities. The center is located in 100 Cesar E. Chavez Student Building.

### Enroll in L&S 198

A one-unit transition course designed to assist first semester transfer students with making a successful transition to the research university. Students explore academic strategies, campus resources, and learn from one another about thriving at Cal.

### Major Insights Mentoring Program

This program connects first semester transfers with continuing transfers in the same major. Mentors meet with first semester transfers once or twice during the semester to discuss academic expectations, explore resources, and offer tips for navigating student life at Cal.

### Transfer Success Workshops

This workshop series introduces transfer students to academic strategies and enrichment opportunities. Workshop topics include budgeting, time management, research, studying abroad and more.

### Advising

One-on-one advising for transfer students includes assistance with transitioning, navigating, academic planning tips, financial aid assistance, exploring career opportunities, campus resources and more.

### Leadership Opportunities

Leadership opportunities are available each semester and focus on addressing community needs and fostering leadership and public service. Students can earn 1-3 units of academic credit.

## Transitioning to Cal: An Introduction to the Research University for Transfers

### Fall 2021 Transition Courses

**Letters & Science 198: Transitioning to Cal: An Introduction to the Research University for Transfers**  
One unit; Pass/Not Pass

**Course Description:** This class is designed to help facilitate your transition by improving your knowledge of the research university and its resources, assisting you in identifying key academic skills and strategies for academic success, and by fostering a sense of community. The course will focus on academic strategies for upper division course work with particular emphasis on time management skills, critical reading, exam preparation, and writing skills. You will learn about various campus resources and opportunities that are available to you as a Cal student. Participation, group work, and class discussion are an integral part of this course.

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Sec. 2	Mondays	2pm-3pm	Wheeler 130	Class Nbr: 26702
Sec. 3	Tuesdays	9am-10am	Dwinelle 229	Class Nbr: 26710
Sec. 4	Tuesdays	10am-11am	Dwinelle 209	Class Nbr: 26703
Sec. 5	Tuesdays	11am-12pm	Evans 70	Class Nbr: 26704
Sec. 6	Tuesdays	12pm-1pm	Evans 70	Class Nbr: 26705
Sec. 7	Tuesdays	2pm-3pm	Hearst Field Annex B5	Class Nbr: 26707
Sec. 8	Tuesdays	3pm-4pm	Hearst Field Annex B5	Class Nbr: 26711
Sec. 9	Tuesdays	4pm-5pm	Social Sciences Building 155	Class Nbr: 26716
Sec. 10	Wednesdays	10am-11am	Wheeler 200	Class Nbr: 26708
Sec. 11	Wednesdays	11am-12pm	Social Sciences Building 155	Class Nbr: 26709
Sec. 12	Wednesdays	3pm-4pm	Mulford 240	Class Nbr: 26712
Sec. 13	Thursdays	10am-11am	Social Sciences Building 136	Class Nbr: 26713
Sec. 14	Thursdays	11am-12pm	Evans 70	Class Nbr: 26714
Sec. 15	Thursdays	1pm-2pm	Social Sciences Building 175	Class Nbr: 26715



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# Transition Course



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# Academic Counseling

[transfers.berkeley.edu/programs](https://transfers.berkeley.edu/programs)  
appointments

- and - services/virtual -



# Connect With Us



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<https://transfers.berkeley.edu/>



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# We Are Here to Help!

Summer Virtual Front Desk: Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm  
[transfers.berkeley.edu/programs](https://transfers.berkeley.edu/programs) - and - [services/virtual community - space](https://transfers.berkeley.edu/services/virtual-community-space)

Text us your questions Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm  
Text questions to: 510 - 986 - 4300



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# The Career Center

Employment Support

# The Career Center

We are here for you

- Designated career counselor for int'l students

Engage with us early!

- The job/internship search begins right after the start of the Fall semester. Take actions early, use services
- Meet with a career counselor

What can we do for you:

- One-on-one career appointments
- Job search skill workshops
- Career fairs and networking events with employers and alumni
- On-campus interviews
- [Handshake](#) - the online career system for you to apply for job/internship postings



Jing Han

*Career Counselor for  
International Students*

# The Career Center

## TAKE YOUR FIRST STEPS TOWARD CAREER PREPARATION



### 1 Make an appointment at [career.berkeley.edu/info/makeappt](https://career.berkeley.edu/info/makeappt)

Career counseling and peer advisor drop-in times are available.



### 2 Activate your Handshake account at [handshake.berkeley.edu](https://handshake.berkeley.edu)

Log in with your **CalNet ID** to find jobs and register for events.





### 3 Subscribe to CareerMail in Handshake

Sign up for mailing lists by completing the *career interests* section in Handshake.

#### Stay connected with us:

Working Hour: 9AM - 5PM, M-F  
Career.berkeley.edu, 510 - 642 - 1716  
2440 Bancroft Way

 /CalCareerCenter  
 @CalCareer Center

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CENTER**



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# Immigration

The Basics and Important Updates



# Up - to - Date Information

- COVID- 19 Updates & FAQ:  
[https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/covid-updates - faq](https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/covid-updates-faq)
- Immigration Policy Updates:  
[https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/immigration/policy - updates](https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/immigration/policy-updates)

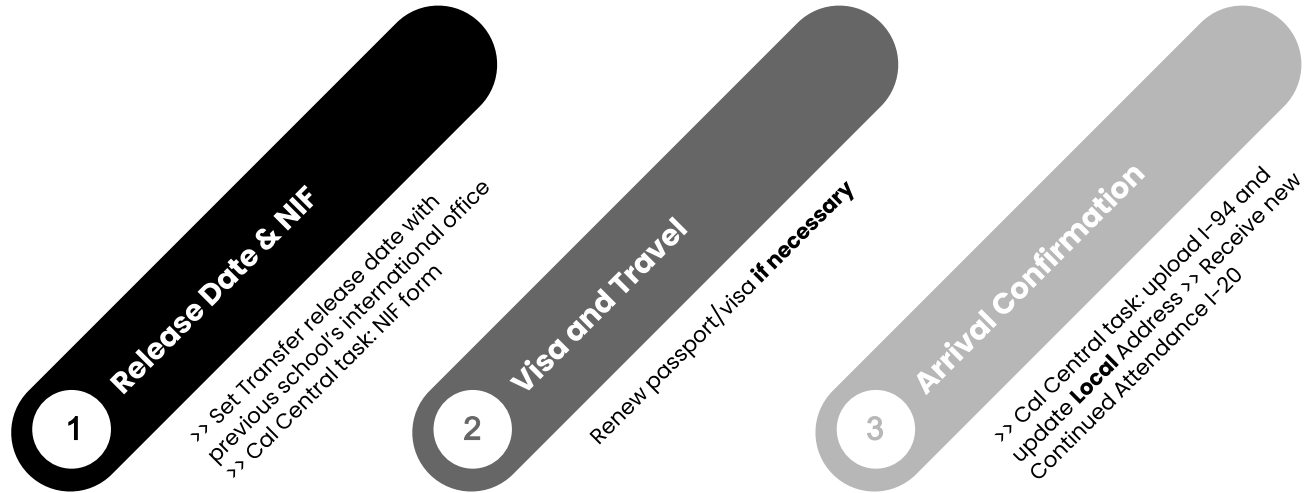


# Fall 2021

- Default instructional mode will be primarily in person. Students should plan to arrive in the US to begin their studies before the Fall semester begins
- If you are having difficulty entering the US or obtaining a US visa, reach out to our office to discuss your options!
- University COVID - 19 vaccination requirement: <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/requirements/covid19>



# Arrival Process



# Release Date

- Do you qualify?
  - Currently in valid F - 1 Status
  - Less than 5 months between programs
- Contact previous school's international office to transfer I - 20 to UC Berkeley within 60 days of completing program of study or OPT
- BIO can only produce an I - 20 after this date
- Deadline to transfer is August 21

If your release date is after August 21, please contact [nif@berkeley.edu](mailto:nif@berkeley.edu) to discuss your case

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement


I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512

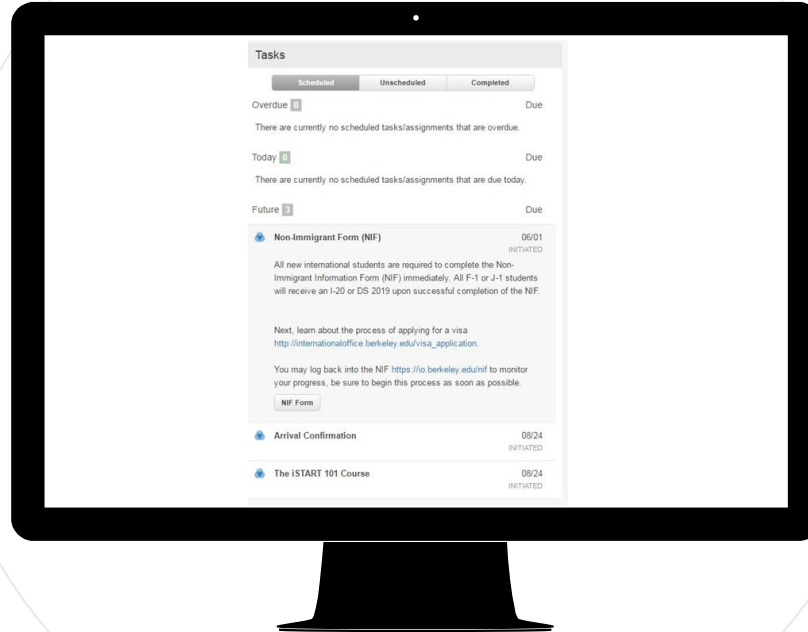
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PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Saith	PASSPORT NAME JOHN DOE-SAITH	ACADEMIC LEVEL L
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1988	ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON Transfer Pending - Harvard University	LEGACY NAME John Doe-Saith	
SCHOOL INFORMATION		
SCHOOL NAME SDV School for Advanced SDV Studies SDV School for Advanced SDV Studies		SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Helene Robertson 0000		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE 3AL214F0444000 03 APRIL 2015
PROGRAM OF STUDY		
EDUCATION LEVEL DOCTORATE	MAJOR 1 Economics, General (5.0601)	MAJOR 2 None (00.0000)
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 72 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NO. Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2021	
FINANCIALS		
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS
Personal Funds \$ 23,000		Personal Funds
Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship \$ 6,000		Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship
Funds From Another Source \$ 3,000		Funds From Another Source
On-Campus Employment \$ 32,000		On-Campus Employment
TOTAL		TOTAL

03 APRIL 2015. Please report to ISSS upon arrival.

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# Complete the NIF



- Login to Cal Central
- Click on the NIF task to input information and upload funding documents
- 10 days processing time from completion

# Visa & Travel

- Travel is not recommended! If you want to study in the US, best to remain in the US.
- Must renew passport if it will expire within 6 months, must renew visa if it is expired and you are outside the country.
- Since the SEVIS number will be the same, can use the same visa from previous school if it is still valid





# Arrival Confirmation

## Complete U.S.Address/Phone Number task

- Temporary or short - term addresses are accepted
- Also update information in Cal Central account in the **Local Address** field

## Complete Arrival Confirmation task

- Upload your I-94 (does not need to be recent)

Complete as soon as possible after arrival in the US, but no more than 30 days prior to your program start date.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Securing America's Borders

Number  I-94 FAQ

Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 69000888062

Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 10/10/2012

Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name:	LI
First (Given) Name:	LYDIA
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	01/01/1990
Number:	P123123213
Country of Issuance:	Mexico
(MM/DD/YYYY):	04/11/2012
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Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1651-0058	
SEVIS ID: N0004705512			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Jin Jin		GIVEN NAME Jin	CLASS  <b>F-1</b>  ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME Jin Jin		PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH CHINA		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP CHINA	
DATE OF BIRTH 11 January 1990		ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM INSET REASON (Initial ATTENDANCE)		LEGACY NAME Jin Jin	
SCHOOL INFORMATION		SCHOOL ADDRESS	
SCHOOL NAME JIN JIN School for Advanced Studies		8002 Henry Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20714	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Jin Jin		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE JINJIN 12/15/2015	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL POSTGRADUATE		MAJOR 1 General (S, D, E)	MAJOR 2 None
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 24 Months		PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Beginner	
PROGRAM START DATE 12/15/2015		PROGRAM END DATE 12/15/2017	
FINANCIALS			
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees \$ 22,000		Perkins Grant \$ 3,000	
Living Expenses \$ 6,000		Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship \$ 28,000	
Insurance of Dependents (if)		Other Financial Sources \$	
Other \$		On-Campus Employment \$	
TOTAL \$ 28,000		TOTAL \$ 32,000	
REMARKS			
Orientation begins 8/22/2015. Please report to ISS upon arrival.			
SCHOOL ATTESTATION			
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I warrant that the form is the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school or the student's application, transcripts, or other records of academic and/or financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's 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 CFR 214.2(b)(9). I am a designated school official as the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.			
SIGNATURE OF School Official Jin Jin		DATE ISSUED 21 April 2015	PLACE ISSUED Ft. Washington, MD
STUDENT ATTESTATION			
I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of my country of origin. I certify that all information provided on this form before specifically to me and is true and correct as the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also certify that I intend to comply with all information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(b)(9) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.			
SIGNATURE OF Jin Jin		DATE	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN		ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	
SIGNATURE		DATE	

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# Academics & Student Life

The Student Perspective

# Introducing Shan

Name: Shan He

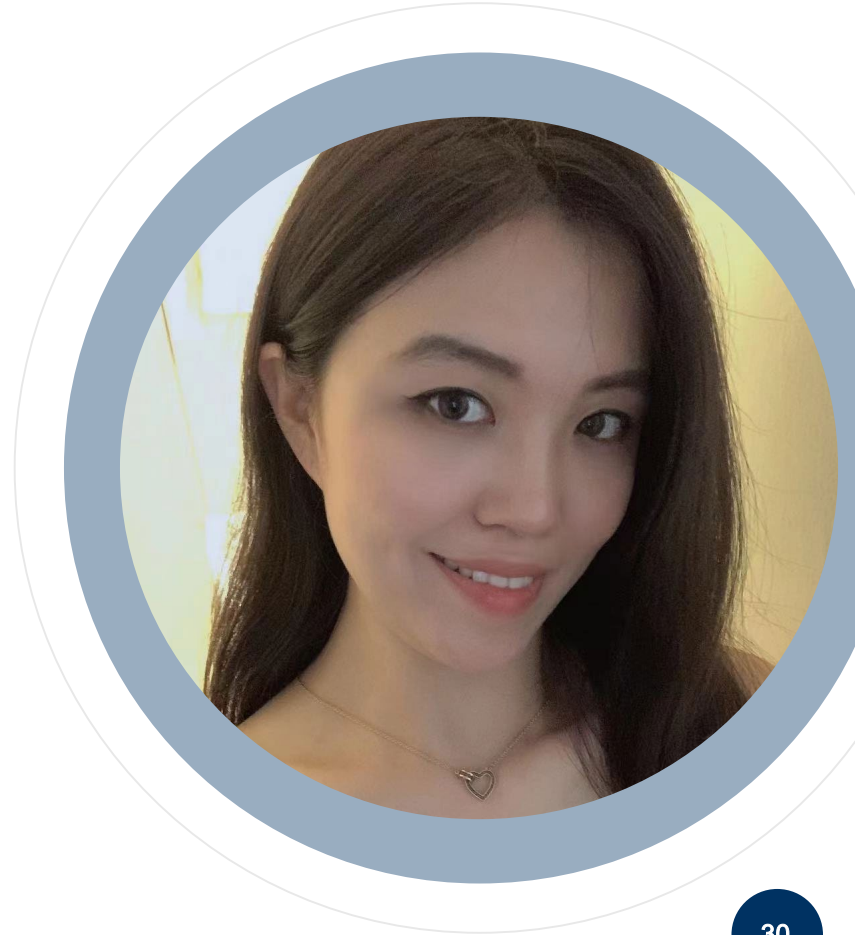
Year: Senior

Major: Media Studies

Home Country: China

Transfer from: Santa Barbara City College

Involvement: BIO's Peer Mentorship  
Program



# First Semester

## Challenges

- Virtual Classes
- Language Barrier
- Transaction - Lack of Belonging(from CC to UC)
- Procrastination
- Lack of social connection with others & Campus life
- Lack of self - motivation

## Opportunities

- Abundant online resources
- Learn to manage time more efficiently.
- Scheduling Flexibility
- Broaden experience
- Gain experience using web-based tools and technologies



# Tips/Advice



- **Meet With Your Advisor/Mentor, don't hesitate to ask for help.**
- **Attend Orientation**
- **Get Involved in Campus Activities**
- **Plan Ahead**
- **Time - management**
- **Balance your study and social life.**



# Introducing Sam

Name: Sam Tan

Year: Senior

Major: Statistics

Home Country: Guangzhou, China

Transfer from: Diablo Valley College

Involvement: Potential Orientation Leader



# First Semester

## Challenges

- Prolonged periods staring at a screen, resulting in eye fatigue.

## Opportunities

- Online lectures are recorded - personalized learning speed.
  - pause and ponder
  - Less notetaking



# Tips/Advice



- Join the Piazza group for your department(STATS 001, DATA 001, EECS 001)
- Forming study groups
- Summer internship
- SURF

# Introducing Vincent

Name: Vincent The

Year: Senior

Major: Economics

Home Country: Indonesia

Transfer from: Diablo Valley College

Involvement: Potential Orientation Leader



# First Semester

## Challenges

- Language Barrier
- Lack of Belonging (Homesick)
- Cultural Shock
- Lack of Social Life due to virtual classes
- Lack of time
- Stress and depression

## Opportunities

- Orientations
- Club activities
- LS- 198 (Directed Group Study)
- Career fairs
- Libraries
- Academic advisors and Major advisors
- Recreational Sport Facility



# Tips/Advice



- Take one step at a time
- Don't be afraid to ask for help
- Advisors will always be there to help you through your obstacles
- Be involved in club and campus activities
- Time management
- Remember why you come to UC Berkeley in the first place
- Health is important so be sure to exercise

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# Transfer Student Q&A

What do YOU want to know?





# Thank You!

**Any questions?**

**Berkeley International Office**

- [internationaloffice@berkeley.edu](mailto:internationaloffice@berkeley.edu)
- (510) 642-2818

**Transfer Student Center**

- (510) 642-4257