

Welcome to Berkeley!

While you wait for the SIM to start, BIO wants to share some tips to help you get settled and maximize your time in the Bay Area. We hope you find this information helpful.

The Scholar Information Meeting (SIM) will begin shortly.

Getting Around Campus and Berkeley

Bear Transit (Campus Shuttle) is available for Cal ID holders. Bear Transit provides convenient transportation between campus, Downtown Berkeley BART, parking lots, Clark Kerr campus, the Hill area, Richmond Field Station (RFS) and Campus Shared Services on 4th Street.

For information on shuttle stops and times, visit:

<http://pt.berkeley.edu/around/beartransit>



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BearWALK (Dusk – 3 am)

- UC Berkeley student escorts walk you to your destination
- Last call is accepted at 2:30 am
- <http://nightsafety.berkeley.edu/nightsafety/escort>



Door to Door Service (3 am – 5:30 am)

- A shuttle will be dispatched to your location within the pick up area and will drop you almost anywhere within the drop off service area boundaries

**To book your shuttle pick up and BearWALK escort service
call (510) 642-9255 or visit bearwalk.berkeley.edu**

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Night Safety Shuttle (7:30pm – 3 am)

- Safe nighttime transit to and from the campus
- Free and view the shuttles in real time after 7:30pm at <http://bearwalk-old.ridecell.com/bustracking/>

Visit nightsafety.berkeley.edu for more information

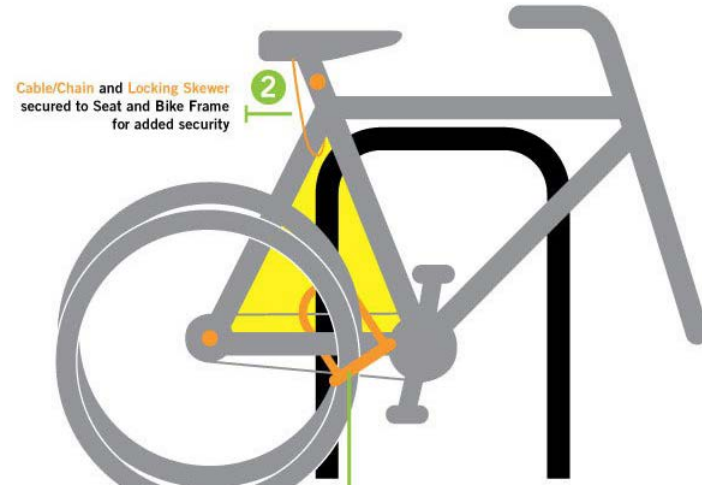
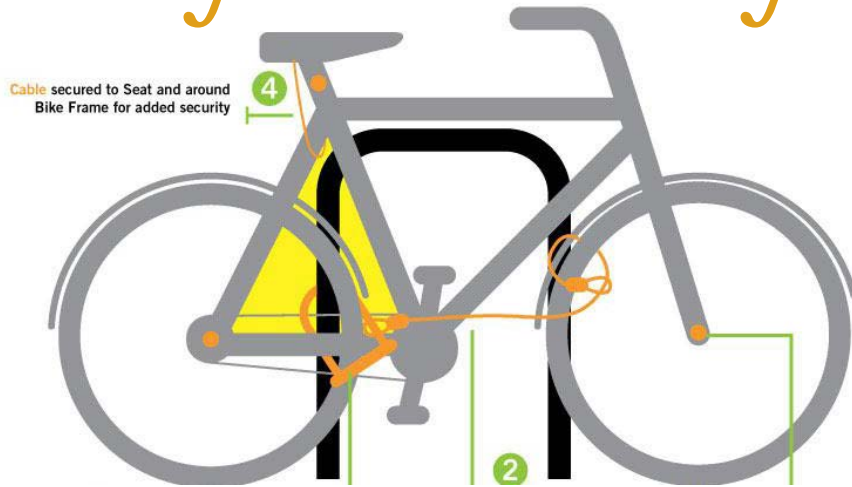


**“What is the oldest
building on the campus?
How old?”**

South Hall is the oldest building on the campus.
Built in 1873, **145 years old!!**



Bicycle Safety



- ❑ License your bicycle (required by state law). Can do this at UCPD
- ❑ Use a high quality “U-lock” Lock both tires & frame to a fixed rack
- ❑ Always secure the seat
- ❑ Do not leave bicycles out overnight
- ❑ Recommended to wear a helmet

Drug & Alcohol Laws in the U.S.

- Legal drinking age in the US is **21**
- Alcohol and drug-related arrests and convictions can have serious consequences for J visa holders. Be safe and avoid activities that could put your visa status at risk!



State vs. Federal Laws

When state and federal laws are at conflict, visa holders must comply with federal US law to avoid visa issues. While possession or use of marijuana for recreational purposes is legal in California, this is in conflict with federal US law, which prohibits recreational marijuana.

EMERGENCIES

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from all campus phones

(510) 642-3333 from cell phone

Also (Code Blue) Emergency Phones

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Clipper Card

- All-in-one transit card for the Bay Area
- Clipper Cards are available online at www.clippercard.com and at local Walgreens stores.
- Clipper Card is accepted on:
 - BART
 - AC Transit
 - Cal Train
 - Ferry Systems
 - SF Muni



For more information about local transportation, see page 12 of the SIM Resource Guide

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Easy Pass

- Discounted AC Transit pass
- Costs \$504 per year and is pro-rated
- Contact Parking and Transportation to be sure if you are eligible.
- Must have a valid Cal ID Card to enroll.



Visit <http://pt.berkeley.edu/> for more information

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AC Transit is the public bus system that services Alameda County.

Cash Rates (as of August 2018; check website for up-to-date fares)

- \$2.35/Adult and \$1.15/Youth & Senior for Local Single Ride
- \$5.00 for a Local Day Pass
- \$4.50/Adult and \$2.20/Youth for Single Ride to San Francisco (Transbay ride)

Discounted Rates if using a Clipper Card

<http://www.actransit.org/>



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- There are three BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) stations within a short walking distance from campus: **Downtown Berkeley, North Berkeley, and Ashby.**
- Runs to the Oakland and San Francisco airports.
- Connects to CalTrain, SF Muni, AC Transit, Amtrak, Ferries, etc.



<http://www.bart.gov/>

BART by the Numbers

- Started in **1972**
- Carrying approximately **170,000** passengers per week
- Embarcadero and Montgomery stations are the busiest in the BART system.
- Antioch (yellow) line carries the largest number of people

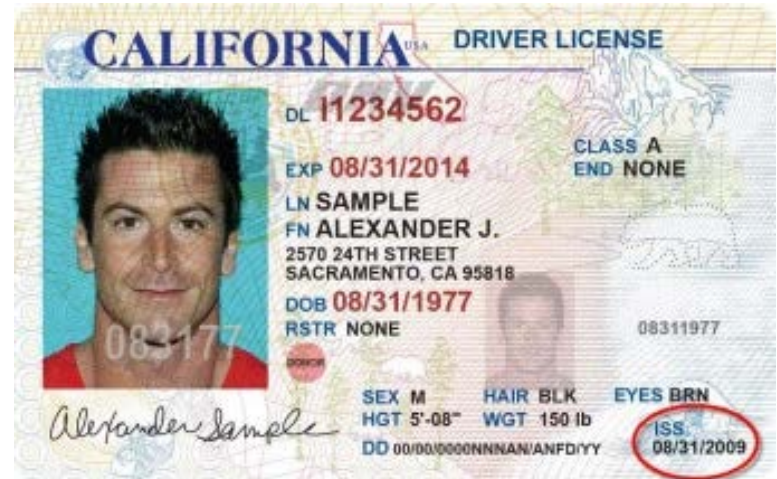


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CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE/CALIFORNIA ID

To Apply :

- ☐ Social Security Card, if applicable
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ I-94 Admission Information
- ☐ DS-2019
- ☐ **TWO** documents showing your proof of residency in California



www.dmv.ca.gov

To See and Do on Campus

There's always something going on in Berkeley. Whether you're interested in performing arts or chamber music, sports, astronomy or archeology, or outdoor activities, there's something for you.

The following slides will provide more information.

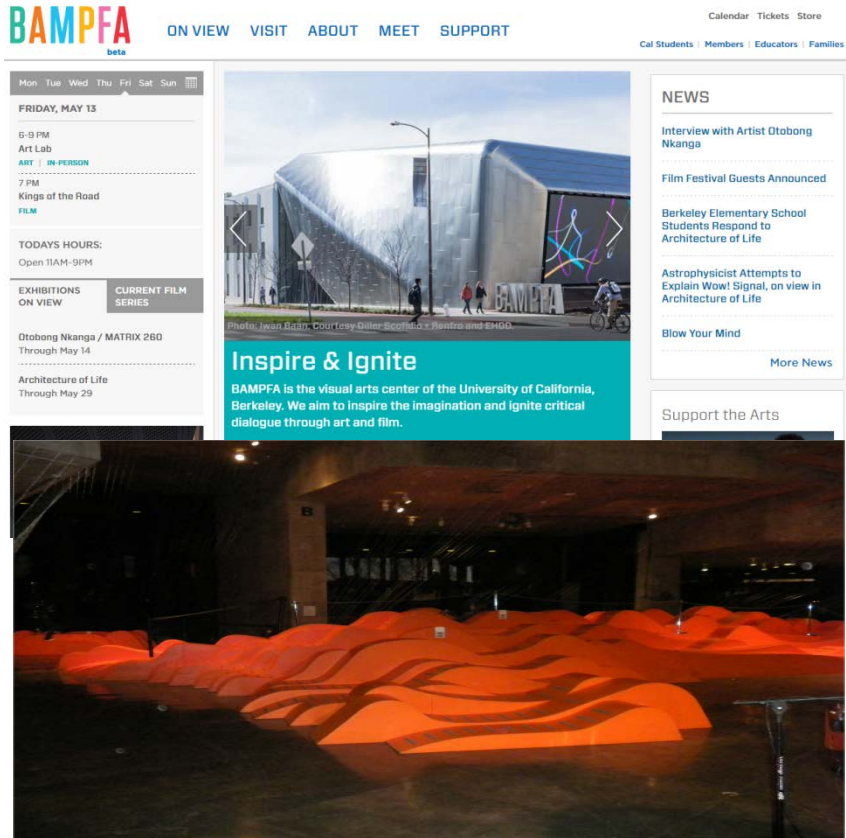


**“How many libraries are
on the campus?”**

32 constituent and affiliated libraries together make it the **fourth largest** university library by number of volumes in the United State.



Berkeley Art Museum/PFA



- <http://bampfa.org/>
- Wed., Thurs. & Sun., 11am to 7pm
- Friday and Saturday 11am to 9pm
- Gallery Free with Cal ID
- Theater \$9 with Cal ID
- Free admission to the galleries and public programs on the first Thursday of every month.
- 2155 Center Street, Berkeley, CA

UC Berkeley Campus Tours

- **Free Public Walking Tours**
 - Offered seven days a week
 - [Online reservation required](#)
- **Self-guided Tours**
 - Find out about campus on your mobile device or computer
- **Koret Visitor Center**
 - Helps visitors plan their campus visit
 - 2227 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley
 - <http://visit.berkeley.edu/>



Cal Athletics

- Cal Golden Bears
- 13 Men's Teams
- 15 Women's Team
- <http://www.calbears.com/>

Regular Season Home Games for the following Cal sports are free to the general public:

Men's Athletics	Women's Athletics
Crew	Crew
Cross Country	Cross Country
Golf	Field Hockey
Gymnastics	Golf
Swimming and Diving	Lacrosse
Tennis	Swimming and Diving
Track and Field	Tennis
	Track and Field
	Water Polo



Cal Outdoor Adventures

- Cal Adventures is the Outdoor Experiential Education Program at UC Berkeley.
- They offer instructional sailing, paddleboarding, windsurfing, sea kayaking, rock climbing and rappelling classes as well as various custom designed trips and day programs.
- <http://recsports.berkeley.edu/outdoor-adventures/>

Recreation Sports

- Recreation Sports Facility for Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors to campus. For membership information, stop by 2301 Bancroft Way.
- Access to pools
- Intramural Sports
- Group Classes
- 30 Days Free Trial with Cal ID
- <http://recsports.berkeley.edu/>



Cal Performances

- Features international arts, music, dance, and theatre
- Rush tickets – discounted tickets one hour before program
- <http://calperformances.org/>



Lawrence Hall of Science

- UC Berkeley's public science center
- Fun and interesting exhibitions
- 3-D Theater
- Planetarium
- Free for UC Berkeley students and staff.
- Take Bear Transit Hill Line (Monday-Friday only)
- <http://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/>



Berkeley Botanical Garden

- Plants of all kinds
- Beautiful walk
- Take Bear Transit H (Monday-Friday)
- Free - First Wednesday of each month and with Cal ID
- 9am-5 pm (Greenhouses and Redwood Grove close at 4:30 pm)
- <http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu>



To See and Do Off Campus

Near to campus you will find many theatres, parks, and boutique shops:

- Berkeley Marina
- Tilden Park
- Berkeley Repertory Theatre
- Solano Avenue



Berkeley Marina

- Beautiful view of San Francisco
- Boats and yachts
- Fishing on the pier
- Restaurants
- Walking/bicycling paths
- Take 51B (to Marina) or rent a car



Dining in Berkeley

For quick tips and recommendations on local eats, try sites like Zagat or Yelp. Some of our favorite Berkeley spots include:

- Mezzo
- Brazil Fresh Squeeze Cafe
- Cheeseboard Pizza
- Zachary's Chicago Pizza
 - Zagat.com
 - <http://www.yelp.com/berkeley>



Neighboring Cities to Explore

- Oakland
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- San Rafael
- Santa Cruz
- Napa/Sonoma



San Francisco - Golden Gate Bridge

- Take SF's bus, MUNI
(40-50 min from Transbay Bus Terminal)
- Ground-breaking project
- Worth taking a walk or bike ride across
- Great in photos



◆ Golden Gate Bridge is far from Golden Gate Park ◆

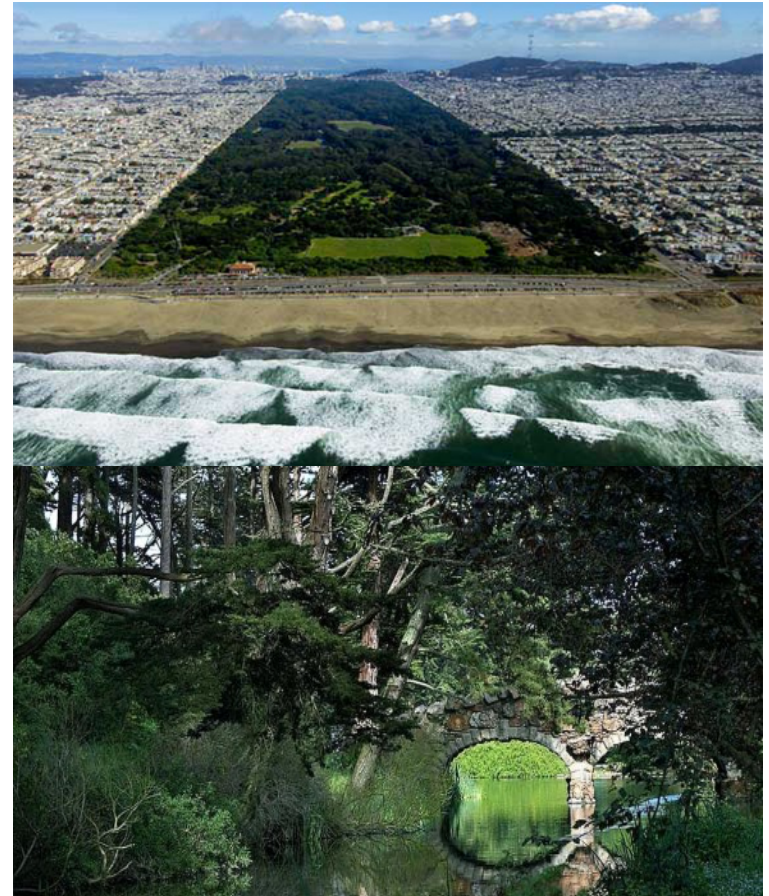
Bike your way around SF

- Rent a bike, cross the Golden Gate Bridge, ferry back (\$30-70)
- Motor karts are also available
- Safety first! Wear a helmet!
- Cross over to Sausalito and take a ferry back
- Bring your bike from Berkeley.
- Buses and BART are bike-friendly



Golden Gate Park

- Music festivals
- Cal Academy of Science
- De Young museum
- Legion of Honor
- Japanese Tea Garden



Local News Sources

Bay Area News Sites

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/>

San Francisco Examiner

<http://www.sfgate.com/>

San Francisco Chronicle

insidebayarea.com/oakland-tribune

East Bay Times

<http://patch.com/california/berkeley>

Berkeley Patch

<http://www.dailycal.org/>

Daily Californian

Transportation

511.org

SF Bay Area information for transit, traffic, ridesharing, bicycling and more

actransit.org

Alameda County Public Bus- routes, schedules, fares, etc.

bart.gov

Rapid transit system- routes, schedules, fares, etc.

sfmuni.org

San Francisco Municipal Transit- routes, schedules, fares, etc