

INFORMATION SHEET 2015-2016

CONTACT INFORMATION	
University Homepage	http://www.berkeley.edu/
Global Engagement Office (GEO) website	http://globalengagement.berkeley.edu/international-partner-program
APPLICATION	
Eligibility	Graduate / Post Graduate Students Only
Application Deadline	April 1, 2015
Application Procedures and Documents	http://globalengagement.berkeley.edu/application
Application Results	Once a department has reached its decision, notification will be made <i>via</i> email to applicants with a copy to the partner institution administrator. The partner institution administrator will also be notified of unsuccessful applications. At Berkeley, the reason for denial could result from an unexpected increase in student population or an unexpected decline in the number of faculty available to teach. In the United States, it is not considered appropriate for students or advisors to contact the department directly about their decision. If a department denies a student, the student's application cannot be sent to another department for review.
ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Year	Fall Semester: August 19, 2015 - December 18, 2015 Spring Semester: January 12, 2016 – May 13, 2016
Academic Calendar	http://opa.berkeley.edu/AcademicCalendar/calendar.aspx
Department Exceptions/Restrictions	<p>The Department of Economics charges a \$2500 fee per semester for all visitors to the department. Students enrolling in courses via Concurrent Enrollment do not need to pay this fee.</p> <p>The School of Information does not accept auditors.</p> <p>The following departments do not participate in the GEO Exchange Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UC Berkeley School of Law • The Haas School of Business • The Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism
Auditing Courses	<p>Exchange students may audit courses at the permission of the professor. Please note that auditors may attend courses but will NOT be expected to turn in assignments/papers or sit for exams, as professors will NOT evaluate them. Professors cannot provide auditors with a grade at the end of the semester. <i>Exchange students seeking official credit for courses taken at UC Berkeley must enroll through Concurrent Enrollment (please see next section).</i></p> <p>Auditing courses is optional. If the applicant's primary interest in coming to UC Berkeley is to conduct research related to writing his/her dissertation, it is not necessary to take courses.</p>

	<p>GEO will provide auditors with an ‘audit report’ at the end of their time at Berkeley, which will list the courses that the student audited. It is possible for students to enroll in 1 or 2 courses (no more than 5 units) via Concurrent Enrollment with a J-1 visa (see fees below).</p> <p>After arriving on the Berkeley campus, auditors must pay a University Services Fee of \$500.</p> <p><i>*Students coming to UC Berkeley to audit courses or do research will enter the United States on a J-1 Research Scholar visa.</i></p>
Concurrent Enrollment	<p>The Concurrent Enrollment program allows students from international partner universities to enroll in courses offered at Berkeley for one or two semesters on a space-available basis, without applying for admission to a UC Berkeley degree program. Students who wish to enroll with Concurrent Enrollment must take a full course load. The Graduate Division at Berkeley defines a full course load as 12 units per semester. Effective the 2014 Fall Semester, Concurrent Enrollment will charge \$655 per unit. The Concurrent Enrollment program is administered by UC Berkeley Extension.</p> <p>Concurrent Enrollment: http://extension.berkeley.edu/info/concurrent.html Schedule of Classes: http://schedule.berkeley.edu/</p> <p><i>*Students who enroll in courses via Concurrent Enrollment will enter the United States on an F-1 visa. It is mandatory that students who come on an F-1 visa enroll in a minimum of 12 units per semester.</i></p> <p>Concurrent Enrollment Fees (Fees subject to change):</p> <p>One Semester: Tuition (12 units): \$7860 International Student Fee: \$200 Cal1 Card/Concurrent Enrollment Fee: \$375</p> <p>Full Academic Year: Tuition (24 units): \$15,720 International Student Fee: \$200 Cal1 Card/Concurrent Enrollment Fee: \$375</p>
Courses at Berkeley: Offered on a Space-Available Basis Only	<p>GEO cannot guarantee that an exchange student will be able to audit or enroll in (via Concurrent Enrollment) every course they wish to take. Courses are offered on a space-available basis. Some courses may be impacted due to high enrollment of domestic students.</p> <p>Please be aware that not all courses listed in a department’s curriculum are offered every semester. Student demand and faculty availability has a great effect on determining what courses are offered.</p>
Language Requirements	<p>Exchange students enrolling in courses via Concurrent Enrollment must submit a TOEFL score report of at least 90 IBT.</p> <p>Exchange students who are auditing and/or doing research do not need to provide proof of English language skills, unless required by the department. However, our office expects that our partner institutions will not nominate students for this exchange program whose English level is below a TOEFL score of less than 90 IBT.</p>

Required Course Load for J-1 and F-1 Students	<p>J-1 Students: Students auditing courses and/or doing research are not required to take a minimum number of courses. It is possible for students to enroll in 1 or 2 courses via Concurrent Enrollment on a J-1 visa.</p> <p>F-1 Students: In accordance with federal regulations governing F-1 students in the US, international graduate students must follow a full-time and directed course of study. Full-time means a minimum of 12 units per semester and directed means that for the most part the student must be studying within a single department. A minority of the student's coursework may occur in a separate though closely related department with the special permission of the host faculty at Berkeley.</p>
Visa Requirements	<p>Visas for incoming exchange students will be processed by UC Berkeley.</p> <p>Students coming to UC Berkeley to audit courses or do research will enter the United States on a J-1 Research Scholar visa: (J-1 visa) DS-2019 Processing/Shipping: \$450, J-1 visa: \$160</p> <p>Students who enroll in courses via Concurrent Enrollment will enter the United States on an F-1 visa: F-1 visa: \$160</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Housing	<p>Housing is not guaranteed. Most exchange students spending a semester at Berkeley prefer stay at the International House. It has several advantages. The International House is ideally located at the edge of campus. Your furnishings and meals are provided; and you may confirm your housing before leaving home. The International House on the Berkeley Campus accepts reservations for one semester or more on a space-available basis. (http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/)</p>
Health Insurance for J-1 and F-1 Students	<p>Exchange students are required to have health insurance that meets the U.S. Department of State's regulations. If their insurance does not meet the approved levels, they may purchase insurance through our provider. If their home insurance meets the U.S. Department of State regulations for health insurance, they may request an exemption from purchasing this insurance. Please see the UC Berkeley Visiting Scholars Benefit Plan found here: http://www.garnett-powers.com/academics/ucb/index.htm</p> <p>http://vspa.berkeley.edu/visiting-researcher-scholar-health-insurance-and-requirements</p>

USEFUL WEBSITES	
Berkeley International Office	http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/
Visiting Scholars and Postdoc Affairs	https://vspa.berkeley.edu/
Concurrent Enrollment	http://extension.berkeley.edu/info/concurrent.html
UC Berkeley Visiting Scholars Benefit Plan	http://www.garnett-powers.com/academics/ucb/
University Health Services	http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/vspd/visitingscholar.shtml
International House	http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/applicants/rates.php
Cal Rentals	https://calrentals.housing.berkeley.edu/
Craigslist Apartment Rentals	http://sfbay.craigslist.org/search/apa/eby?query=&srchType=A&minAsk=&maxAsk=&bedrooms=&nh=48
Visitor Services	http://visitors.berkeley.edu/
Getting to Berkeley	http://visitors.berkeley.edu/gethere/public_transit.shtml
Campus Map	http://berkeley.edu/map/