

University of California in Berkeley Info Guide

UC Berkeley is a very prestigious public university, as well as the first official University of California, founded March 23, 1868. This university has the stereotype of being a reach or dream school for many applicants.

Berkeley University of California is a beautiful campus filled with grassy lawns to picnic, study, or spend time with friends. Their campus is filled with amazing buildings with spectacular architectural designs. A couple of blocks from down the hill of the university is a small neighborhood filled with cafes, restaurants, and a grocery store. Very close to this college is the city of San Francisco. Being so close to the Bay allows students to walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, explore in parks, go to China/Japan Town, or just discover the different aspects of the vast city.

Statistics:

Selectivity

- Acceptance Rate of 16%
- Graduation Rate of 92%

School Size

- Large School with 31,361 Undergraduates & 6,397 Freshman

Student to Faculty ratio

- Although the University of California Berkeley is a large school, they have a student to faculty ratio of 17.8:1

Colleges and School Academics:

- Business
- Chemistry
- Computing, Data Science & Society
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Design
- Information
- Journalism
- Law
- Letters & Science
- Natural Resources
- Optometry
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Social Welfare

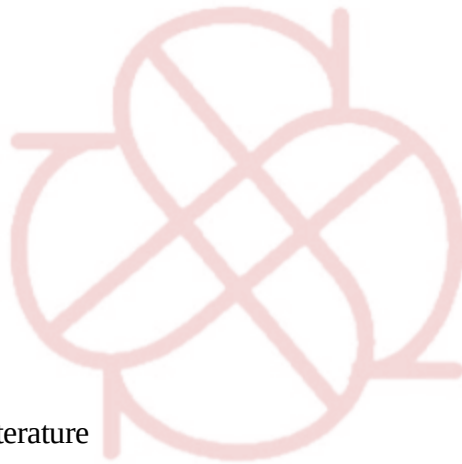
Majors:

- African American Studies
- American Studies
- Ancient Greek and Roman Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics
- Architecture
- Art History
- Art Practice
- Asian American And Asian Diaspora Studies
- Astrophysics
- Atmospheric Science
- Bioengineering
- Bioengineering and Business Administration
- Bioengineering/Materials Science and Engineering Joint Major
- Business Administration
- Celtic Studies
- Chemical Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering/ Materials Science & Engineering Joint Major
- Chemistry
- Chicana/o & Latina/o studies
- Chinese Language
- Civil Language
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering and Business Administration
- Cognitive Science
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Conservation and Resource Studies
- Dance Performance Studies
- Data Science
- Dutch Studies
- EECS & Business Administration
- EECS/ Materials Science & Engineering Joint Major
- EECS/ Nuclear Engineering Joint Major
- East Asian Religion, Thought, and Culture
- East Europeans/ Eurasian Languages and/or Cultures
- Economics
- Ecosystem Management and Forestry

- Electrical engineering and Computer Sciences(EECS)
- Energy Engineering
- Engineering mathematics and statistics
- Engineering physics
- English
- Environmental earth science
- Environmental economics and policy
- Environmental engineering science
- Environmental Sciences
- Ethnic studies
- Film and media
- French
- Gender and women's studies
- Genetics and plant biology
- Geography
- Geology
- Geophysics
- German
- Global Studies
- Greek
- Greek and Latin
- History
- Industrial engineering and operations research
- Industrial engineering and operations research and business administration
- Integrative biology
- Interdisciplinary studies
- Italian Studies
- Japanese language
- Landscape architecture
- Latin
- Legal studies
- Linguistics
- Marine Science
- Science and engineering
- Marine Science and Engineering / mechanical engineering joint major
- Materials Science and Engineering and nuclear engineering joint major
- Materials Science and Engineering and business administration
- Mathematics
- Mechanical engineering
- Mechanical engineering and business administration



- Mechanical engineering / nuclear engineering
- Media studies
- Microbial biology
- Middle Eastern languages and cultures
- Molecular environmental biology
- molecular and cellular biology
- Music
- Native American studies
- Nuclear engineering
- Nutritional Sciences: Dietetics
- Nutritional Sciences: physiology and metabolism
- Nutritional Sciences: toxicology
- Operations research and management science
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Planetary science
- Political economy
- Political science
- Pre-Med/Pre-Health
- Pre Law information
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Rhetoric
- Scandinavian
- Slavic languages and literature
- Social welfare
- Society and environment
- Sociology
- South and Southeast Asian studies
- Spanish and Portuguese
- Statistics
- Sustainable environmental design
- Theater and performance studies
- Urban Studies
 - All majors listed above are from the UC Berkeley website:
<http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/>
 - UC Berkeley, like many other colleges, separate their majors into “colleges” in total Cal has five colleges, 130 majors, and 80 opportunities for interdisciplinary research



Safety:

A specific quote from US News debriefs and explains the level of campus security, “University of California--Berkeley offers a number of student services, including nonremedial tutoring, women's center, placement service, daycare, health service, health insurance. University of California--Berkeley also offers campus safety and security services like 24-hour foot and vehicle patrols, late night transport/escort service, 24-hour emergency telephones, lighted pathways/sidewalks, student patrols, controlled dormitory access (key, security card, etc)”(US News).

Prerequisites:

As listed on the Berkeley website, “All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.” (CAL Website)

Housing:

On-Campus:

- Unit 1:
 - This unit includes eight floors of double as well as triple student occupancy rooms. In this unit, they also have some doubles, and triples in a suite.
 - Around 230 students in each hall depending on the room occupancy
 - Rooms are equipped with an extra-long twin bed, dressers, desks, mirrors, and closets. The amount of each will differ depending on the number of peers per room, but every student should have each of these items located in their dorm.
 - Rooms also include high-speed Internet that allows studying, doing homework, etc.
 - “Most floors are all gender with one large all-gender bathroom per floor. Single-gender floors are available.” (CAL Website)
 - Images are on the official UC Berkeley website: <https://housing.berkeley.edu/unit1>
- Unit 2:
 - All floors in this unit are single-gender
 - Options of Single, double, triple rooms; as well as triple rooms suites
 - Unit 2 is located very close by only being three blocks from campus.
 - Eight floors of double and triple rooms
 - 230 students in every hall
- Unit 3:
 - The renovated Unit 3 complex buildings are “Ida Sproul, Norton, Priestley, Spens-Black, and Beverly Cleary Halls.”
 - In the cited area above I specify the different building complexes, if you are interested, there is more information that can be found on the housing link that I have provided below:

- <https://housing.berkeley.edu/unit3>
- This unit is extremely close, located one block from campus, great convenience for individuals who are attending late-night classes/lectures, or for those individuals who would like to be closer to the center of campus.
- Unit 4
 - Unit 4, which is also referred to as Foothill, is located at the top of Hearst Avenue hill in the northeast campus. The buildings are Hillside and La Loma Complexes and their features include:
 - Single, double, & triple rooms arranged in suites that vary from 3-11 bedrooms
 - Suites that contain five or fewer bathrooms are single-gender, although the larger suites have all-gender bathroom assignments.
 - (<https://housing.berkeley.edu/unit1>)
- Unit 5:
 - Very large common hall which includes up to 900 students
 - This unit contains All-gender floors and single-gender suites
 - Has the option of single, double, triple, & quad rooms
 - Single rooms go to upperclassmen or students who require certain accommodation that can be met by having a single dorm

Martinez Commons:

- Priority for Martinez Commons Apartments residence hall spaces is given to sophomores; both sophomores and upperclassmen students (Juniors and Seniors) have priority for apartments.
- Located two blocks from campus; allows for the convenience of being close to school while still not being in the center of everything
- All rooms are furnished
- Apartments are single-gender
- Study rooms are included in the Martinez Commons and are located on the residential floor
- One social lounge on every residential floor
- Another great resource located in this hall is the academic center that has the tutoring classroom, quiet study room, and computer center
- For more information click here: <https://housing.berkeley.edu/martinez>

Off-Campus Housing:

- Channing-Bowditch
- Clark Kerr Apartments
- Ida L. Jackson
- Coming soon: Intersection Apartments, Manville, Martinez Commons, Wada

Campus Dining:

Current Plan	Upgrade Options		
Plans	Blue Plan	Gold Plan	Ultimate Plan
Swipes	12 meal swipes per week	10 meal swipes per week	Unlimited meal swipes per week
Flex dollars	600 flex dollars (300 per semester)	1000 flex dollars (500 per semester)	1000 flex dollars (500 per semester)
Cost	Included in your Housing Contract	+\$350 per year (\$175 per semester)	+ \$950 per year (\$475 per semester)

(This chart is from the CAL Website under their “Cal Dining” extension cited below)

-Here is the quick link to answer any further questions about the dining/meal plan:

<https://caldining.berkeley.edu/meal-plans/21-22/>

- At any time you are also allowed to add Flex Dollars, which work as regular cash dollars
- You are also allowed to upgrade your meal plan by emailing the campus housing department, reshall@berkeley.edu.
- Off-Campus right down the hill from UC Berkeley is surrounded by cafes, restaurants, and student stores that contain school merchandise.

Student Life:

- The following cited Fraternities are located on the CAL website, the link for more information is <https://lead.berkeley.edu/about-calgreeks/>
 - In that link, you will also find student programs like “Student Orgs”, “Student Government”, “Cal Debate” and more amazing opportunities
- They have 33 fraternities on Campus
- CAL also has recreational sports, lunch poems, Noon concerts, CAL Performances, and so much more!

Unique Features:

- Berkeley has a 307 feet tall clock tower that overlooks the campus
- First on-campus automotive foodservice delivery
- They also have a great study abroad program if you are interested in taking your education globally
- The link for more information to that is listed: <https://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/>

Opportunities:

- #1 Public Engineering college
- It is a creative and vigorous learning environment
- CAL offers internships, externships, as well as internships where students are able to develop their own internships specific to their interests and academic career goals.
- Ability to double major

Applications:

- Begins August 1st and the application must be submitted by November 1st-30th
- The application is \$70 for each UC admission
- Fee waivers are available for those individuals who are not able to pay