

Berkeley

TRANSFER ADMISSION



Admission is a two-step process:
ELIGIBILITY and **SELECTION**.

ELIGIBILITY

Transfer students must meet UC eligibility requirements, detailed in any UC *General Catalog* or in *Introducing the University or Answers for Transfers* (online at universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions). These publications are also available at any community college counseling office or at any UC campus.

SELECTION

Because more transfer students apply to our campus than we can admit, Berkeley's selection criteria exceed the UC eligibility requirements.

We admit applicants primarily on the basis of academic performance and preparation, as assessed by a review of:

- GPA
- Completion of freshman/sophomore prerequisite courses for the intended major and/or college
- Grade trends

We also consider:

- Demonstrated interest in the major, an important consideration for all applicants
- Personal qualities such as leadership or motivation
- Extracurricular accomplishments
- Employment
- Potential contribution to the intellectual and cultural vitality of the campus

We review all information, both academic and non-academic/personal, in the context of each student's individual circumstances.

To be competitive, present an academic profile with strong grades that includes preparation for your intended major.

- Transfer admission is limited to students who will have completed a *minimum* of 60 UC-transferable semester units by the end of spring term prior to enrollment at Berkeley.

Berkeley's transfer students embody a variety of socioeconomic, cultural and geographic backgrounds, enriching the campus with a wide array of talents and personal experiences. The following information will guide you through the admission process.

- Most programs will not offer admission to students with *excess units*, i.e., more than 80 UC-transferable semester units before enrollment.
- EXCEPTION:** If **all** coursework was completed at a two-year college, *this excess unit policy does not apply.*

Plan to:

- **Obtain information on all requirements on ASSIST at assist.org.** ASSIST lists Berkeley requirements and the California community college courses approved as satisfying those requirements. If you are applying from a school other than a California community college, select UC Berkeley and then any community college from the pull-down menu on ASSIST. You will then have access to Berkeley requirements; take comparable courses at your school.

By the end of the spring term prior to enrollment at Berkeley you must:

- Complete general education requirements
- Complete 60 transferable semester units

APPLYING TO BERKELEY

You can apply to Berkeley by:

- applying online at the official University of California application site:
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
98 percent of students apply online. We encourage you to apply online.
- downloading an application from the web at **universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/download**; or
- emailing a request to apprequest@ucop.edu; or
- calling 510-987-9716

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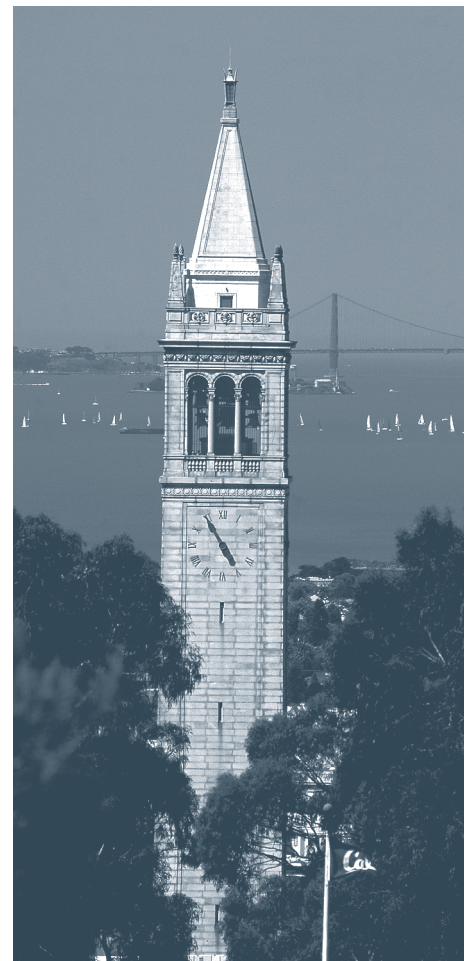
- The application is available in early October.
- The filing period is November 1-30.
- We accept applications for the **fall semester only**.

TRANSFER ADMISSION DATA FOR FALL 2008

(APPROXIMATE):

Applications:	12,357	
Admitted:	Fall: 3,228	Spring: 451
Enrolled*:	Fall: 2,136	Spring: 270
Range of GPA's:	3.69-3.75	
(middle 50 percent of students on a 4.0 scale)		

**based on preliminary estimates by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions; these numbers may vary from University of California reports*



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ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Major requirements are available at assist.org

HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

B.S. Degree

- Prepares students for success in business and for subsequent graduate work.
- Coursework is fully integrated with the University's liberal arts curriculum, giving students a broad perspective on business management and its environment.
- Applicants must complete ALL major requirements, at least seven of the nine general education (also known as breadth) requirements, and a foreign language requirement.
- All eligible applicants will be reviewed. We consider: academic performance in key prerequisites (business, math, economics, and statistics), course load, grade trends and consistency in academic achievement, accomplishments in extracurricular activities, leadership, communications and analytical skills.
- ALL applicants are asked to submit an **additional writing sample and a resume** with the Application Update Form in **January**. Admitted students are required to begin instruction at Berkeley in July.

For more information:
haas.berkeley.edu/undergrad

COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY

B.S. Degree

- Requires a year of general chemistry, a year of calculus, and a calculus-based physics course(s) in mechanics and wave motion.
- Completion of additional major prerequisites in calculus-based physics, chemistry and mathematics is encouraged.
- For all majors in the College of Chemistry: a minimum overall grade-point average of 3.0 is required for admission consideration.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

B.S. Degree

- Requires strong preparation in the physical sciences: two years of college math (calculus, multivariable calculus, linear algebra and differential equations); two to three semesters of calculus-based physics; one or more semesters of chemistry; relevant computer science and engineering courses; and courses articulated for the Reading and Composition Requirement (R1A and R1B at Berkeley).
- For admission consideration, complete 80 percent of the required courses for your intended major and present a strong academic profile and personal statement.

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

B.A. Degree

- Undergraduate degree programs combine general education, basic skills, and knowledge with a broad introduction to the natural and built environments.
- Prepares graduates for employment in architecture, environmental design and related fields, or graduate study.
- Selection is based upon completion of prerequisites for the major and the student's interest in and talent for the major, as indicated in the application and personal statement.
- Required freshman/sophomore core courses must be completed before admission.

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

B.S. Degree

- Majors provide an interdisciplinary approach to environmental studies, combining biology, nutrition, chemistry, and environmental science, accompanied by public policy and management.
- Selection is based upon completion of appropriate major preparation in courses such as calculus, biology, physics, chemistry, and the social sciences.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

B.A. Degree

Applicants **must** have:

- a minimum **3.0 UC-transferable GPA** (recalculated and based upon grades in UC-transferable courses taken by the end of the fall term prior to admission); and
- General Education requirements **completed by the end of the spring term prior to admission**. You may satisfy the General Education requirements by completing **one** of the following:
 - The entire IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum). This option is available **only** for students transferring directly from a California community college. Consult your community college for details.
 - The College of Letters and Science Requirements in Reading and Composition, Quantitative Reasoning, and Foreign Language. The California community college equivalencies to these courses are listed at assist.org. All courses must be passed with a minimum grade of C-.
 - University of California Reciprocity Agreement. This option is available **only** for transfers from another UC campus. Consult your home UC college/school adviser for details.
- Applicants are considered based upon the academic division in which the intended major is located.
- International students applying to the Social Sciences division will only be offered admission for the spring term.
- Students are admitted to the major only *after* enrolling at Berkeley and a petition to declare the major has been approved by the department. Completion of specific Berkeley courses, with specific grades, may be required for admission to the major.
- Complete as much major preparation as possible before transfer to increase the likelihood of acceptance.

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How to satisfy the Letters and Science Requirements

A. Reading and Composition

Before coming to Berkeley

You may satisfy both halves of the R&C requirement with one of the following scores or grades:

- Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition – 5
- International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English Language A credential examination – 5
- GCE (General Certificate of Education) “A” Level English Exam – Grade of A, B, or C

You may satisfy the first half of the requirement with one of the following scores:

- Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition – 4
- Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition – 4 or 5

At Berkeley

You may satisfy this two-semester requirement as follows:

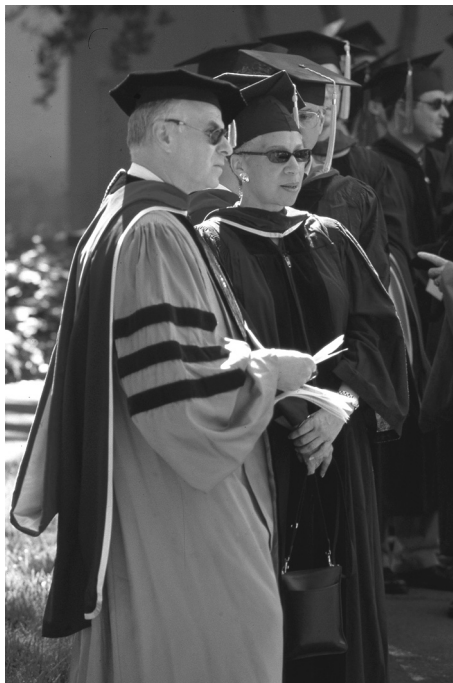
- letter grade of C- or higher in two designated Berkeley courses

Transfer Credit

- letter grade of C- or higher in equivalent courses completed in another accredited college. (If you receive transfer credit for the equivalent of one half, you must complete the second half of the requirement with one of Berkeley’s “B” courses [or an equivalent at another institution].)

Guidelines for R&C Requirement

1. You must complete Entry Level Writing before enrolling in a course to fulfill the R&C requirement (College Writing 1A satisfies both Entry Level Writing and the first half of the R&C requirement).
2. Try to enroll in R&C courses as soon as possible — they offer essential preparation for your other University courses, and they fill up fast. Students should normally enroll in “A” as a freshman and “B” as a sophomore.
3. If a transfer course approved for the R&C requirement is offered only on a Passed/Not Passed basis, we will accept the grade of P.
4. In general, a course used to fulfill the R&C requirement may not also be used to fulfill a College breadth requirement; however, there are a few exceptions.



5. Waivers for half of the requirement may be granted under certain conditions.

B. Quantitative Reasoning

- Complete courses articulated for the Quantitative Reasoning Requirement at Berkeley.
- Achieve a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement exam in Calculus AB or Calculus BC.
- Achieve a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement exam in Computer Science.
- Achieve a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement exam in Statistics.
- Achieve a minimum score of 600 on the SAT Reasoning Test.
- Achieve a minimum score of 520 in SAT Math Subject Exam Level II, if taken May 1995 or later.
- Achieve a minimum score of 570 in SAT Math Subject Exam Level I, if taken between 1995 – Spring 2005.
- Achieve a score of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in Mathematics.
- Achieve a minimum score of 28 on the mathematics section of the American College Test (ACT).
- Obtain a grade of C or better in the GCE “A” level in Mathematics.

C. Foreign Language

- Complete the third year of one foreign language in high school.
- Complete courses articulated for the Foreign Language Requirement at Berkeley.
- Achieve a score of 3, 4, or 5 on a College Board Advanced Placement exam in a foreign language.
- Achieve a score of 590 in a College Board SAT Subject Exam in foreign language.
- Obtain a grade of C or better on the GCSE or GCE “O” or “A” levels in a foreign language.
- For non-native speakers of English: successful completion of three years of high school course work in one language other than the language of instruction as demonstrated by a high school transcript.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS IN THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

Majors in each division are listed later in this flyer. Major requirements are available at assist.org.

Arts and Humanities

Requirements vary for each major.

Biological Sciences

All majors require:

- biological and physical sciences
- mathematics
- other biological science courses as required by the major

Physical Sciences

All majors require:

- extensive mathematics preparation (starting with college-level calculus)
- other physical science courses as required by the major

Social Sciences

Admission to majors in this division is *highly* competitive.

- Applicants with the strongest academic records and extensive freshman/sophomore preparation will be most competitive.

Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies

The interdisciplinary studies field major allows students to develop their own course of study, drawing on offerings in both the humanities and the social sciences.

Independent Majors

For these majors, spaces for admission are limited.

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THE PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

You are asked to provide a response to two prompts, both of which you must answer, using a maximum of 1,000 words total. You may allocate the word count as you wish. If you choose to respond to one prompt at greater length, we suggest your shorter answer be no less than 250 words.

Why is the personal statement so important?

The personal statement:

- enriches and completes your application;
- provides supplemental information that allows admissions staff to discover and evaluate distinctions among applicants whose academic records are often very similar;
- may be used by the Scholarships Office in consideration for an award.

What does Berkeley look for in the personal statement?

Berkeley seeks information about:

- choices you've made and what you've gained as a result of those choices
- exceptional personal or academic recognition
- intellectual curiosity
- unusual talent or ability
- leadership, service to others
- substantial experience with other cultures
- participation in an outreach program or internship
- your ability to overcome or manage significant challenges
- your ability to think analytically and write critically

Also, please let us know if you:

- have experienced special circumstances that may have affected your studies
- have contended with a serious illness or disability, or
- are the first in your family to attend a college or university.

Tell us how you achieved academic success in spite of these or any other obstacles.

What should I discuss as a transfer applicant?

- Read the instructions and address the two prompts. Allow time for reflection, preparation, and revisions. In general, focus on relatively recent activities and experiences.
- Tell us who you are and what you do. After we

have read your statement we will ask, "What do we know about this individual?" If we have learned little about you, your personal statement has not been successful.

- Place all achievements, both academic and non-academic, in the context of the opportunities you have had, any unusual conditions or hardships you have faced, and the ways in which you have responded to them.
- Include interest in your intended major, explain the way in which your academic interests developed, and describe any related work or volunteer experience.
- Explain your reason for transferring, if you are applying from an institution other than a California community college. For example, you may substantiate your choice of a particular major or your interest in studying with certain faculty on our campus.
- Include information about your family or work responsibilities (especially if you are an older, returning, or re-entry student).
- Discuss any gaps in your education, particularly if you believe your earlier academic work does not accurately reflect your abilities.
- Discuss the benefits you would gain from EOP, if you wish to be considered for that program. Tell us about your determination to succeed academically, even though you may have lacked the kind of support usually available to second or third generation college-bound students.
- Keep in mind that different colleges and universities may be looking for different kinds of information. If you are applying to a number of private and public institutions, using the same personal statement/admission essay(s) for all of them may not be advisable.
- Proof, edit, and share your statement with others. Consult a friend, teacher, or counselor for comments. Your personal statement should reflect your own thoughts. Ask advice of whomever you like, but DO NOT USE ANYONE'S PUBLISHED WORDS BUT YOUR OWN. This includes "Internet" essays.

Do I have a better chance of being admitted if I write about unusual circumstances or hardship?

Not necessarily; having a hardship is no guarantee of admission. If you choose to write about difficulties you've experienced, describe:

- how you confronted and overcame your challenges, rather than describing a hardship just for the sake of including it in your application;
- what you learned or achieved in spite of these circumstances.

What if I am applying for a scholarship?

Elaborate on the academic and extracurricular information in the application that demonstrates your motivation, achievement, leadership, and commitment.

How should I distribute the 1,000 words among the two prompts?

- You may allocate the word count as you wish. If you choose to respond to one prompt at greater length, we suggest your shorter answer be no less than 250 words.
- Stay within the word limit as closely as you can. A little over—1,012 words, for example—is fine.

How do I get more information?

Community college counselors, transfer center personnel, or Berkeley campus outreach staff can be helpful when writing your personal statement.

Topics For Transfer Applicants

These are the prompts you will be asked to answer:

PROMPT #1

What is your intended major? Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experience you have had in the field—such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities—and what you have gained from your involvement.

PROMPT #2

Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

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ADMISSION RATES*

HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS **6%**
Business Administration

COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY **22%**
Chemical Biology 19%
Chemical Engineering 31%
Chemistry – also offered in the
College of Letters and Science 18%
Chemical Engineering/Materials
Science and Engineering 27%
Chemical Engineering/
Nuclear Engineering 26%

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN **24.5%**
Architecture 23%
Landscape Architecture 30%
Urban Studies 35%

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING **23%**
Bioengineering 25%
Civil Engineering 20%
Computational Engineering Science 17%
Electrical Engineering and
Computer Science 25%
Engineering Mathematics and Statistics 25%
Engineering Physics 25%
Environmental Engineering Science 38%
Industrial Engineering and
Operations Research 26%
Manufacturing Engineering 20%
Materials Science and Engineering 29%
Mechanical Engineering 25%
Nuclear Engineering --%

JOINT MAJORS **28%**
Bioengineering/Material Science
and Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering/
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Materials Science and Engineering/
Mechanical Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering/
Nuclear Engineering
Nuclear Engineering/Electrical Engineering
and Computer Science
Nuclear Engineering/Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES **33%**
Conservation and Resource Studies 53%
Environmental Economics and Policy –
also offered in the College of
Letters and Science 47%
Environmental Sciences – also offered in the
College of Letters and Science 23%
Forestry and Natural Resources 14%
Genetics and Plant Biology 26%
Microbial Biology 21%

Molecular Environmental Biology 41%
Molecular Toxicology 47%
Nutritional Sciences 22%
Society and Environment 37%

COLLEGE OF LETTERS and SCIENCE **40%**
Arts & Humanities
Ancient Egyptian & Near Eastern Arts
and Architecture
Art, History of
Art, Practice of
Celtic Studies
Chinese
Classical Civilizations
Classical Languages
Comparative Literature
Dance and Performance Studies
Dutch Studies
English
Film Studies
French
German
Greek
Hispanic Languages and Bilingual Issues
Iberian or Latin American Literature
Italian Studies
Japanese
Latin
Luso - Brazilian
Music
Near Eastern Civilizations
Near Eastern Languages and Literature
Philosophy
Rhetoric
Scandinavian (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish)
Slavic Languages and Literatures (Russian,
Czech, Polish, Serbian-Croatian)
South and Southeast Asian Studies
Spanish and Spanish American
Theater and Performance Studies

Biological Sciences **41%**
Integrative Biology
Molecular and Cell Biology, with emphases in:
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Genetics, Genomics and Development
Immunology
Cell and Developmental Biology
Neurobiology

Mathematical and Physical Sciences **41%**
Astrophysics (including Astronomy)
Earth and Planetary Science, with tracks in:
Atmospheric Science
Environmental Earth Science
Geology
Geophysics
Marine Science
Mathematics

Mathematics (Applied)
Physical Sciences
Physics
Statistics

Social Sciences **21%**
African American Studies
Anthropology
Asian American Studies
Chicano Studies
Economics
Ethnic Studies
Gender and Women's Studies
Geography
History
Linguistics
Native American Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies **32%**
American Studies
Asian Studies (Chinese, Japanese)
Cognitive Science
Development Studies
Environmental Sciences – also offered in College
of Natural Resources
Interdisciplinary Studies
Latin American Studies
Media Studies
Middle Eastern Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies
Political Economy of Industrial Societies
Religious Studies

Independent Majors **38%**
Chemistry –
also offered in the College of Chemistry 21%
Computer Science 36%
Environmental Economics and Policy –
also offered in the College of
Natural Resources 35%
Legal Studies 41%
Operations Research and
Management Sciences 45%
Public Health 31%
Social Welfare 15%

**NOTE: This chart is based on preliminary admissions data for Fall 2008, and is for informational purposes only. Choose your major based on your interests and educational goals.*

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TRANSFER STUDENT RESOURCES

Career Center	510-642-1716 career.berkeley.edu
Disabled Students Program	510-642-0518 dsp.berkeley.edu
Early Childhood Education Program (child care)	510-642-1827 housing.berkeley.edu/child
Financial Aid Office	Transfer Advising 510-642-6442 uga.berkeley.edu/fao
Housing and Dining Services	Residence Halls: 510-642-4108 housing.berkeley.edu Family Housing: 510-642-4109 housing.berkeley.edu/housing Cal Rentals: 510-642-3642 calrentals.housing.berkeley.edu
New Student Services/CalSO	510-642-4970 nss.berkeley.edu
Transfer, Re-entry, and Student Parent Center	510-642-4257 trsp.berkeley.edu
University Health Services	510-642-2000 uhs.berkeley.edu
Visitor Services	510-642-5215 berkeley.edu/visitors
Other valuable websites include:	
Berkeley Campus Home Page	berkeley.edu
<i>General Catalog</i>	berkeley.edu/catalog
Office of Undergraduate Admissions	admissions.berkeley.edu
<i>The University of California Online Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships</i>	universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
UC-approved CA community college courses	assist.org
Summer Sessions (for newly admitted students)	summer.berkeley.edu

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit the Transfer Center at your community college, or contact:

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