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KATIE K.
Double Major: Native American Studies & Ethnic Studies (Minor: Luso-Brazilian Language & Literature)

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Coming from an underserved high school to join 30,000 top-tier students at Cal was scary. At first I was not sure if I could do well, much less find my place. But the wonderful people I met at UC Berkeley helped me along the way. We studied together, supported one another, and became lifelong friends.

In particular, I found a support group, the Native American Recruitment and Retention Center, where I honed my leadership skills and became more involved in the Native community. One of my most memorable jobs was working as a tutor at the American Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland.

Best of all, my work-study jobs throughout my four years helped me pay for school and fun things like study abroad trips and outings to San Francisco with my friends.

**Freshman Applicants**

You’re considered a freshman applicant if you’re in your final year of high school/secondary school or have completed these studies and have not enrolled in a regular session at any college or university.

**The Admissions Process**

Admission to UC Berkeley is a two-step process: minimum UC requirements and selection. All achievement — both academic and nonacademic/personal — is considered in the context of your educational circumstances, with an emphasis on the opportunities or challenges presented to you and your response to them.

**Requirements:** All UC Berkeley applicants must meet University of California admission requirements.

- 3.0 minimum GPA (3.4 for non-residents)
- A-G course pattern
- ACT w/Writing exam or SAT Reasoning exam

**Selection:** Because more students apply to our campus than we can admit, Berkeley’s selection criteria exceed the UC admissions requirements. Applicants to UC Berkeley are selected through an assessment that includes a holistic review of your academic performance:

- Weighted and unweighted UC grade point average (calculated using 10th and 11th grade UC-approved courses only).
- Planned 12th grade courses.
- Pattern of grades over time.
- The number of college preparatory, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), honors, and transferable college courses you have completed.
- Your level of achievement in courses relative to other UC applicants at your school.
- Scores on AP or IB exams.

**Exam Requirements**

ACT with Writing or SAT Reasoning. Official scores are required from either test. The old and new SAT exams are accepted.

**PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS**

The Personal Insight Questions offer an opportunity for you to tell us more about yourself. You will have 8 personal insight questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

**25TH & 75TH PERCENTILES**

| ACT Composite | 29–35 |
| SAT Composite | 1340–1530 |
| Math Section | 670–790 |
| Evidence-based Reading/Writing Section | 660–750 |

**AVERAGE GPA**

| (unweighted) | 3.92 |
| (weighted) | 4.45 |

Note: Statistics and budgets are approximated. For the most current information, visit: admissions.berkeley.edu
MAKING THE BIG MOVE

BE BOLD.

JENNY K.
Major: Economics
(Minor: Music)

When I first came to California after spending 10-plus years growing up in New Jersey, the environment itself was drastically different and a huge step out of my comfort zone. I initially chose to come to Berkeley because it was the best college choice for me academically. Reflecting back, I can proudly say that I would choose Berkeley again. I've grown so much as an individual, and the campus has given me an infinite amount of opportunities.

Believe it or not, my best academic experience was probably getting back my first failed midterm. It was a slap in the face. Hitting rock bottom, I really started to take advantage of professor office hours and started to actively communicate to the GSIs (Graduate Student Instructors). I learned the importance of keeping oneself accountable academically, with the myriad of options that the UC campus provides.

I made friends by being active and getting involved on campus. I started at places that I had passion in and a hobby for, including student government and dance. I've been involved in student government since my first semester. Since then, I've always stepped out of my comfort zone to stretch that extra mile. As a result, I'm now an elected student senator for the next academic year. Although you should focus on your academics, career, and future paths, remember that college is your story, your testimonial — make the most out of it!

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Residency

If you’re an out-of-state applicant, you must meet the same admission requirements as a California-resident student, but with one important difference:

- You must earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 or better in the 15 college-preparatory courses (A-G courses), with no grade lower than a C.

Some other distinctions that you should keep in mind as an out-of-state applicant:

- There is no pre-approved course list for schools outside of California. Referring to the A-G course list site (a database of UC-certified course lists in California schools) and the 15 college-preparatory course categories can provide guidance on the types of courses that have been UC-approved.
- Honors courses are calculated differently. In calculating an out-of-state student’s GPA, UC will grant honors weight for AP or IB courses only, but not for school-designated honors courses. The weight is given to letter grades of A, B, or C. While weight is not given in the UC GPA, school-designated honors will still be considered as value added in the review process.

FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

You are considered an international applicant if a visa is required to reside and study in the United States. International students in the US on a visa cannot be classified as California residents for tuition purposes.

To be considered for admission to UC Berkeley, international applicants must finish secondary school and earn a certificate of completion, which allows admission to a university in their home country or country of graduation.

For more information on what is expected by country, visit: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/international/applying-for-admission/freshman-requirements-country/index.html

Berkeley International Office Support and resources designed to enhance the academic experiences of international students are available through the Berkeley International Office (BIO). BIO offers services in advising, immigration, advocacy, and programming to the UC Berkeley campus community. For more, visit their website: internationaloffice.berkeley.edu

Undergraduates

Total Undergraduate Enrollment 29,783
California 75.6%
Domestic US 12.5%
International 12.0%

30,643

JOB AND INTERNSHIP LISTINGS POSTED ON HANDSHAKE, THE CAMPUS CAREER GATEWAY (2015-16)
BIRTHPLACE OF THE FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT

Berkeley’s distinct culture arises from the diverse voices and viewpoints which found a home here over the years. Nothing epitomizes this more than the Free Speech Movement of 1964, which changed US political activism. Today, social consciousness takes the form of environmental sustainability, globalization, peace and conflict studies, and the Public Service Center.

SCHOOL COLORS: BLUE & GOLD
TEAM: GOLDEN BEARS

This is Bear Territory. UC Berkeley is a member of the PAC-12 Conference. We sponsor 28 different intercollegiate sports that have a combined 97 national team championships. Hear the cheer: Go Bears!
I started my first term at Cal in the Fall Program for Freshmen or FPF. I felt lucky to have professors who took the time to teach me not only material concerning the class but also effective ways to study and how to be a disciplined student. Having smaller class sizes allowed me to build healthy professor-to-student relationships. My transition from FPF felt possible because of my peers. Last year I lived in Casa Magdalena Mora, which is a community (or theme program) for Chicana/Latina freshman and junior transfer students. With the help of our Resident Assistant and adult mentors, we fostered friendships that will last a lifetime. I feel confident in saying that I have forty people who I can be my true self with, not only at UC Berkeley but also at home. Theme programs at UC Berkeley are amazing!

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I am grateful for my status as an undergraduate at Berkeley and have taken pride in beating the odds and reaching for my highest goals. My admission into UC Berkeley has taught me that nothing in life or school will be handed to me; therefore, it is important that I become my best advocate and seek assistance from peers, mentors, and resources.

LEARN MORE about how you can start your Berkeley career in smaller classrooms — located in Berkeley, San Francisco, and London. Visit fpf.berkeley.edu/berkeley and globaledge.berkeley.edu

Life at UC Berkeley

Clubs & Organizations

- UC Berkeley has campus chapters of well-known organizations, including fraternities/sororities, and pre-professional and affinity groups. There are also many clubs unique to Cal, such as Skateboarding Crew of Berkeley, Hackers@Berkeley, and We Dig the Farm. If you can’t find a club you like, you can always start your own!
- Yes, we’ve earned 97 national team titles. But Golden Bears are just one aspect of the athletics experience. Join an intramural team, work out in one of three state-of-the-art recreational centers, or enjoy off-campus sports like snowboarding or windsurfing.

Leaders & Community Involvement

Giving back to the community and participating in campus life are vital aspects to the campus culture. You’ll find yourself among leaders of all kinds: Peace Corps volunteers, nonprofit founders, student-government presidents, scholarship winners, and club organizers.

Another interesting aspect of student involvement is Berkeley’s DeCal Program (or just DeCal), courses where students create and facilitate their own classes. Each semester there are over 100 courses on topics ranging from Taiwanese Language to “The Simpsons” and Philosophy.

Housing

- From traditional high-rise residence halls to suite environments, from single-gender living to Theme Programs, you can find a housing choice that fits your needs and provides a supportive community. We also provide family apartments, co-ops, and off-campus rentals.
- Theme Programs combine residential living with academic focus and include: African American, Asian Pacific American, Casa Magdalena Mora, Global Environment, Native American, Unity House, and Women in Science & Engineering.

Student Life

- Student/Faculty Ratio: 17 to 1
- Average Class Size: 31
- Undergraduate Majors: 100+

5 fitness and wellness facilities, 34 club sports, and endless intramural teams

Clubs and Organizations

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY
Chemical Biology
Chemical Engineering
Chemistry also offered in the College of Letters and Science

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Bioengineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Engineering Science Programs:
Energy Engineering
Engineering Mathematics and Statistics
Engineering Physics
Environmental Engineering Science
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear Engineering
Engineering Undeclared: only available to freshmen
Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology (M.E.T.): freshmen only
Bioengineering & Business Administration
Civil Engineering & Business Administration
Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences & Business Administration
Industrial Engineering and Operational Research & Business Administration
Mechanical Engineering & Business Administration

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
Architecture
Landscape Architecture
Sustainable Environmental Design
Urban Studies

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE
Arts & Humanities
Art, History of Art, Practice of Celtic Studies
Classics:
Classical Civilizations
Classical Languages
Greek
Latin
Comparative Literature
Dutch Studies
East Asian Languages & Cultures:
Chinese
Japanese
English
Film
French
German
Italian Studies
Music
Near Eastern Studies:
Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art & Archaeology
Near Eastern Civilizations
Near Eastern Languages and Literature

Philosophy
Rhetoric
Scandinavian
Slavic Languages and Literatures
(Russian, East European, Turkic, Ukrainian, Polish, or Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Language and Literature)
South and Southeast Asian Studies
Spanish and Portuguese:
Hispanic Languages and Bilingual Issues
Iberian Language and Literature
Latin American Literatures
Lusophone Language and Literature
Spanish Language and Literature
Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies:
Dance and Performance Studies
Theater and Performance Studies

Undeclared: only available to freshmen

Biological Sciences
Integrative Biology
Molecular and Cell Biology:
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Cell and Developmental Biology
Genetics, Genomics, and Development
Immunology and Pathogenesis
Neurobiology
Public Health

Undeclared: only available to freshmen

Mathematical & Physical Sciences
Astrophysics (including Astronomy)

Chemistry also offered in the College of Chemistry
Computer Science
Data Science

Earth and Planetary Science:
Atmospheric Science
Environmental Earth Science
Geology
Geophysics
Marine Science
Planetary Science

Mathematics:
Applied Mathematics
Mathematics
Operations Research and Management Sciences
Physics
Statistics

Undeclared: only available to freshmen

Social Sciences
African American Studies
Anthropology
Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies
Chicano/Latino Studies
Cognitive Science
Economics
Environmental Economics and Policy also offered in the College of Letters and Science

Ethnic Studies
Gender and Women's Studies
Geography

Global Management Program: Haas
School of Business, intensive global business immersion (haas.berkeley.edu/undergrad/gmc)

Global Studies
History
Linguistics
Native American Studies
Political Economy
Political Science
Psychology
Social Welfare
Sociology

Undeclared: only available to freshmen

HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Business Administration: Two-year program for juniors and seniors; freshmen applicants cannot apply directly to the major but may apply to the College of Letters and Science, intending Major in Business Administration. Transfer students can apply directly to the major.
Management, Entrepreneurship, & Technology (M.E.T.) and Global Management programs are listed in the Colleges of Engineering and Letters and Science, respectively.

Undeclared:

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Conservation and Resource Studies
Ecosystem Management and Forestry:
Forestry

Natural Resource Management
Environmental Economics and Policy also offered in the College of Letters and Science

Environmental Sciences (biological, physical, social)

Genetics and Plant Biology
Microbial Biology
Molecular Environmental Biology

Nutritional Sciences:
Dietetics
Molecular Toxicology
Physiology and Metabolism

Society and Environment

Undeclared:

For the most current list, visit: guide.berkeley.edu

BIG IDEAS @ BERKELEY
This initiative funds student-led projects with creative, high-impact ideas that are related to curricular innovation, green cities, clean energy, social entrepreneurship, and other relevant topics.
All undergraduate applicants — except international students — are encouraged to complete either a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or California Dream Act Application to be considered for scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. There is no separate scholarship application to submit.

Types of Aid
California Residents (Including AB540 Eligible Students): Cal Grants, Middle Class Scholarship, Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan, Pell Grants, Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarship and Grant, work-study, federal, state, and institutional loans.

Domestic US Students (Living Outside of California): Pell Grants, Middle Class Access Plan, work-study, federal loans.

International Students: International students are ineligible for student loans. However, you can research scholarship opportunities from private organizations both within the US and in your home country.

Scholarships & Campus Opportunities
All admitted Berkeley students are automatically considered for scholarships. Also, when you fill out the application, you may apply to a number of UC scholarships and other resources, including:

- Contests and UC Berkeley’s Scholarship Connection, finaid.org, fastweb.com, or the Cal Alumni Association for grants or scholarships
- Internships through our Career Center
- Research opportunities (Undergraduate Research & Scholarships Office, URAP)

Cost of Attendance (2018–19)
Total California Resident Budget Living in Residence Hall ~$35,314
Total Out-of-State Budget Living in a Residence Hall ~$64,306

Funding Your Education
OF BERKELEY STUDENTS GRADUATE WITHOUT DEBT (COMPARED TO 41% NATIONAL AVERAGE FROM 4-YEAR PUBLIC SCHOOL)

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