

Dear Friends and Affiliates,

We are reaching out to provide some important updates for UC Berkeley Summer Sessions 2020. We understand that the novel coronavirus outbreak is causing uncertainty for many students and the Summer Sessions team is doing our very best to better support you and your students during this time. **We currently have no plans to cancel or postpone Berkeley Summer Sessions for 2020, and continue to accept applications and enrollments.** We hope that the following updates will be helpful and ease some of the stress you and your students may be experiencing.

### Policy Updates

- **We are continuing the suspension of course drops for non-payment. Students from China should register for courses, but should NOT pay fees until otherwise notified by Summer Sessions.** Students from other regions who are concerned about future coronavirus developments that may restrict their travel to Berkeley, may also choose to delay payment of fees after registering for courses until further notice. **However, if you choose to delay payment, please note the following:**
  - Students will continue to receive warnings of overdue payments, but please instruct students to ignore these warnings until further notice.
  - **There may still be non-refundable costs to obtaining your I-20, booking your visa appointment at the U.S. embassy, paying housing deposits, canceling your airline tickets, and others.**
- **We are currently not processing I-20s for students whose residential and/or mailing address is in China.**
  - Since February 10, 2020, the U.S. embassy and consulates in mainland China have suspended their visa services. We are actively monitoring the situation and will resume processing I-20s once visa services resume.
- **If your students have enrolled in courses and are no longer able to attend Summer Sessions due to the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak, they should cancel by dropping all of their classes in CalCentral before the start of their first enrolled session (deadlines are listed here: <http://summer.berkeley.edu/registration/schedule>). Based on these unforeseeable circumstances, they will be eligible to request a refund of the summer tuition and fees (except the International Service Fee if they received an I-20) if they have dropped all classes before the cancellation deadline. In this case, please instruct your student to contact us so that we can guide them through those steps.**
- **We have expanded our English Proficiency Requirement Policy this year to include the results from the Duolingo test.**
  - Students can take this test from home. No appointments, no test centers. The test is approximately 1 hour and results are provided in just 2 days. The minimum score accepted is 105.

Please refer to this [article on our website](#) for current summer sessions information as it relates to COVID-19. We will keep this page updated with any announcements.

In anticipation of many programs being canceled around the world, UCB has announced two discounts/accommodations for Berkeley and visiting students. We realize that there are also a number of students already outside of China, South Korea, and Italy that may not wish to return to their region of origin for the summer in fear of not being able to re-enter the US or Europe. Therefore we are offering the following:

### **DISCOUNTS FOR SUMMER 2020**

1. [Cal Housing](#) is offering a \$200 discount to the first 200 students to register for housing for the entire 12-week summer session (see Session AD on the [rate chart](#)).
2. Summer Sessions is offering to refund the \$400 International Service Fee for students that register for courses for the entire 12-week session. Students would need to enroll in Session A plus any other session to receive this refund.

*There are a number of certificates that can be completed in 12-weeks, such as the minors in Global Public Health, Digital Journalism, Race and the Law, Digital Humanities or a certificate in film production. For more information on certificates go to [summerminors.berkeley.edu](http://summerminors.berkeley.edu).*

3. We are also offering to refund the \$400 International Service Fee for international students who are unable to attend in person but take [online courses](#) only.

### **Online Courses**

Your students can still be a part of Berkeley in the summer and receive an official Berkeley transcript, through [online courses](#)!

Our online learning environment allows students to experience the quality and excellence of UC Berkeley classes from the convenience of their own home. Even if they can't physically come to Berkeley, they can still study alongside Berkeley students and other visitors.

After a student enrolls, their Online Learning Support Specialist will contact them to ensure that they have the tools they need to access the class and participate fully in the interactive online learning environment. Full 24/7 technical support is available throughout their class.

We sincerely hope that during this difficult time you, your students, family, and friends are healthy and safe. Please reach out to us if we can be of assistance in answering further questions.

In partnership,

UC Berkeley Summer Sessions