FALL TERM DATES

Nomination deadline for partner schools is March 15.

We recommend that students arrive by August 1 to have enough time for securing housing and getting situated before the semester starts.

Students will attend the orientation for the Program and Career Management Group services prior to the start of the semester.

August 21 ........................ Instruction begins
Dec 8 ........................ Instruction ends
Dec 11-15 ........................ Final exams*
Dec 15 ........................ Fall semester ends

* Not all MBA classes have final exams.

COURSE ENROLLMENT

The Full-Time MBA program has two enrollment phases, 1) bidding and 2) add/drop. Students will be able to bid for their elective courses during the first enrollment phase around mid-April. After the bidding phase concludes, the enrollment process is frozen and will open again during the add/drop phase. During the add/drop phase, which usually occurs during the beginning of the semester, students will be able to enroll in available courses or drop courses to complete their Fall schedule. Detailed instructions will be provided to students prior to the opening of each enrollment phase.

Important Note: Student nominations received after the UC Berkeley nomination deadline will only be able to enroll in electives during the add/drop phase in August.
HOUSING

Students are encouraged to visit the UC Berkeley housing website at https://housing.berkeley.edu/ to review available housing resources. One of the housing options students can also consider is the dormitory-style housing available at the International House (I-House), one block from the Haas School. Students can apply at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/applicants/ (subject to eligibility and availability).

Students can also visit the Berkeley International Office’s Finding Housing website to review additional tips for finding housing, including scam and fraud awareness (https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/housing).

Students are recommended to begin their search as soon as possible as it can take a few months to secure housing.

VISAS

Students may apply for F-1 or J-1 student visas. International students will receive visa information in the Spring and should begin the visa process early as it can take many months to complete. There may be longer waiting times for visa appointments from May through August. U.S. consulates will generally accept appointments up to 120 days prior to the start of studies.

Please note that the Full-Time MBA program will not sponsor CPT or OPT for exchange students on F-1 visas or Academic Training for exchange students on J-1 visas in the U.S. during and beyond their exchange semester.

CAREER SERVICES

While at Berkeley Haas and in partnership with the MBA Career Management Group (CMG), exchange students may:

- Utilize our proprietary careers portal (CMG BEARS) to research companies, contacts, and to view job postings.
- Utilize CMG Resource website for general and industry specific careers content.
- Attend company presentations and career workshops open to 2nd year students.
- Participate in career advising with CMG Career Coaches.
- Post resumes in CMG BEARS which will be visible to companies.

Exchange students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents may apply through CMG BEARS for U.S. based jobs. Exchange students who do not have work authorization in the U.S. may review job listings and apply for non-U.S. based roles for which they have the proper work authorization as indicated in the postings. As noted above, Haas will not sponsor during and post-exchange work authorization.
Exchange students are not eligible for on-campus interviews (OCI). If a company wants to set up interviews with exchange students, this should take place outside of the Haas OCI process.

HEALTH INSURANCE & IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Health Insurance
The University of California requires that all students have major medical health insurance coverage in the U.S. Although all other fees are paid to your home school, exchange students are billed for the Berkeley Student Health Insurance Program known as SHIP (https://uhs.berkeley.edu/ship). The cost for graduate student coverage for the Fall 2023 rates will be available on the SHIP website in mid-Spring (https://uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance/ship-fees-enrollment).

While students may request a SHIP waiver by demonstrating comparable insurance coverage, it is very difficult to find insurance that meets the very high standard set by the University of California.

Visiting exchange students must be prepared to pay for SHIP prior to their arrival in Berkeley. All UC Berkeley graduate students are automatically billed for SHIP via their CalCentral student account.

Students will not be able to complete their course registration until SHIP is paid or waived. Please note that insurance as well as medical costs in the U.S. may be much higher than students are used to in other countries. It is important to have the appropriate insurance coverage while you are studying in the U.S.

Immunization Requirements
Students are expected to review and comply with the University’s immunization requirements as outlined on the website: https://uhs.berkeley.edu/requirements

LIBRARIES

Students have access to all libraries on the UC Berkeley campus. You can visit https://www.lib.berkeley.edu/hours for more details.

COMPUTER FACILITIES

Students have use of Haas Computing Services and Media Services.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Students may join the Recreational Sports Facility (RSF) for access to all sports and recreational facilities on campus. Visit https://recsports.berkeley.edu/facilities/rsf/ for more details.
ALUMNI STATUS

Exchange students are eligible for membership in the official Berkeley Haas Alumni LinkedIn Group with more than 17,000 alumni, faculty, student, and staff members. Participate in Alumni Chapter events by subscribing to regional email lists.

Exchange students do not become full members of the Haas Alumni Network but are eligible for select benefits offered by Berkeley Haas Alumni Relations including some exclusive access to the network.

Exchange students are not eligible for the Career Management Group services for alumni who have earned their MBA degrees from Berkeley Haas, including alumni access to the CareerNet database.

Exchange students should seek alumni career advising from their home school.

SELF-GUIDED CAMPUS TOURS

Visit the following websites for more information about self-guided campus tours:

- Campus self-guided tour: [https://visit.berkeley.edu/campus-visits/self-guided-tours](https://visit.berkeley.edu/campus-visits/self-guided-tours)
- Haas self-guided tour: [https://mba.haas.berkeley.edu/tour](https://mba.haas.berkeley.edu/tour)