

MBA EXCHANGE PROGRAM Fall 2025

FACT SHEET

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MBA HOME PAGE

<http://www.haas.berkeley.edu/mba>

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Proficiency in English

FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD

8 units (classes are 1, 2 or 3 units each)
Number of Electives Offered: 50 - 60 per term

FALL TERM DATES

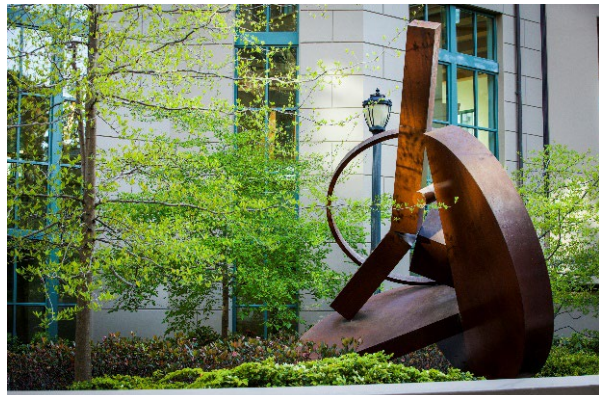
The nomination deadline for partner schools is March 15.

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

Students are expected to attend the program orientation prior to the start of the semester.

August 25 Instruction begins
Dec 12 Instruction ends
Dec 15-19 Final exams*
Dec 19 Fall semester ends

** Not all MBA electives have final exams*



ABOUT BERKELEY HAAS

UC Berkeley Haas is located at the epicenter of innovation in the San Francisco Bay Area and focuses on developing leaders with essential skills like critical thinking, communication, and adaptability. The distinctive culture at Berkeley Haas is shaped by four defining leadership principles: Question the Status Quo, Confidence Without Attitude, Student Always, and Beyond Yourself. The Berkeley Haas MBA program emphasizes leadership development, experiential learning, and global competency to produce leaders who excel in a rapidly evolving marketplace and at the heart of what's next.

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 eligible courses to complete their Fall schedule. Detailed instructions will be provided to students prior to the opening of each enrollment phase.

Student nominations received after the UC Berkeley nomination deadline will enroll in electives during the Add/Drop enrollment phase at the beginning of the Fall semester in August.

HOUSING

Exchange students typically find off-campus housing during their time at UC Berkeley. Students are encouraged to explore off-campus housing options by visiting the UC Berkeley Housing website:

<https://housing.berkeley.edu/explore-housing-options/off-campus-housing/>

For additional tips on finding housing, including guidance on avoiding scams and fraud, students can refer to the Berkeley International Office's Finding Housing website:

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/housing>

It is highly recommended that students begin their housing search as early as possible, as securing accommodation may take several months.

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. The U.S. consulates will generally accept appointments up to 365 days prior to the start of studies.

Students will typically be allowed to enter the United States on their student visa 30 days before the start date.

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 automatically billed for the Berkeley Student Health Insurance Program known as SHIP (<https://uhs.berkeley.edu/ship>). All UC Berkeley graduate students, including visiting Full-Time MBA exchange students, are automatically billed for SHIP via their CalCentral student account.

Visiting exchange students must be prepared to pay for SHIP prior to their arrival in Berkeley if they do not waive out of the insurance requirement. The cost for graduate student coverage for the Fall 2025 rates will be available on the SHIP website in mid-Spring (<https://uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance/ship-fees-enrollment>).

Health Insurance Waiver Process

Visiting exchange students may apply for a SHIP waiver by providing proof of comparable insurance coverage that meets the SHIP's waiver requirements. Keep in mind that it can be difficult to find insurance that meets the high standard set by the University of California.

Students will be able to submit their waiver request **once**. If the plan is denied or an incorrect plan is submitted, students will *not* be able to submit another one for consideration.

Visit the Waiving SHIP website for more information: <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance-ship/waiving-ship>

Students will not be able to complete their registration until SHIP is paid or waived. Please note that insurance fees and the medical costs in the U.S. may be much higher than students are used to in other countries. It is important to have adequate insurance coverage while studying in the U.S. to avoid unexpected high medical costs in cases of emergencies.

Immunization Requirements

Students are expected to review and comply with the University's immunization requirements as outlined on this website: <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/requirements>

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

At Berkeley Haas, learning extends beyond the classroom. Engaging in student clubs, conferences, and case competitions offer students the opportunities to build meaningful connections with a robust Haas community while honing their leadership abilities.

The Student Life & Leadership Development (SL&LD) Team is dedicated to supporting the Full-Time MBA students' journey by offering personalized leadership coaching and guidance on prioritization, health and well-being, and navigating both Haas and UC Berkeley.

LIBRARIES & COMPUTER FACILITIES

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

Students have use of Haas Computing Services and Media Services.

RECREATIONAL 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. Students can also participate in Alumni Chapter events by subscribing to regional email lists.

Exchange students do not become full members of the Haas Alumni Network and 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.

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>
- Haas self-guided tour: <https://mba.haas.berkeley.edu/tour>



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