

UC Education Abroad
UC Berkeley College of Engineering
Student Enrollment Information

International students must enroll in a **minimum of 12 units per semester** to maintain their student visa status. **Note:** 15 units per semester is a normal course load for regularly enrolled UC students.

You will have access to most classes for which you have taken the prerequisites. There are some limits to this access.

1. It is highly unlikely that you will be able to enroll in Business Administration (UGBA), some Industrial Engineering and Operational Research (IND ENG), some Civil Engineering (CIV ENG), or upper-division Statistics courses. If you have listed courses in these areas on your study plan, be prepared to select alternative courses.

- **Students will definitively NOT be able to enroll in any courses in Aerospace Engineering (AERO ENG), Bioengineering (BIO ENG), Electrical Engineering (EL ENGR), and Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (EECS) courses or any courses [cross listed](#) with EECS, EL ENG, COMP SCI or BIO ENG.**
 - This includes Mechanical Engineering (MECH ENG) C106A, C106B, C115, C117, C134, C176, C178, and Materials Science (MAT SCI) C118, C157. In addition, the following courses are not open to reciprocity students: Engineering (ENGIN) 7, 26, 29, 128, and Industrial Engineering (IND ENG) 180
 - Students will only be allowed enrollment in the following Computer Science (COMP SCI) courses: COMPSCI 10, 61A, 61B, 70, 168, 188. All other Computer Science courses (COMPSCI) are not allowed.
- **All other College of Engineering courses will prioritize UCB students and you may be moved to the waitlist or dropped from the course.** *Many courses have seats reserved for current Berkeley students, and you may be put on the waitlist even if there appear to be open seats.* Enrollment in any College of Engineering courses is not final until after the 3rd week of classes. UCB College of Engineering cannot guarantee enrollment in courses. Be prepared to select alternative courses.
 - Impacted courses historically are in high demand for UC Berkeley students, **and as a UCEAP student you should not expect to be able to enroll in these classes.** Typically impacted classes by department (list is subject to change):
 - Mechanical Engineering: 102B (impacted only in the spring semester), 103 (impacted only in the spring semester), 100, 110, 130, 132, 136, 139, 163, C180, and 191K.
 - Industrial Engineering: 115, 142, 150, 151, 171, 172
 - Civil Engineering: Fall semester: 11, 70, 100, C103N, 111, 167 Spring semester: 11, 92A & 92B (these are Frosh classes), C106, 110, 123, 186

2. Students may request from one to four units of Independent Study units each semester. Courses numbered 98, 99, 198, 199 allow students to pursue study of special topics, in groups (98, 198) or individually (99, 199) under the direction of a faculty member. Students may aggregate no more than 4

units for independent studies or group studies per semester. Enrollment must be approved by the department and a professor sponsoring the research. Independent Study is not guaranteed.

3. Some of your proposed courses may either be unavailable for the 2026-2027 academic year, full, or graduate-level (numbered 200 and above) courses with restricted enrollment. Be prepared to select alternative courses to those you sent with your UCEAP application.

4. Graduate courses require permission from the instructor and the department. **Please note that Engineering departments restrict reciprocity students to ONE graduate course per semester.** Email the instructor and department requesting permission. In your request, include information that identifies you as a reciprocity visiting undergraduate, studying for the year (or semester) through the UC Education Abroad Program. Explain how you have prepared for study in this field and how you believe you meet the prerequisite(s) for enrolling in the graduate-level course. Undergraduate reciprocity students may not enroll in graduate research courses (numbered 298 and 299).

You will enroll in courses through [CalCentral](#). We encourage you to do the following to prepare.

1. **Use Schedule Planner to create a fall schedule.** We encourage you to watch our [Schedule Planner Video](#).
2. **Send courses to your Shopping Cart.** Once you have created a schedule, send your selected courses to your shopping cart (See the Schedule Planner video). If you have courses in your shopping cart, then you will be ready to register when it is your Phase 1 enrollment time. You can have many courses in your shopping cart to choose from during the first phase of registration. You can always remove or add courses to your shopping cart at a later time if needed.

Be prepared to select alternative courses to those you sent with your UCEAP application. See a current [schedule of classes](#).

3. If a course you want is full, place yourself on the waitlist. In many instances students are enrolled in courses from the waitlist. Just keep in mind that you will also want to add a different course as your “back-up” in case you don’t get added from the waitlist.
4. If you notice you were placed on a wait list even though there seem to be available seats in the course, this means the department is restricting enrollment to UC Berkeley students based on predetermined criteria.

Mayra Rivera will be your primary contact in the College of Engineering. Most issues can be addressed via email. If your questions can’t be resolved via email, you can schedule an appointment by emailing Mayra Rivera or telephoning the reception desk or stopping by in person. Please inform the receptionist that you are a UCEAP reciprocity student when you request an appointment.

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