

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, some Industrial Engineering and Operational Research (IEOR), some Civil Engineering (CE), 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 EECS, EE, CS, and BioE.

In addition, the following courses are not open to reciprocity students: Engineering (ENGIN), 26, 29, 128; and Mechanical Engineering (MECENG) 102B (restricted only in the spring semester), 103 (restricted only in the spring semester), 110, 130, C180, 191K. Civil Engineering (CIVENG) courses, if impacted, will prioritize UCB students and you may be moved to the waitlist. Enrollment in CIVENG 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.

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.

2. Some of your proposed courses may either be unavailable for the 2021-2022 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.

3. Graduate courses require permission from the instructor and the department. 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. Please note that Engineering departments restrict students to one graduate course per semester. 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 to you 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 once your advising hold is lifted by the College of Engineering. 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 wait list. 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 wait list.

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.

Chaniqua Butscher 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 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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