



Financial Aid for Summer Sessions and Programs

How to Apply for Summer Aid

Apply by completing a financial aid application for the **preceding** academic year. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

- For Summer 2025 aid, complete an aid application for 2024–25.
- Submit by the UC Berkeley summer priority deadline: *June 1*.

New students: You need to complete two years of aid applications. If you only completed your application for the Fall Term, be sure to complete the previous year application as well.

Summer Aid Deadlines

Review the [2025 Summer Schedule](#) for all Summer Session dates and deadlines.

- **February 18:** Continuing students summer priority enrollment deadline.
- **May 1:** First-year deadline to accept offer of admission.
- **June 1:** Transfer deadline to accept offer of admission.
- **June 1: Priority deadline to apply for all potential summer aid.**
- **June 13:** Priority deadline to accept loans for Summer Session A.
- **June 30:** Last day to apply for summer aid (apply by June 1 for all potential aid).
- **July 12: Summer Census date (financial aid recalculated based on enrolled units).**
- **July 25 (or earlier):** The deadline to accept summer student loans is two weeks before your session ends and no later than July 25.

Offers: Financial aid offers for Summer Sessions begin sending around the end of March. If you are enrolled in a qualifying number of units, you'll receive an email when your offer is available.

Disbursement: Summer financial aid awards are **disbursed** no earlier than 10 days before the start of your first session. Some fee grants may be disbursed earlier to avoid fee overcharges.

UC Berkeley Summer Programs Eligible for Financial Aid

All UC Berkeley students:

- [Summer Sessions](#) (new students apply through Edge programs)

Continuing students:

- [Summer Study Abroad](#)
- [Summer Minors](#) (for students with remaining requirements)
- Summer classes at another UC

New transfer students:

- [Transfer Edge](#)

First-year students:

- [Freshman Edge](#)
- [Global Edge](#)
- [Summer Bridge](#)

How to Calculate Potential Summer Aid

Get an estimate for the cost and your potential financial aid for Summer Sessions in [CalCentral](#). The Summer 2025 Cost and Aid Estimator can be found under the Summer Sessions heading in the Financial Resources section.

- Financial aid is based on total units enrolled and the duration of summer instruction.

- Calculation is based on your aid application on file for the current year (2024–25 aid application used for Summer 2025).
- Students typically need to be enrolled in at least six units to receive an aid offer (with some exceptions for Pell Grants).

How to Maintain Eligibility for Summer Aid

There are academic requirements to maintain summer aid eligibility, similar to requirements for fall and spring terms.

1. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Your aid can change based on your grades and academic performance during Summer Sessions.

- Continuing students: Summer aid is based on your progress after spring.
 - Summer Session A begins before spring grades are made available. Eligibility for summer aid may change once spring SAP is reviewed.
 - You need to be in good standing with your college to qualify.
- Graduating students: You must have remaining degree/major requirements to qualify for summer aid.

2. Enroll in at least 6 summer units. Dropping below six units *will disqualify* you for aid and result in charges to your CalCentral account (you may be billed for a portion or all of your summer financial aid). **Note: Summer charges must be paid for you to receive financial aid for the Fall Term.**

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Summer Aid Eligibility Checklist

Use this checklist to track if you are meeting all requirements to maintain eligibility for summer financial aid.

- ❑ **Complete a financial aid application.** For Summer 2025, submit a **2024–25** FAFSA or CADAA by the UC Berkeley summer priority deadline: June 1, 2025. *This is different from the aid application required for Fall Term 2025.*
- ❑ **Enroll in at least 6 units.** Enroll in Summer Sessions or a summer program. Dropping below six units will disqualify you for aid. **New students:** apply through an Edge program.
- ❑ **Complete at least 6 units** over all summer programs. To maintain aid eligibility, be enrolled in 6 or more units at the Summer Census: July 12.
- ❑ **Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).** Your aid can change based on your grades and academic performance.
- ❑ **Confirm Academic Participation** (for UC Berkeley courses). You need to complete an Academic Integrity assignment for each program, course, and class.
- ❑ **New students: You must attend UC Berkeley in the fall.** If you withdraw from UC Berkeley after summer, you lose eligibility and will be charged summer tuition and fees.

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- Dropping any course may result in an adjustment to your summer financial aid package.
 - If you drop a class after the enrollment change deadline, you receive [Summer Tuition Credit](#) to enroll in another class, which can bring your course load back up to 6 units.
 - To drop all enrolled summer courses, you must officially withdraw from each session to avoid receiving a nonpassing grade. **You could lose all or part of your financial aid if you withdraw from all classes.** Please speak to a financial aid counselor and read about withdrawing from Summer Sessions at [Withdrawing from Classes or School](#).
- 3. Confirm Academic Participation (for all UC Berkeley courses).** You need to complete an Academic Integrity assignment for each program, course, and class.
- For Summer Sessions, students receive a “Course Participation Assignment” email for each course, which directs them to the Academic Integrity assignment.
 - At the Summer Census, participation is reviewed and aid is adjusted for any incomplete assignments (affects Pell Grants and federal loans, but not institutional aid).

4. New students: You must attend UC Berkeley in the fall. If you withdraw from UC Berkeley after summer, you are not eligible for summer aid and will be charged summer tuition and fees.

Appeals and Adjustments

If you face changes in your financial circumstances or unexpected expenses, there are ways to appeal for additional support.

- **Cost of Attendance (COA) Appeal** | Most cost of attendance adjustment requests are funded with additional loan, work-study, or outside scholarships that you bring with you to Berkeley: [Cost of Attendance Adjustments](#).
- **Economic Hardship Appeal** | For special circumstances that affect your and/or your family’s ability to contribute to your education: [Economic Hardship Appeal](#).
- **Unusual Circumstances Appeal** | For unusual circumstances related to dependency status: [Special Circumstances for Unexpected Financial Hardships](#).



To view additional eligibility criteria and learn more about the process, visit the [Summer Aid page](#) on the Financial Aid and Scholarships website or scan the QR code.