

Experience Berkeley Transfer

Creating pathways
to self-determination
and a roadmap
to and through college



About Me

- Senior at UC Berkeley
- Major: Sociology
- I'm a **1st generation** Mexican/American
- From **Oakland, CA** + a transfer from **Laney College** from Oakland, CA



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Our Organization

Stiles Hall (est. 1884) is private, non-profit dedicated to enriching the lives of students at the University of California, Berkeley.

For the past two decades, Stiles Hall has focused on creating pathways to higher education access and student retention through **mentorship, strategy and community.**

We are across the street from Lower Sproul on Bancroft Way, to the left of *Crumb Cookies*, as a study space and “home away from home.”



STILES HALL
where leaders grow — —



Our Program

Experience Berkeley Transfer (EBT) is a free 10-month program that provides mentors, tools and resources to Black, Latine, Native American, and Pacific Islander community college students applying to **UC Berkeley**.

We offer support with both the UC application and the UC admission/transfer process through **workshops, toolkits, Personal Insight Question response draft reviews**, and other resources.

Our coordinators (transfer students of color currently at Berkeley) serve as mentors not only to hold you accountable to your assignments, but **to be an on-campus resource** for you.



Our application is
now open to
March 31!

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Apply early and refer friends!



Why UC Berkeley?

- Ranked **#1** in public universities worldwide.
 - It is a **R1 Research** Institution.
 - **About 1 in 5** undergraduate students are transfers.
 - A large campus with connections to fellowships, various graduate programs, and career networking.

Academic opportunities aside, there are ample ways to **find your community** while you're here.

- Hundreds of student organizations.
- Student-led DeCal courses (*Teach your own!*).
- **Bridges in Hearst Field Annex**
 - Gathering spaces + events for Black, Latine, Indigenous students.

This is why we chose Berkeley...



Program Benefits



**Our students are accepted at
2x the rate of UC Berkeley
transfer admissions!**

1. Create competitive UC Application

- UC Berkeley Transfer Admit Rate: 26%
- EBT Student Admit Rate: 61%

2. Be mentored by a UC Berkeley transfer student

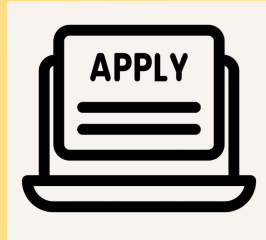
- 1-on-1 assistance with UC Application & Personal Insight Questions
- Insight into UC Berkeley & Student Life

3. Connections with Admissions Officers, UC Berkeley alumni, current transfers and peers

4. Workshops, Tools & Resources on application strategies, major and career pathways, financial aid, scholarships & more

Program Phases

Phase 1



UC Application
Preparation

Summer & Fall

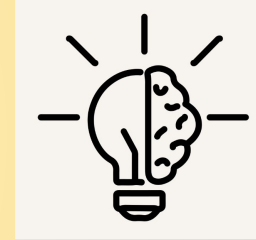
Phase 2



Admissions Decisions
& Transfer Support

Spring

Phase 3



*Our Highest Potential
Class for New Admits*

First Semester at Cal

Time Commitment



5-6 hours a month



Assignments (PIQs)

You will be given bi-weekly assignments that will prepare you to complete a competitive UC application.



Mentor Meetings

You will check in with your mentor on a bi-weekly basis



Workshops

Workshops take place once a month via Zoom.

Personal Insight Questions



You will choose **3 out of 7** 350 word-max *Personal Insight Questions* prompts.

One is required, asking you to describe how you've prepared for your intended major once you transfer.

- Your mentors will review your drafts one-on-one and help you to **highlight key themes Admissions Officers look for**.
- You will meet with them virtually on a **bi-weekly** basis at a time that works for the both of you to review your PIQ drafts and check in with one another.

Google Classroom

Experience Berkeley Transfer Program Major Worksheet



Activities and Awards Worksheet for Transfers

Directions: The Awards and Activities section of the UC Application is split into 5 subsections, which are listed below in [blue](#). Each section asks some variation of the following details: (1) **When** you participated in the activity, (2) **Where** you participated, (3) **What** you did, (4) **How** you participated, and (5) **Why** you participated. You have a **350 character** limit for each response. For the Awards section, you must list the organization, position, and dates. For the Activities section, use [brief e](#) to describe the activity.

Experience Berkeley Transfer Personal Insight Question Guide for Transfers



Introduction: This worksheet is designed to help transfer applicants start the writing process for the personal insight questions for the UC undergraduate application. We've identified a subset of questions that will guide you to answering the questions accurately and thoroughly. There is no "right answer." However, here's some things you want to include and avoid:

The purpose is to learn: (1) in the major you write your **spend about into the d**

We track assignments and progress via **Google Classroom**.
(Don't worry, we'll teach you how to navigate the platform.)

Here you will upload your PIQ drafts, as well as find worksheets, toolkits, and announcements of workshops throughout both the Fall and Spring semester.

Phase 1 Timeline



March 2024

Experience Berkeley
Transfer Application

Due 31st

April 2024

Notified of
Program
Admission

May 2024

Virtual
Orientation

June 2024

Program
Begins

November 2024

Phase 1 Ends

UC Application
Due Nov. 30



Program Application

Eligibility:

- Identify as **Black, Latinx, Native American** or **Pacific Islander**
 - 1st generation & low-income students encouraged to apply
- Minimum of a **3.0 GPA**
- **Must be applying for Fall 2025** admission
 - This means you will submit a UC application by Nov. 2024
- **Must complete 60 transferable units by Spring 2025**
- Those who may not meet eligibility criteria can become part of our **Ambassador Program** through the same app.

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TO APPLY: stileshall.org/ebt





Participant Experience

“Having someone in my corner who went through the UC application process- **someone who looks like me** and speaks Spanish was empowering. The **safe space my mentor facilitated helped me stay grounded** as I expressed my worries and concerns about college and higher education.”



Evelyn Dominguez, San Diego Mesa College
2022-23 Experience Berkeley Transfer Mentee
UC Berkeley New Admit, Environmental Economics & Policy



Participant Experience

“Having a mentor during the application process helped me understand the importance of **telling my story in a way that’ll make me stand out as a unique candidate**. I would recommend Experience Berkeley Transfer to others because it **promotes the importance of building community**, provides students with a **wealth of resources**, and assists people from disadvantaged backgrounds with the opportunity to receive an education from a top university.”



Jerome Jones, De Anza College
2021-22 Experience Berkeley Transfer Mentee
UC Berkeley, Social Welfare



Participant Experience

“Experience Berkeley Transfer has been a life-changing program for me. As a mentee in 2020, I **was welcomed into a supportive community** that not only heard my life experiences but also valued them. **With their unwavering support, I was able to achieve my lifelong dream of attending UC Berkeley.** As a coordinator for the program, I am grateful to have the opportunity to help other students like me to succeed. **I am constantly learning and growing as a leader,** thanks to the ongoing support I receive from this program.”



Melat Abraham, Berkeley City College
2020-2021 Experience Berkeley Transfer Mentee
2022-2023 Experience Berkeley Transfer Coordinator
UC Berkeley Class of 2023, Molecular Cell Biology

Thank you!



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+ application!

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Interest Form: tinyurl.com/ebtransfermail

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