MBA Exchange Program
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THE BERKELEY-HAAS DEFINING PRINCIPLES
Question the Status Quo
Confidence Without Attitude
Students Always
Beyond Yourself

FALL TERM DATES
April 1
Nomination deadline for partner schools
August 19
Mandatory Exchange Student Orientation
August 22
Instruction Begins
December 2
Instruction Ends (tentative)
December 5 – 9
Final exams (tentative)
* Not all MBA classes have final exams

FALL TERM DETAILS

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
Proficiency in English

FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD
12 units (classes are 1, 2 or 3 units each)

# OF ELECTIVES OFFERED
50-60 per term

BIDDING FOR FALL CLASSES
Bidding for classes takes place in April is done through our online web portal. Exchange students receive detailed instructions via email prior to bidding.

HOUSING
There is dormitory-style housing available at the International House (I-House), one block from the Haas School.

Apply at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/applicants/ as soon as possible and advise Amy Hornstein so that she can inform I-House that you have been admitted to the MBA Program. I-House or a housing swap with an outgoing Haas exchange student are usually the best options. It is difficult to secure private housing in Berkeley for one semester.

Exchange students with families may apply for UC Berkeley’s Family Student Housing. Please advise Amy Hornstein if you are coming to Berkeley with family.

VISAS
International students receive visa information in the spring and should begin the visa process early as it can take 3-4 months to complete. Students may apply for F-1 or J-1 student visas.

Please note that the Haas School will not sponsor students on either type of visa to remain in the United States beyond the Fall semester.
The mandatory Exchange Student Orientation on Friday, August 19, includes a Career Management Workshop. This Workshop is required for visiting exchange students who wish to use Haas Career Services.

While at Berkeley-Haas, exchange students have access to the Haas CareerNet database to research companies and contacts; may download industry guides and view job postings; attend career workshops and company presentations; and sign up for a limited number of advising and mock interview sessions. They may also drop resumes for on campus recruiting (OCR) interview schedules after completing our OCR eligibility requirements. Exchange students may not post resumes in the Haas resume database and do not have access to bid points for interview schedules.

Exchange students are not eligible for the alumni Career Management Group services available to those who have earned their MBA degrees from Berkeley-Haas, including alumni access to the CareerNet database. Exchange students should seek alumni career advising from their home schools.

UC Berkeley 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 billed for the UC Berkeley Student Health Insurance Program known as SHIP. The cost for graduate student coverage for the Fall 2015 semester was $1877.

While students may request a SHIP waiver by demonstrating comparable insurance coverage, it is very difficult to find insurance that meets the very high standard set by UC Berkeley. Visiting exchange students must therefore be prepared to pay for SHIP upon their arrival in Berkeley. They will not be able to complete their course registration until SHIP is paid or waived. Please note that insurance as well as medical costs in the U.S. may be much higher than students are used to in other countries.

Students have access to all libraries on the UC Berkeley campus.

Students have use of Haas Computing Services and Media Services.

Exchange students do not become full members of the Haas Alumni Network but are eligible for select benefits offered by Berkeley-Haas Alumni Relations including some exclusive access to our network.

Benefits include:
- Membership in the official Berkeley-Haas Alumni LinkedIn Group with more than 17,000 alumni, faculty, student, and staff members.
- Participation in Alumni Chapter events by subscribing to regional email lists.