

Cal Veteran Services Center (CVSC)

New Student Checklist

This checklist is intended to assist you in making an informed decision in accepting your admissions to UC Berkeley or if you have already accepted your admissions decision, make your transition easier. Please note, the university may have other tasks not listed on here that are also required.

- Academics/Course Selection*
 - Undergraduate: Complete Golden Bear Advising
 - Graduate: Contact your department Graduate Advisor

- Financial Aid*
 - Have you completed a FAFSA? If not, we highly encourage you to complete one
 - Review your financial aid package on CalCentral, including the College Financing Plan
 - If you have questions or would like further clarity regarding your financial aid package, including how VA Benefits and financial aid coexist at UC Berkeley, contact: Seema Arora or Luis Hernandez

- VA Benefits @ UC Berkeley (registrar.berkeley.edu/veterans)*
 - Initiate benefits or update your VA file stating your new institution as UC Berkeley at www.va.gov
 - Submit the following forms to veteransbenefits@berkeley.edu:
 - All students: Intake Form
 - Chapter 30, 33, 35: Certificate of Eligibility
 - Chapter 31 VR&E: VA Form 28-1905 Authorization for Veterans Readiness and Employment
 - Chapter 1606 and 1607: Notice of Basic Eligibility
 - Graduate students: Graduate Student Education Plan (Prior to start of 2nd semester)
 - If you have questions or would like further clarity contact: Purvis Gills or Luis Hernandez

- Housing*
 - On-campus housing options: housing.berkeley.edu
 - Off-campus housing options: calrentals.berkeley.edu, craigslist.com, www.bsc.coop
 - Family Housing: housing.berkeley.edu/universityvillage

- Connect with the UC Berkeley veteran and military-connected community*
 - Cal Veterans Group: calvetsgroup@gmail.com
 - CVSC Peer Advisors: veterancenter@berkeley.edu

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Veterans in Higher
Education course
ESI98: Independent
Learners in Higher
Education, Veterans
Course # 21451

Contact Luis Hernandez
for more information.

For more information visit: veteran.berkeley.edu