

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Economics Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2027 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Learn about fundamental economic concepts such as micro and macroeconomics, historical trends, human behavior, supply and demand, market forces, and pricing.
- Apply economic theories to real-world scenarios and analyze how economic principles impact various sectors of society, such as labor markets, the environment, and international trade.
- Enhance skills in interpreting statistical information and using quantitative tools to make informed decisions
- Gain a better understanding of economic growth, inflation, and GDP, as well as debate on policy conflicts and fiscal policies.
- Examine the benefits of trade activity and globalization.

2027 Dates

Berkeley

- Session 1: June 13 - June 25
- Session 3: June 27 - July 9
- Session 5: July 11 - July 23

Academic Program Overview

This course offers a deep dive into the fundamental principles and theories that underpin economic systems worldwide. Students explore a wide range of topics, including scarcity, opportunity cost, supply and demand, and the role of incentives in decision-making, as well as consumer behavior. Students will also explore market dynamics, gain a better understanding of how prices are determined, and dip their toes in global trade, exchange rates, and discuss economic development. Overall this course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of how economic systems function, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge to analyze and contribute to economic decision-making at both individual and societal levels. It is a versatile field that can be applied to various industries, including finance, public policy, business, and academia.

Excursions

Students have the opportunity to welcome distinguished speakers, take part in interactive seminars and enjoy a variety of walking tours and excursions around the area focused on economics.

In Berkeley, students have had the opportunity to visit and meet the leadership team at Founders, Inc., a San Francisco-based community, fund, and startup studio that supports founders building emerging technology companies. Students also had the opportunity to engage with the Director of Capital Markets Finance at UC California.

Instructors

Berkeley - Allan Lacayo, MA, Economics

Allan is a distinguished educator with a passion for economics and mathematics. Holding a Master's degree in Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics, both from UC Berkeley, Allan brings a wealth of academic expertise to his teaching endeavors. Currently serving as a visiting professor in Economics at Saint Mary's College and a professor of Economics and Business at Diablo Valley College, Allan's commitment to higher education is unwavering.

Tuition Information:

Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1.

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: **$6,298**

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5:30pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: **$3,298**

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Afternoons in both weeks are dedicated to students' preferred College Readiness Workshops (CRW), True You, and Academics in Action, with Academics in Action including academic excursions, guest speakers, and course-related activities, such as an instructor-led project or student-led, independent study.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academics in Action or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	CRWs, True You, or Academics in Action
5-5:15PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

Schedule above is a sampler; real schedules may vary based on program and academic track.

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