



In the Fall 2015 Semester, 5,846 international students were enrolled at UCB. The top five countries of origin were:

1. China
2. South Korea
3. India
4. Canada
5. Taiwan

International Student Concerns

Pre-Arrival

- Understanding and Meeting Professor Expectations
- Quantity of Academic Work
- Succeeding Academically
- Time Management
- Cultural Adjustment

While at UCB

- Financial Support and Management
- Securing a Job in the US After Graduating
- Balancing School Work With Free Time

"More first-hand advising is needed. Many international students do not arrive until mid August, and thus will miss CalSo, which is the best opportunity to get advice on classes and social experiences. It would be great if international students can hear advice and experience from students on campus, not just "official website information," which is comparably abundant."



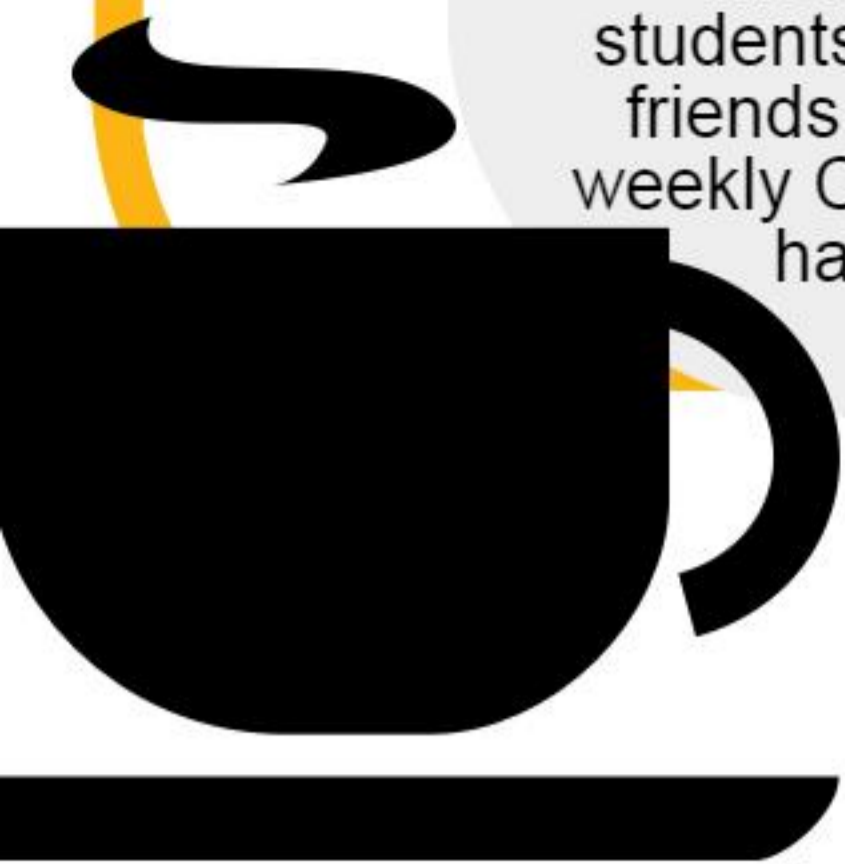
Main Academic Concerns

- Keeping Up With Reading Assignments
- Participating in Academic Discussions
- Keeping Up With Writing Assignments



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700
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hangout



From the pre-arrival stage and throughout the semester BIO delivers information on a range of topics relevant to the international community using a wide range of in persona and online formats.

Support

Webinars

Workshops

Info Sessions

Social Events

All year long, BIO staff and students plan different events aimed at providing academic support and building community among the international student population.

Leadership

Peer Mentorships

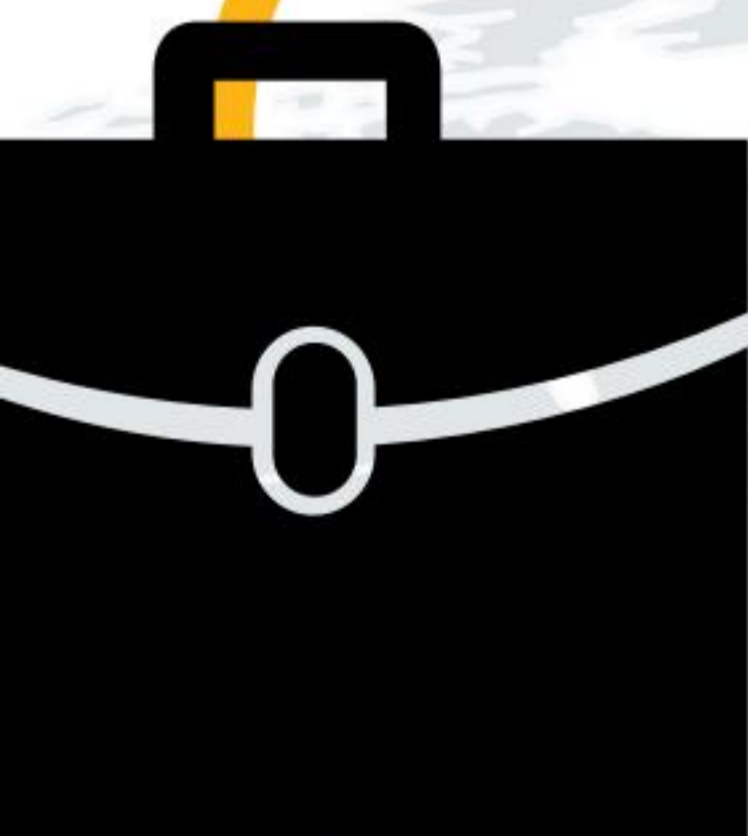
Orientation Leaders

Global Student Ambassadors

The Peer Mentorship Program assists incoming first year and transfer international students successfully transition to life at UC Berkeley. We match current students with incoming students to create small communities of support based on similar academic interests.

Each semester BIO recruits and trains Orientation Leaders who are in turn offered a great opportunity to explore leadership traits and develop intercultural communication skills while gaining transferable skills well suited for a resume.

Global Student Ambassadors assist BIO in meeting the needs of the varied and diverse UC Berkeley international student population. Participants set personal and professional goals with supervising Advisor; receive monthly training to explore and develop intercultural communication skills.



"Being in the Peer Mentorship Program really was an asset in the beginning. As the only person from my high school that came to UC Berkeley, I knew no one. Having this mentorship program gave me more comfort and support because it made me feel less lonely. In fact, I'm now best friends with one of the students in the program!"

"I got into the program thinking that I wanted to give back to the international community I am part of, but I ended up learning so much from everyone I met in the program."