

SELI NEWS

Summer English Language Institute • College Writing Programs

Summer Sessions, University of California, Berkeley

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Welcome to UC Berkeley and to the Summer English Language Institute (SELI). The instructors and staff are delighted that you could join us in Berkeley this summer. This newsletter provides information that you need to know for your stay with us. Throughout the summer, we have many events planned for outside the classroom. And, we'll let you know about events around campus, around town and around the Bay Area.

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST 8, 2008
Gold Rush Walking Tour of San Francisco

Did you know that San Fran-

cisco became an instant city during the California Gold Rush? Learn about SF's unique history, including the Vigilance Committee, the fleet of abandoned ships, and Emperor Norton. Follow the footsteps of the original 49ers on this guided walking tour. See details on page 2.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION



Record your successful completion of ESL 7, 8, 9 and/or N9 with a Certificate of Completion. Certificates are printed on

parchment, affixed with a gold seal, and signed by the program director. Certificates are suitable for framing and can be shown to friends, family, school administrators, and employers to signify your hard work and accomplishment. Certificates are available for a fee of \$5 (unframed).

Requesting a certificate:

Requests for a certificate should be submitted at the table in front of the Wheeler ESL office on **Monday, August 4 and Tuesday August 5, 12:00-2:00 p.m. and 4:30-5:00 p.m. for Session D students, and on Wednesday, August 6 and**

Thursday August 7, 12:00-2:00 p.m. and 4:30-5:00 p.m. for Session E students
Cash Only. Exact change please.

Picking up your certificate:

See next week's newsletter for details.

Frames:

Certificates are standard US letter size, 8 1/2" by 11". This is not a standard size in other countries. If you think you may not be able to purchase a frame of the correct size in your own country, you may want to purchase a frame here in Berkeley. A flyer listing possible places to buy a frame near campus will be given to you when you request a certificate.

TRANSCRIPTS

Certificates of Completion do not list your courses or grades. All visiting students will receive one complimentary Official Transcript of Grades mailed to the "Transcript Address" indicated at the time of registration. If you are unsure of your "Transcript Address" or did not indicate on on your application, you may verify and change it via TeleBears.

Additional official transcripts are issued by the Office of the Registrar. A link to the Office of the Registrar's page can be found by choosing "Transcripts" on the pull-down menu of "Registration" atg the top of the Summer Sessions home page. (<http://summer.berkeley.edu>) Any outstanding fees must be paid in full before a transcript can be issued.

Include the following information on all orders:

Name as registered, date of birth, SID number, dates of attendance, undergraduate or graduate record, signature, number of copies, mailing address for each transcript, specify Rush or Regular processing, and a contact phone number for any questions or problems.

Please note that for all sessions, Official Transcripts will be available and mailed in mid-September.

Useful Info

Summer Session E Deadlines

Last day to drop a course: August 8

Need to use a Mac or PC?

If you need to use a computer to complete class assignments or to stay in contact with those at home, visit the campus' microcomputer facilities. Facilities are located in Moffitt Library and Wheeler Hall. Consult your SELI Student Handbook for details.

Want to Workout?

Take an exercise class or use the fitness center in the Recreational Sports Facility (RSF) for only \$10. Consult your Student Handbook for details.

Want a UC Berkeley email account?

Go to <http://calmail.berkeley.edu> and click on <Create an Account>. You'll need your Calnet ID and passphrase to create an account.

Want to join a Free Conversation Group to Practice English in a relaxed, informal setting?

Sections meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m. in 100 Wheeler Hall. Fill out the white sheet in your SELI folder and bring it to the class. If you missed the first session, you can still join the groups- just attend the next class. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Robinson, at: jennydrobinson@gmail.com.

SELI Office

116 and 117 Wheeler Hall
UC Berkeley Campus
510.642.5975

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday,
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

EVENT DETAILS

Gold Rush Walking Tour of San Francisco

Date: FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008

Time: 9:45 A.M. TILL ABOUT 1:00 P.M.

Place: The walking tour starts on the northeast corner of Clay & Montgomery at the Transamerica Pyramid and goes through downtown San Francisco.

Cost: \$10 for the tour and \$6.80 for roundtrip BART from Berkeley to Montgomery Street Station in San Francisco. You will prepay for the tour and buy your BART ticket at the station. Please bring exact change. Maximum 24 students.

Sign up: Sign up is required! Please sign up at the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler Hall. Tickets may be purchased Monday, August 4- Thursday, August 7, from 12-2 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. Exact Change is required.

Where to Meet: Meet at the bottom of the escalator at the Downtown Berkeley BART station at **9:45 a.m.** We will take the 10:10 Millbrae train to San Francisco. The walking tour starts on the northeast corner of Clay & Montgomery at the Transamerica Pyramid at 11:00 a.m. It's a short walk up Montgomery from the BART station.

How to Get Home: You'll get back to Berkeley on your own, but you can walk back to BART with the faculty guide, Joyce Podevyn, after the end of the tour. Take the Richmond train back to Downtown Berkeley or spend the day in San Francisco.

Contact: Joyce Podevyn (jpodevyn@yahoo.com)

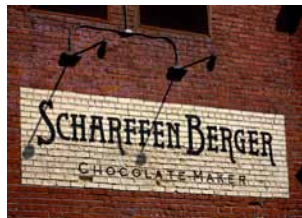
Website: www.sfcityguides.org (click on "Gold Rush City" under "Tours".)

TO DO ON YOUR OWN

Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory

914 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley

Scharffen Berger has a chocolate factory in Berkeley. You can take a FREE tour of the factory, sample the delicious chocolates, and learn about how chocolate is made.



The hour-long tour begins in the factory gift shop, then proceeds to a small room just outside the manufacturing area. This is where the sampling, learning and question-asking happens. Next up is the actual tour, which is rather short and allows you a peek at the big machines used in the chocolate-making process. (Bring a camera so you can take a picture of your friends wearing the lovely hair

nets that are required in the factory.)

Reservations

You should make reservations, as the tours are often full. You can make reservations online: <https://www.scharffenbergertour.com/>

Getting there:

Walk from campus to Shattuck Avenue and Kittridge Street. Take the AC Transit bus, #9 -Berkeley Marina-Ashby Ave. Get off at 7th Street & Anthony Street. Walk from there.

Berkeley Rose Garden

1200 Euclid Avenue, across from Codornices Park - Northeast Berkeley
510-981-5150

For flower fanatics, this is a definite must-see. The 3.5 acre terraced park features some 3000 rose bushes comprised of about 250 different species – truly a sight (and scent) to behold. Completed in 1937 by the Works Project Administration, the garden still features the original semi-circular amphitheater, plus four tennis courts, hiking trails, foot bridges, and if you time your visit right, a stunning view of the sunset behind the Golden Gate Bridge.

Getting there:

It's 1.2 miles, about a 25-30 minute walk, from campus. To find directions, go to google maps (<http://maps.google.com/maps>) and click on "Get Directions", and put in your starting and ending address. You can even click on the dropdown menu and change "by car" to "Walking".

Top Dog

2534 Durant, Berkeley

Top Dog Hotdogs has been around since the 1960's. The owner recalled his childhood years in New York and his love of sausages, and wanted to bring a taste of New York's famous ethnic sausages from its German, Italian and Polish neighborhoods. Not surprisingly, this joint is a hit with local students grabbing a quick bite between classes or a satisfying break during a late-night study session. Place your order at the front and hang out while waiting for your link. Lemon Chicken, Kielbasa and the turkey "Bird Dog" are among the several appetizing selections.



STUDENT WRITING

Why do people come to UC Berkeley to study in the Summer English Language Institute?

A lot of people consider summer to be a holiday period. They dream of sandy beaches, plan amazing tours, or decide to travel abroad to visit different parts of the world. But still every summer hundreds of young and energetic foreign students choose to come to the summer sessions program in UC Berkeley and don't seem to be disappointed by their choice. Why do they come to the SELI program? I've just made a small survey on this topic.

Many students arrive at Berkeley to combine both studying and relaxing. College Writing program gives them wonderful opportunities for it: from Monday till Thursday they have English classes taught by American professors, Friday is usually a fieldtrip day that helps them learn American culture, and at the weekend they can do whatever they want: go to an amusement park, browse in SF shops, take a tour to L.A. etc.

Other students come here to take a closer look at the university and its atmosphere: lots of them are interested in continuing their education in the States and often take other classes besides ESL. Some universities have close ties with UC Berkeley, and send groups of their students to Cal, and even count their credits obtained here.

Finally, there are also some students who are already admitted to UC Berkeley. They use the ESL courses to improve their language and prepare themselves for the fact that all the courses will be taught only in English. They are mainly newly-admitted LL.M students (they usually take Legal English) and MBA students (they take Business English and Business Speaking classes).

I personally put myself into a second group. I came here to learn something about the students' world in the US. And now I'm quite sure that one day I will make up my mind to do an LL.M in the States, and UC Berkeley will be on the top of my list of desirable schools.

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