Navigating Berkeley - Cal Week 2020 FAQs

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General Questions
- Hypothetically, if I need to access the UC campus in San Francisco, what is the easiest way?
  - There are no direct shuttles between UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco, but you can find your options by utilizing Berkeley Moves! or visiting pt.berkeley.edu/goldenbeartripplanning for more distinct trip planning inquiries.

Parking
- Where can students park on campus?
  - The student car permit is valid in the following ‘S’ locations: Ellsworth Structure, Foothill Lot, Lower Hearst Structure, Underhill Structure, Witter Lot. Link to parking lot map
- What are the requirements for Carpool Permits?
  - Student carpool permits (C,F,S) are required to register with Berkeley Moves! Website (calnet ID required).
  - Each permit holder (drivers and riders) must log their trips to the commute calendar (a minimum of twice a week).
  - Each member (drivers and riders) of the carpool should have a carpool permit with a minimum of 2 permits needed to be visibly displayed on the driver’s side of the dashboard.
- When does parking get full?
  - Parking lots reach their capacities around 9:30 am. Clark Kerr and Foothill lots have plenty of parking available after 10 am.
- If my parents want to visit, where can they park?
  - Visitors can park in on-campus parking lots, as well as do street parking. Usually, there are parking lots available for hourly parking throughout the day. However, during off-peak hours (5 pm -2 am), campus parking lots become available to the public. Please check this website for the most updated lots, hours, and pricing: https://pt.berkeley.edu/parking/visitor-parking

Bear Transit Shuttle
- How can I board on Bear Transit?
  - You can board any Bear Transit and night safety shuttles with your Cal 1 card or clipper card.
- What is the frequency of Bear Transit?
  
  Daytime Bear Transit Operates:
  **Perimeter, Hill, and Southside Lines:** 30-minute frequency, 7am-7pm Monday-Friday
  **Richmond Field:** Hourly frequency, 7am-6pm, Monday-Friday
  **Central Campus via Hearst:** 20-minute frequency 7am-10:30am & 3-6:40pm Monday-Friday

  Nighttime Bear Transit Operates
  **North Side Safety Shuttle:** 30-minute frequencies,
  7:45pm-2:15am Sunday-Friday, 6:45pm-2:15am Saturdays
  **South Side Safety Shuttle:**
  7:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday, **15 minute frequency**
  6:30pm-4:00am Saturday, **15-30 minute frequency**
  6:30pm-2:30am Sunday, **30 minute frequency**
**BikeShare**
- **How much is Bikeshare?**
  - $13/month. Use code GOBEARS for a discount to get your first month free at baywheels.com/cal.
  - EOP students (Pell & DREAM recipients) can obtain a free 1-year membership, then $5/Month afterward. Contact your EOP counselor for more details.
- **How well used is the BayWheels program?**
  - Over 2,000 students have registered to use the BayWheel Programs. There are several docking stations around the perimeter of campus and Downtown Berkeley Bart Station. The Bikeshare program is designed to connect members with other neighboring cities such as Oakland. There are more than 3,000 available bikes and 250+ stations. Hybrid E-Bikes (can be docked/dockless) are expected to arrive on campus soon. These will allow members to use the extra power to travel on Berkeley’s hills and through the Northeast part of campus. All dockless bikes **must** be tethered (locked to) a bike rack, and may **not** be locked to lamps, ADA ramps, or impede/block the path of travel on the campus.

**Campus Mobility**
- **Where can I buy a bike if I don't have one?**
  - The City of Berkeley has many Bike Stores near campus such as Mike’s Bikes, Sports Basement, Trek Bikes and many more. Additionally, big retailers including Target, Walmart, and Decathlon also have bikes available for purchase. Remember to purchase a bike lock and a helmet to keep you and your bike safe. Also - register your bike with UCPD at Sproul Hall.
- **Does the campus have a scooter-share program (Bird, Lyft, Wheels, Jump, etc?)**
  - Lime, Bird, or other private electric scooter sharing companies are currently not allowed on campus and the City of Berkeley. However, personally owned scooters are allowed on campus but are not permitted to obstruct ADA pathways. Additionally, all personal scooters must follow all on-campus dismount zone guidelines.
- **Are skateboards allowed?**
  - Electric/non-electric skateboards are allowed on campus but are not permitted on dismount zones which are heavy walking areas such as Sproul Plaza.

**AC Transit Student EasyPass**
- **Do I need one if I already have a clipper card?**
  - Yes, in order to receive the AC Transit Student EasyPass, you **must** acquire one from us. When you receive your Cal1 Card during Golden Bear Orientation, you will also receive your Clipper Card.
- **Do I need a separate card for BART or MUNI?**
  - You do not need a separate card for BART or Muni. Your Clipper Card is valid for any participating transit agency, but you must add money to your card in order to use those services.
- **Where can I put money on my Clipper Card?**
  - You can load funds into your account at participating retailers such as Walgreens or Target. Through the Clipper Card website at Clippercard.com, over the phone at 877.878.8883; or at the ticket machines at any BART station.
  - Clippercard.com also allows you to set up automatic reload of your clipper card fund.
- Does UC Berkeley offer discounts on BART or Caltrain?
  - As of now, neither offers UC Berkeley students discounts. To use other agencies that are not AC Transit, you must put money on your Clipper Card.
- What happens if I lose my Clipper Card?
  - The Clipper Card replacement fee is $25 unless you submit a police report for a stolen pass. To receive a new clipper card, go to the UCB Parking and Transportation office at 1995 University Ave #110, Berkeley, CA 94720, open M-F at 7:30am-4pm.
  - We ask that once you receive a new (or a replacement) clipper card, to register your card with clippercard.com. Should your card get stolen or lost, you can call Clipper Card to transfer any available balances.

Walking
- Does everyone walk from the Residence Halls to campus?
  - All Residence Halls are within a 5-10 minute walking distance to campus with the exemption of the Clark Kerr campus which may take students up to 20 minutes to arrive at the center of campus.
  - Clark Kerr Campus: With the Student EasyPass Clipper Card, students are able to ride AC Transit Route 79 for free from Clark Kerr to Lower Sproul Plaza. For students commuting to the Northeast Quadrant of Campus, the Southside Route will operate every 30 minutes. A map and schedule will be available in Summer 2020.
- Is family housing walkable to campus?
  - Nearby family housing is an average 15 minute walk to campus with the exemption of University Village, located 3.5 miles away from campus.
  - From University Village, take AC Transit Route 52 to campus, or AC Transit Route 18 to Downtown Berkeley and walk from Shattuck Avenue.
- Can I walk from Dwinelle Hall to Cory Hall during passing periods (Berkeley Time)?
  - Dwinelle Hall to Cory Hall is around a 10-15 minute walk and is very doable between passing periods. The rule of thumb is almost all buildings on campus are less than a 10 minute brisk walk away unless they are located on opposite corners of the campus (e.g. Li Kai Shing and Wurster Hall)