

RESOURCES AT AND AROUND UC BERKELEY

STUDENT GUIDE



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Disability Access & Compliance

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PROGRAMS ON CAMPUS

Disabled Students' Program (DSP)

[DSP](#) provides accommodations, services, and academic and career counseling for students with disabilities. [TRiO DSP](#) provides additional support, including for students from low income backgrounds. [Spectrum Connect](#) provides students who identify on the autism spectrum with academic and social supports.

Disability Access Compliance (DAC)

[DAC](#) aims to support a university environment accessible to all people, regardless of their relative level of ability. DAC offers some services and resources and oversees all elements of University activities. You can [submit a report](#) of discrimination on the basis of disability to DAC.

NAVIGATING ACADEMIC SERVICE

Students receiving financial aid must show [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) towards their degree. DSP students can discuss academic options, such as taking a reduced course load, with their Disability Specialist. Graduate students, check in with your Graduate Advisors.

Stay on top of academic and financial deadlines through the [Office of the Registrar](#), which puts out a Student Enrollment and Deadline Calendar each school year. DSP students, check in with your Disability Specialist for additional information on accommodations.

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

[The Loop](#) is a golf cart that provides on-campus only rides for eligible students with disabilities on a first-come, first-served basis.

This service was created to assist persons with mobility disabilities (including temporary disability as a result of injury) and visual impairments.

DAC has additional information regarding accessible transportation, including campus parking, obtaining a disability placard/license, and maps of parking lots.

[Bear Transit](#) is UC Berkeley's shuttle system, and provides transportation between campus and Downtown Berkeley BART, parking lots, Clark Kerr campus and other residence halls.

Staying Safe

Stay safe with Cal's [free night safety services](#), including BearWalk, night shuttle buses, and door-to-door service.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

Cal Housing

UC Berkeley and Cal Housing provide [accessible housing](#) to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Find out how to receive ADA accommodation and typical accommodations offered. Please note that policies and procedures for Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals differ. More information regarding [animals as accommodations](#) is available on the DAC website.

Berkeley Student Co-op

The [Berkeley Student Cooperative](#) offers low-cost off-campus student housing. Accommodations such as visiting and live-in attendants can be made by request. They are a 501c3 nonprofit housing cooperative that has wheelchair accessible housing.

University Village

Cal Housing also offers accommodations at off-campus Family Student Housing at [University Village](#).



Maximino Martinez Commons, is a secure, socially dynamic community building combining residence hall rooms and apartments.



A student using the Loop service.



A view of the sproul staircase from above.



Students enjoying a lecture outside on the grass.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

Medical Care

Medical care is conveniently located across the street from campus at the [Tang Center](#). UHS offers a [Care Manager](#) for DSP students to help coordinate care through Tang. Contact: (510) 664-9926. Transportation and additional resources provided on the [UHS website](#).

[Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is also available for all students, regardless of type of health insurance. Call (510) 642-9494 to schedule an appointment.

Disability Management

[Disability Management](#) works to mitigate workplace disability issues for faculty and staff, including graduate students who are also University employees.

THE RECREATIONAL SPORTS FACILITY (RSF)

RSF provides [Inclusive Recreation](#) to support sports and recreation programs for the 3,000+ Cal community members with disabilities. An Inclusive orientation introduces members to facilities that include adaptive equipment and fitness room, and a universal locker room.

Adaptive Programs include goalball for visually impaired athletes, CalSTAR Yoga for members with mobility impairments, wheelchair basketball, powerball soccer, and exercise classes. [Cal Adventures](#) provides out-door oriented adventures such as sailing and kayaking.

Contact Inclusive Recreation, for more information (inclusive.rec@berkeley.edu).



Students playing Goal Ball at the RSF.



A student hanging out on campus.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ON CAMPUS

The [Associated Students of the University of California \(ASUC\)](#), is the officially recognized student association at Cal. Check out existing [student organizations](#) or start your own!

[ASUC Disabled Students Committee](#) addresses campus-wide disability issues. In addition to having its own advocacy campaigns, it aims to uplift the work of intersectional student groups on campus.

Disability Justice Book Club. To learn more, contact the ASUC Disabled Students Committee disabledstudentscommittee@asuc.org

The [Graduate Assembly](#) works to improve the lives of Cal graduate students and to foster a vibrant, inclusive community.

[Student Coalition for Disability Rights \(SCDR\)](#) advocates for disability rights on campus, to ensure that students with disabilities have equitable access to Cal’s academics, resources, and programs.

[Spectrum @ Cal](#) hosts events throughout the year to promote acceptance and empower the Berkeley autism community.

[Student Advocate’s Office](#) is an executive, non-partisan office of the student government at UC Berkeley. Their office offers representation, help, and advice to any student or student group involved in a dispute with the University.

The [Disability Cultural Center](#) (Hearst Field Annex, D21 and 25) is a space for persons with disabilities to meet, study, and connect with campus services. The space was secured by the activism of UC Berkeley students and programming will be directed by and for students with disabilities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<https://dac.berkeley.edu/resources/community-resources>
<https://dac.berkeley.edu/resources/students/student-resources>

GETTING AROUND THE EAST BAY

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AC Transit is the public bus system that runs throughout the East Bay. Buses are equipped with a lift for wheelchair users. AC Transit also operates “Transbay” routes to San Francisco and selected areas in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is a reliable public subway system that also runs throughout the East Bay. [Accessibility features \(click to download PDF\)](#) include:

- Accessible elevator service at stations.
- BART stations are wheelchair accessible and BART cars accommodate wheel-chair users.
- Textured rubber tiles along the length of BART train platforms mark the platform edge, detected with a cane or foot.
- An extra row marks the location of the car doors on the middle cars of the train.
- Train Operators announce the name of the next station and instructions for transfers.

You can also catch BART directly to San Francisco and Oakland International airports. Use [BART’s Trip Planner](#) to plan your next trip! Look for alerts and advisories, including elevator issues, on their website.

East Bay Paratransit is an alternative public transit service. Paratransit provides door-to-door service in vans equipped with a wheelchair lift. It was established by AC Transit and BART to meet requirements of the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#).

Use a **Clipper Card** to pay for transportation fare. You can load your card at BART stations or online. Riders under age 65 with disabilities can apply for a [Regional Transportation Connection \(RTC\)](#) Clipper card. It automatically calculates discounts and works like any other Clipper card.



Cal’s band members running to start their set.



Student riding a unicycle on upper sproul.

THE CITY OF BERKELEY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Through the Looking Glass (TLG) provides training and services for families in which a child, parent or grandparent has a disability or medical issue.

Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) provides accessible sports and recreation for children and adults in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) supports people with disabilities benefit from computer-based assistive technology in order to achieve greater independence, gain access to employment and significantly enhance the quality of their life.

The California **Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)** works in partnership with consumers to provide vocational rehabilitation services designed to help job seekers with disabilities obtain competitive employment in integrated work settings.

The **Deaf Counseling Advocacy & Referral Agency (DCARA)** provides communication access assistance, independent living skills, and employment services for individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

The **East Bay Center for the Blind** offers services and social activities to a diverse group of people who are blind or low vision, many of whom are not assisted by other agencies.

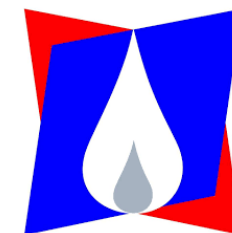
AXIS Dance Company collaborates with disabled and non-disabled artists, and challenges perceptions of dance and disability. Founded in 1987, Axis has paved the way for a powerful contemporary dance form - physically integrated dance. Axis tours around the world and offers dance classes to the public.

Led by disabled people of color, **Sins Invalid** is a disability justice based performance project that incubates and celebrates artists with disabilities, centralizing artists of color and LGBTQ / gender-variant artists as communities who have been historically marginalized. Email: info@sinsinvalid.org

Bay Area Disabled Dance Collective (BADD) is an all-disabled multiracial collective of queer and trans dancers, and aims to support disabled dance through education, performance, and activism. BADD often partner’s with [UC Berkeley’s Dance Studies Working Group \(DSWG\)](#).

OTHER RESOURCES

Social Security Administration
2045 Allston Way
Berkeley, California 94704
1-800-772-1213 or TTY: 1-800-325-0778
[Apply for public benefits](#) (CalFresh and Medi-Cal)



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