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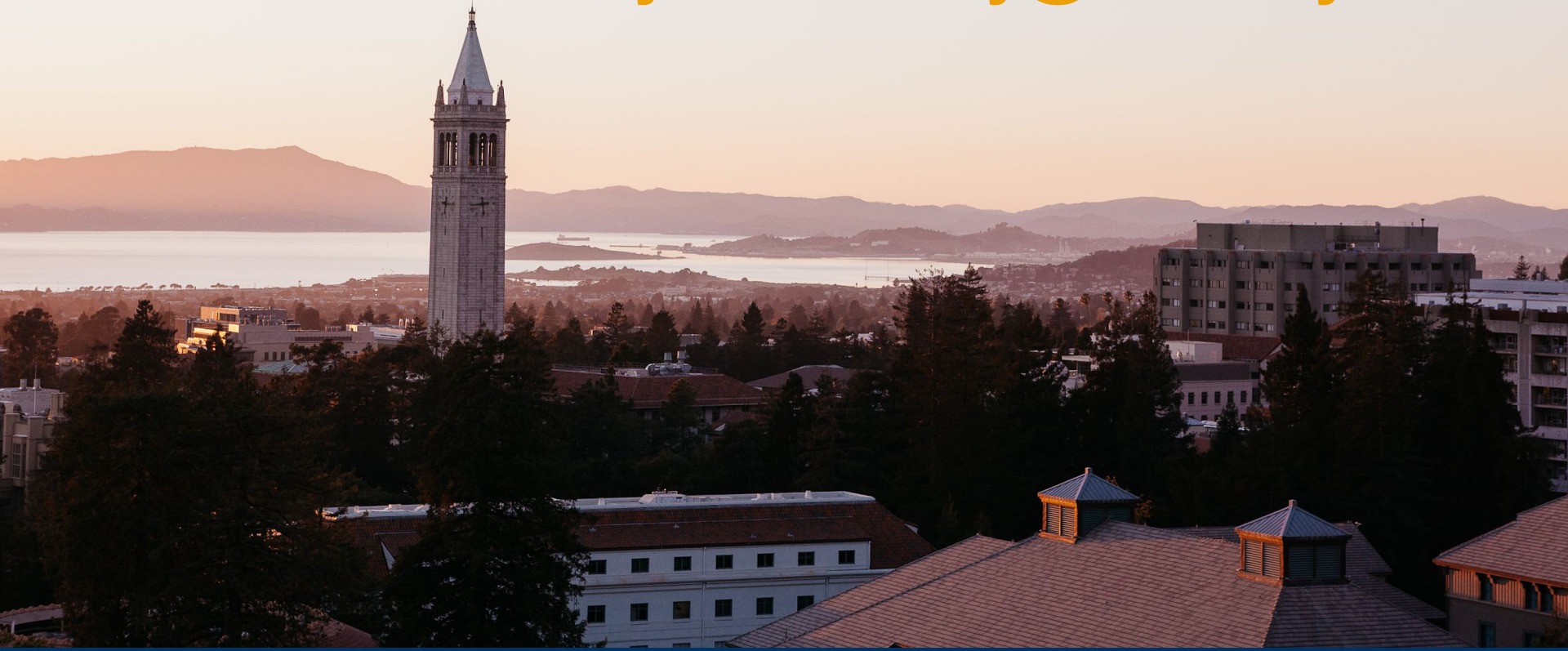

Berkeley School of Information

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Your Student Success Advisor

Adam Devlin

Your advisor is available to assist with course planning & scheduling, resources, academic progress and challenges, and time management

Call:
1-855-572-9681

Email:
studentsupport@cybersecurity.berkeley.edu

Your Student Success Coordinators

Gina
Ellison

Megan
Wilking

Coordinators assist with general program questions and resources, onboarding, and account set up

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(response within 1 - 2 business days)

SMS Messaging

- Opt-in to SMS by texting “Subscribe” to your Student Success Advisor’s direct line.
- Please note that SMS will not be monitored outside standard business hours.
- Student Success response time will take approximately 1-2 business days.
- Available to US based phone numbers only (excluding VoIP numbers)

Administrative Accounts

bCourses	CalNet ID	bCourses is the official UC Berkeley Learning Management System, which you will use to attend class, complete asynchronous coursework, and turn in your homework assignments.
I School Intranet	CalNet ID	Cache of program information, including the MICS Student Handbook, which outlines degree requirements, curriculum, and grading policies. Additional resources found here are the I School Academic Calendar, information about registration, immersion, and the course calendar.
CalCentral	CalNet ID	Administrative hub, where you can see your grades and transcript, view information about your financial aid package, see your account balance and pay your tuition bill, and register for classes.

Communications Accounts

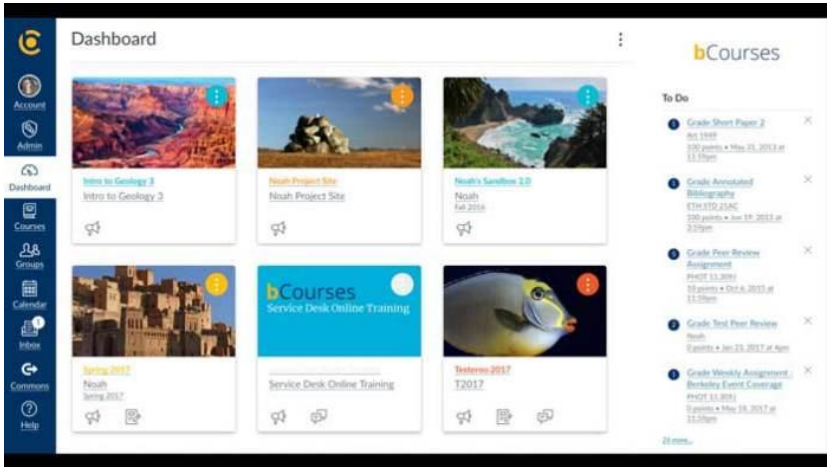
bConnected	**CalNet ID**	Berkeley's G Suite for Education with all of the standard Google tools, including mail (bMail), calendar (bCal), drive (bDrive), and more. Important announcements from the I School and the campus will be sent to your bMail account, so be sure to check it regularly.
Slack	**I School Email**	Informal chat communication with your cohort, other students in the program, and faculty.

- Slack requires account set up when accessing for the first time
- **Monitor your @berkeley email account REGULARLY**

bCourses

bcourses.berkeley.edu

- All MICS classes are held on bCourses, the official UC Berkeley LMS platform
- Access through CalCentral under “My Courses” or bcourses.berkeley.edu
  - Course Access is typically two weeks before a term begins
- Refer to the [bCourses Students Getting Started guide]



Onboarding Next Steps

Review and Complete the Following:

- SHIP Waiver
- CYBER 206 Opt-In/Out Form
- MICS Student Handbook
- Bridge Courses & Academic Preparation
- Important Dates & add the Academic Calendar to your calendar app
- Review the attached MICS Checklist and Account Cheat Sheet

SHIP Waiver

- Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is available for students needing health insurance while enrolled in the MICS program
- If you already have health insurance, it is **required to complete the SHIP Waiver Process**
  - Failure to submit a SHIP waiver will result in being charged the full amount of SHIP.
  - SHIP fee is non-refundable without exception if waiver is not submitted.
- Look out for an email to complete the waiver process before the deadline.
  - **You will be required to complete the waiver process each Fall term while you are enrolled in the MICS program.**
- More information can be found here: https://uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance-ship/waiving-ship
- Email the SHIP Office with any questions

MICS Academic Preparation

- It is in your best interest to ensure you are familiar with the academic principles covered in the program prior to your first term. **Your preparation is your responsibility.**

- Use the MICS Technical Prep Resources page to brush up on core competencies

MICS Student Handbook

- Available through the I School Intranet (use CalNet ID to log in)
- Information on degree requirements, grading policy, curriculum, Immersion and more
- You must have an I School Account created to access the Intranet.
- Ensure your success by becoming familiar with the Student Handbook!

Bookmark the link:
https://www.ischool.berkeley.edu/intranet/students/mics

Program Structure

- Three terms per year: Spring, Summer, and Fall
    - You are expected to enroll in each term
- Each term is 14 weeks long (excluding breaks during the term)
- It takes 5 – 7 terms to complete the program (on average)
- **All new students must enroll in 6 units (two classes).** By request, students can enroll in 9 units (3 classes)

Program Structure

Asynchronous Material

- Gather class information and material(s) before the start of term
- Assignments & Homework
- **Mandatory videos and readings**
- Complete **before** attending your live sessions

Live (Synchronous) Sessions

- Held once per week, 90 minutes long
- Expected to attend **all sessions**
- If you need to miss a session, contact your instructor **immediately** to make alternative arrangements
- Most classes are scheduled M - Th at 4 pm PT OR 6:30 pm PT

Student Expectations

- **Your preparation is your responsibility** - be proactive and start your preparation early. Assess where you're at and work to fill in any skill/knowledge gaps
- **Take initiative** - communicate early and often with your professors, teaching assistants, group mates and be transparent if you have any issues
- **Take part in the community** - attend office hours, submit feedback through surveys and your Student Success Advisor

Student Expectations

- **Always Save a Local Copy** - in the event that you change class sections or have a technical issue, make sure you have assignments saved locally to your machine!
- **Take risks** - use resources to help you learn and seek help when you need it
- **Be professional** - imagine you are in a real classroom during live sessions
- **Don’t wait until the last minute to seek advice or assistance!**

First Term Courses

CYBER 200 Beyond the Code: Cybersecurity in Context
CYBER 206 Programming Fundamentals for Cybersecurity

If you opt out of CYBER 206:

CYBER 200 Beyond the Code: Cybersecurity in Context
with
CYBER 202 Cryptography for Cyber & Network Security
OR
CYBER 204 Software Security

Accelerated Track

- Students who are **not working full time** may take up to three courses per term **pending approval each term**.
  - Space in third class is not guaranteed.

- Taking three classes in one term is the equivalent of working a full time job.

- Approval must be obtained every term each term a student wishes to take three classes from the Director of Student Affairs.
  - Reach out to your Student Success Advisor for additional information
  - Refer to Acceleration Request page for additional information

Degree Requirements

- 9 classes required (27 units total)
  - Foundational Courses: CYBER 200, 202, 204, 206, &210 (CYBER 206 may be waived)
  - 3 Advanced Elective (4 electives if CYBER 206 is waived)
  - Capstone Course (must be taken in final semester)
  - Each class is three units
- 1 Immersion Program

Immersion

- **Required to attend one Immersion during your MICS program**
- Offered once per year - every Spring term
- All information can be found on the Intranet Immersion page.
- Plan ahead for the event in which you are interested.
- After attending **one** immersion, registration for a second is not guaranteed.

Questions?

Our Student Success team is here for you! We are your first point of contact for anything related to cybersecurity@berkeley

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