

MIDS Program Checklist

Schedule your Introduction Meeting with your Student Success Advisor

All students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). If you DO NOT want SHIP coverage, you MUST [submit a waiver before the deadline](#)

Finalize plans to finance the program and sign the [Student Financial Agreement \(SFA\)](#) once it becomes available closer to registration.

Get familiar with your [CalCentral](#) account

Review the Account Cheat Sheet on the next page for information about accounts (all assets are hyperlinked)

Create your [bConnected](#) account (@berkeley.edu)

Check your [bMail inbox](#) for an invitation to create your I School Account (@ischool.berkeley.edu)

Create your [I School Slack Account](#) (@ischool.berkeley.edu)

Familiarize yourself with [bCourses](#) by using the [Students Getting Started guide](#)

Bookmark this [academic resource list](#) and use it as needed

Complete the required [Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#) on CalCentral once access is granted closer to the start of the term

Complete your I School Profile

Review the [Student Handbook](#) in the I School Intranet

Sync the [Academic Calendar](#) to your preferred calendar app

Complete the Diagnostic Placement Exam. Speak with your Admissions Counselor if you have any questions.

Attend the New Student Orientation Webinar

Bring any questions you have regarding this checklist and your new accounts to an Onboarding Office Hour with Student Success (Onboarding Office Hour times/dates will be sent via email)

Attend a Registration Webinar (times/dates will be sent via email)

Register for first term classes

Pay your tuition bill after registering for classes

Sign up for [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\)](#) if eligible

Purchase required class materials through syllabus and [Study.net](#) (links will be emailed when course access is granted)

Complete your first week asynchronous material prior to first live session

Set up your [Library VPN](#) to access required readings once the term begins

Asset	Log-In Credential	What does it do?
<u>bCourses</u>	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.
<u>I School Intranet</u>	CalNet ID	Cache of program information, including the MIDS 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.
<u>CalCentral</u>	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.
<u>bConnected</u>	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.
<u>Slack</u>	I School Email	Informal chat communication with your cohort, other students in the program, and faculty.

Consult your instructor to see if the following resources will be used in your course:

<u>GitHub</u>	N/A (Instructor Specific)	Web-based hosting service for version control using Git. It is mostly used for computer code.
<u>study.net</u>	N/A (Instructor Specific)	Provides required reading material for various courses at a discounted rate.