SUMMER/WINTER PROGRAMMES (SWP)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the GRO website and application guide for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Course Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

UC Berkeley: DISC: Design + Innovation for Sustainable Cities
(Updated as of January 2026)

Host University Website: https://ced.berkeley.edu/disc
Programme Location: Berkeley, California, USA
Programme Dates: 6 July to 7 August 2026
Application Deadline: 10 May 2026

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION		
1	**Programme Fee**	For more details on UC Berkeley DISC Fees, please refer to the following link: **https://ced.berkeley.edu/academics/summer-programs/deadlines-fees** **Exact tuition, charges, and fees vary depending on student status and the number of units.**
2	**Projected Expenses**	*(see table below)*

Item	Estimated Cost (USD)
Academic Unit @ US$635 each X 5 academic units (based on student visa requirements)	US$3,175
CED Summer Program Tuition	US$3,900
CED Summer Programme Application Processing Fee	US$82
Document Management fee	US$73
UC Berkeley + Summer Session Registration Fee	US$610
International Service Fee	US$500
Total (including tuition)	~$8,340 USD *(**excluding housing, flight tickets, books, personal and other miscellaneous expenses**)

All fees are estimates and subject to change. Further detail about fees and expenses is available at the Summer programs website.

Costs Include:

- UC Berkeley college credit
- All academic instruction and office hour availability of your instructors
- Reviews and individual feedback for your work, including portfolio building advice
- Use of the studio, the computer room, and other classrooms at the College of Environmental Design
- Guest lectures
- Free access to Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft 365, Google-suite, campus Wi-Fi, and more software provided to UC Berkeley students
- Program field trip organization and instruction on-site
- Access to the CED Library, CED Archives, and all UC Berkeley campus libraries

		• Clipper Card ([BayPass](#)) which allows you to use Bay Area public transportation • Use of UC Berkeley's [recreation facilities](#) with your student ID (Cal1Card) • Free admission with your student ID (Cal1Card) to [UC Berkeley Botanical Garden](#), the museum in the [Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)](#), [Lawrence Hall of Science](#), [Campanile (Sather Tower)](#), the [Hearst Museum](#), and other campus benefits • Breakfast during welcome + sign-in on your first day of class, finger food and snacks/sweets during the final celebration, as well as some snacks during or after final review • International students: support for your student visa application • The majority of materials used in studio for embARC and DISC programs • Access to UC Berkeley campus housing (students 18 years or older) and campus dining commons • Certificate of Completion and eligibility for a UC Berkeley transcript for students who complete the course requirements
3	**Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO**	You should have enough monetary funds to last you throughout the whole SWP programme. Your decision to go on SWP should not be dependent upon the confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award. You can consider the following financial aid options to fund your SWP: **For Singaporeans only:** • [NUS Awards for Study Abroad (NASA) Enhancement Bursary](#) • [Overseas Student Programme (OSP) Loan](#) • [Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Funds](#) Please note that if you are successful for any financial aid, the funds will only be disbursed to you after completion of the programme.

PROGRAMME DETAILS		
4	**Academic Content**	An intensive, challenging program built on four main platforms empowers you with the skills and expertise to shape our built environment. - **Seminars in Urban Innovation and Global Cities / Global Challenges** provide you with a theoretical framework. - **Studio sessions and digital workshops** hone your fundamental making skills and empower you to craft your own design solutions. - **Field work and site visits** give you an opportunity to engage directly with the dynamic built and natural environments of the San Francisco Bay Area, using it as a living laboratory for study. - **Guest lectures** expose you to some of the most renowned and forward-thinking researchers and practitioners in the Bay Area
5	**Eligibility Requirements**	NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please refer to [GRO website](#) for details. UC Berkeley's eligibility requirements: The DISC program is designed for students who are currently working on their bachelor's degree in any field. No previous design experience is necessary. DISC welcomes and encourages international students to apply.

		Note: per UC Berkeley regulations, you must be 18 years or older on the first day of the programme. The online application requires an essay, a statement of intent, a current resume, and a transcript, plus an application processing fee of US$75.
6	**Accommodation**	For more information, please refer to the following links: - https://summer.berkeley.edu/student-services/student-housing - https://ced.berkeley.edu/academics/summer-programs/faq#housing-transportation
7	**Application Procedure**	1. **Please apply through the NUS Education Records System - Global Education (EduRec-GE).** Applying through EduRec-GE will allow GRO to contact and assist you in times of crisis/emergency while overseas. With an official application through EduRec-GE, you are covered by the NUS Travel Blanket Insurance. 2. You should also **concurrently apply to the host university** once you have applied to NUS Edu-Rec.
8	**Course Mapping**	Students interested in transferring units can start the course mapping process after applying and accepting the offer for the programme in EduRec. Course mapping requests are subjected to approval from the Faculties. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for course mapping. Please also note the following: Students may map up to a maximum of 10 units for each Summer Programme and up to a maximum of 5 units for each Winter Programme. Course mapping will be subject to approval from the respective Faculties/Schools. A total of 12 units from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional units mapped will be subjected to Special Term fees. For details, visit the Office of the University Registrar's website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
9	**Visa Application**	Students will need to secure the appropriate visa in order to study at Berkeley for the summer. For more information the visa process, please refer here: https://summer.berkeley.edu/visa
10	**Travel Advisories**	Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.
11	**Student Insurance**	NUS students embarking on a university-endorsed overseas programme are covered under NUS Travel Insurance. For more information on the coverage, please refer here: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/ Please ensure that you have a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside USA. Review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students are strongly

		encouraged to purchase supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad. For more information on UC Berkeley's insurance policies, please refer here: https://uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance/international-summer-sessionstudents
12	**Contact Information**	Questions related to the programme: summerdiscovery@berkeley.edu Questions related to course mapping: Please contact your faculty SEP coordinator Questions for NUS Global: groams@nus.edu.sg

*Please refer to host university's website for the latest information.