

Getting Involved at Cal



Though academics play a leading role in the life of a student, there is a big difference between *attending* a university and *being part of* a university. Student groups and organizations help you enhance your educational experience by implementing and furthering the skills that you learn in the classroom.

How else can you benefit from the hundreds of student organizations that UC Berkeley has to offer? Joining one can help you with social networking, professional experience and development, leadership skills, and much more!

The listings that follow are only an introduction to the wonderful opportunities that await you. Pick a few that look fun and get involved. If you can't find one that appeals to your interests, start your own! To search through a complete list of student groups, visit <http://campuslife.berkeley.edu/orgs>.

CNR Student Groups

Conservation & Resource Studies Student Organization (CRSSO) - <http://goo.gl/xbDKe>

CRSSO works to influence positive change at Berkeley, provide a resource for newly declared CRS majors and other students, foster and reconnect the CRS community, and increase awareness about the CRS major.

The Global Environment Theme House (GETH) <http://themeprogams.berkeley.edu/geth.html>

GETH brings together students and faculty to explore issues around environmental change, natural resources, sustainable environments, and environmental leadership. Learn about green living, give back to the environment, grow as leaders, and form friendships that can last a lifetime.

Students Nutrition Advocacy Club (SNAC) <http://on.fb.me/1aY8AZX>

SNAC is a student-led organization that works to promote nutritional awareness on the UCB campus. Comprised mostly of dietetic students, SNAC is a resource for students interested in becoming registered dietitians. We provide information on volunteer and job opportunities, networking events, academic assistance and more!

Cal Forestry Club <http://cnr.berkeley.edu/forestryclub/>

The Forestry Club is a social and academic community open to anyone at Berkeley with an interest in forestry. The Forestry Club participates in Society of American Forester events, holds an annual Christmas tree cut and sale, sponsors "Bean Feed" dinners, competes in logging sports, and works in community outreach.

Environmental Sciences Student Association (ESSA) - <https://www.facebook.com/ESSAcal>

ESSA is a group for students interested in environmental sciences. ESSA's main goal is to bring students with interests in the environment together in a fun, academic, and social atmosphere. Membership is open to all UC Berkeley students.

Toxicology Student Association (ToxSA) <http://toxsa.berkeley.edu/>

ToxSA supports students in the Molecular Toxicology emphasis and non-majors interested in toxicology by providing advising, career preparation, and community service opportunities, as well as exploring past and current issues in toxicology.

Pre-Health Organizations

American Medical Student Association Premedical Chapter (AMSA-BPC) - <http://amsa.berkeley.edu>

AMSA-BPC is devoted to exposing its members to diverse issues in medicine and public health; involving them in academic, professional, service, and social activities; and fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie amongst pre-health students.

Cal Pre-Vet Club

<https://www.facebook.com/calprevetclub>

The Pre-Vet Club prepares students interested in the field of veterinary medicine by inviting speakers, touring Vet schools, and providing information on admissions and pre-requisites.

Cal Undergraduate Public Health Coalition (Cal UPHC) <http://caluphc.com/>

Cal UPHC helps students gain R.E.A.L. experience in the field of public health through Research, Education, Action, and Leadership. Cal UPHC strives to give students the skills, experience, opportunities, and support necessary to excel in the field of public health.

Foresight Pre-Optometry Club

<https://sites.google.com/site/ucberkeleyforesightclub/>

Foresight unites students who are interested in pursuing a career in optometry by educating members on current issues facing the growing field of optometry.

Pre-Nursing Society at Cal (PNS)

<https://www.facebook.com/PNSatCal>

PNS provides solutions to pre-nursing challenges through social support and educational interaction. The goal of PNS is to raise student awareness and establish nursing as a critical and rewarding occupation in health care.

Pre-Pharmacy Informational Learning & Leadership Society (PILLS) - <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~pills/>

Established as the primary pre-pharmacy organization on campus, PILLS provides students with resources and support to pursue pharmacy as a career.

Cal Pre-Dental Society (Cal PDS)

<http://pds.berkeley.edu>

Cal PDS is dedicated to improving the oral health of surrounding communities while providing professional development to members through initiatives in education, advocacy, and ethical professional standards.

Environmental Organizations

ASUC Sustainability Team (STeam)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/48032121348/>

STeam creates and implements projects that help establish sustainable practices and promote environmental awareness on campus.

Bay Area Environmentally Aware Consulting Network (BEACN) - <http://beacn.berkeley.edu/>

BEACN is a student-run, non-profit business consulting organization at UC Berkeley. We specialize in providing our student consultants with extensive hands-on experience through semester-long consulting projects with local green businesses, non-profit organizations and government organizations.

Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative (BERC) <http://berc.berkeley.edu>

BERC is a multidisciplinary network of students, alumni, faculty, industry professionals, and advisors who seek to turn world-leading research into world-changing solutions by tackling tough and timely energy and environmental challenges.

Berkeley Student Food Collective (BSFC)

<http://berkeleystudentfoodcollective.org/>

BSFC works to provide fresh, local, healthy, sustainable, and ethically produced food at affordable prices to the Berkeley campus and greater community.

Building Sustainability @ Cal (BS@C)

<http://buildingsustainability.berkeley.edu/>

BS@C trains students to help reduce the environmental footprint of campus buildings by educating building inhabitants and identifying structural and operational changes that can be made to buildings and campus.

Greening the Greeks

<http://www.facebook.com/greeningthegreeks>

Greening the Greeks is a student organization consisting of Cal Greek members that promotes environmental awareness and sustainability within the fraternity and sorority community, especially in housing facilities and Greek sponsored events.

PowerSave Campus Program

<http://www.powersavecal.com/>

The Alliance to Save Energy's PowerSave Campus Program is a student-led initiative that empowers tomorrow's energy efficiency leaders. The program is currently on 16 universities and colleges, engaging and training students to build pathways to green careers, realize measurable energy savings, infuse energy and energy efficiency concepts into academic curricula, & promote energy efficiency outreach.

Student Environmental Resource Center (SERC)

<http://serc.berkeley.edu>

The Student Environmental Resource Center (SERC) cultivates a collaborative space to strengthen the collective effectiveness of the sustainability community, and provides resources for students to actualize their visions of a more equitable, socially just, and resilient future.