



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

BESAP & GESEP Cost Estimate 2026-2027

The Berkeley Economic Student Exchange Program and Graduate Exchange Student Economics Program costs for the 2026-2027 academic year are as follows:

Please note international students must take a minimum of 12 units of coursework for program and visa purposes. The minimum 12-units must be economics courses, however, any coursework taken beyond the 12-unit minimum can be done through another academic department.

The cost of tuition and fees for the BESAP & GESEP program for the Fall 2026 semester:

Concurrent Enrollment Application Fee	\$100	Paid at the same time as the online application submission
CalCentral Access Fee	\$125	Billed after application submission, due prior to course registration
Health Insurance Fee*	\$970 per semester	Billed after application submission, due prior to course registration
Tuition	\$885 per unit (12 units = \$10,620)	Billed during the 5th week of instruction
Student Services Fee (Cal 1 Card Fee)	\$374	Billed during the 5th week of instruction
SEVIS Registration fee	\$375	Must be paid prior to visa appointment at US consulate
Total	Approx \$12,564	

**Mandatory U.S. medical insurance (can be waived by students with a comprehensive medical health insurance plan that meets certain requirements; the waiver form is due approximately one month prior to first day of instruction)*

Most students live in apartments in the Berkeley or Oakland area. The following are typical monthly rent ranges for apartments and houses in Berkeley and the surrounding areas:

- \$900 – \$1,200 – Room in shared apartment or house
- \$1,600 – \$2,300 – Studio apartment
- \$1,900 – \$3,100 – One-bedroom apartment
- \$2,600 – \$4,200 – Two-bedroom apartment or house

[UC Berkeley Extension](#) estimated minimum living expenses are around \$2,400 per month or \$21,600 for the 9 month academic year August 2026- May 2027. This estimate is based on shared housing and use of public transportation. If students rent their own apartment or have a car then expenses may be higher.

Based on the 2026-2027 information presented above, the estimated total costs including registration and living expenses for the 2026-2027 academic year through the concurrent enrollment program would be estimated at \$22,874 for one semester or \$45,748 for the academic year. Please note that all university and concurrent enrollment fees and cost estimates are subject to change.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact BESAP/ GESEP Coordinator, Jillian Tracy, at jillian.tracy@berkeley.edu.

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