DSP Accommodations

What accommodations are available?
Note taking, alternative media, test-taking, accessible furniture

How to apply
Submit the online application and then make an appointment with a DSP Specialist at (510) 642-0518. Make sure you have necessary documentation prior to this. Once you have been approved for services, log on to the DSP website to request your accommodations.

Everything you need to know:
https://dsp.berkeley.edu/

Extra services available for students who come from low-income backgrounds.

Reduced Course Load

What is it?
If you would like to take fewer than 13 units, you can apply to have a reduced course load.

Who can get a reduced course load?
- Students who work more than 15 hours per week (requires this petition)
- DSP students (requires a DSP letter)
- Student parents
- Graduating seniors
- Students who are only completing their major honors program

How do you do it?
In all cases, make sure to talk to an academic adviser before dropping any classes. Some cases, like DSP students, require special documentation, or will require you to visit certain offices. All of the requirements can be found here.

When’s the deadline?
Students must submit their petitions by the middle of the 4th week of the semester.

Taking a reduced course load could impact your financial aid. See an adviser in Cal Student Central before dropping any classes. If you need to alter your schedule (adding or dropping a class), you can do so using CalCentral. Please refer to this and discuss with your adviser.

More information:
https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/enrolling/course-load-limits

Late Change of Schedule

What is it?
If you need to make a change to your class schedule (adding or dropping a class), or to change your grading option (letter grade to pass/no pass) after the deadlines have passed, you can do a late change of schedule.

Regardless of the information below, please ensure you meet with an adviser before taking any action and be mindful of the deadlines for each college.

What do you have to do?
Letters and Sciences
You can only pick one semester during your time in Berkeley to make a late change to your schedule. In that one semester, you are allowed two actions. Fill out this form and drop it off!

College of Engineering
You can pick one semester only during your time in Berkeley to make a late change to your schedule. There may be a fee reflected on your CalCentral. Please refer to this form and discuss with your advisor.

College of Natural Resources
Speak with a college adviser.

College of Environmental Design
Refer to this form and discuss with adviser.

College of Chemistry
Speak with a college adviser.

Haas School of Business
Refer to this form and discuss with your adviser.

For all
Advising, documentation and instructor approval is necessary to submit a form.

Extenuating Circumstances may apply
On-campus bodies, like Path to Care and Basic Needs Security, can perform late changes on your behalf if you are experiencing extenuating circumstances, without it counting as your one per semester.

More information:
https://studentcentral.berkeley.edu/withdraw