Money Matters: Financial Aid and Billing Essentials

Financing Your Education: Disbursing Funds, Payment Options
The Haas Financial Aid Office

- **Direct Help**
  - Haas Grad Students
    - FT, EW, EMBA, MFE
  - Gift Aid
    - Haas Scholarships
    - Outside Scholarships
    - Veterans Benefits
  - Loans
    - Federal Student loans
    - Private Student Loans
    - International Loan Options
  - Additional Items
    - Many Department Awards
    - Proof of Payment Letters

- **Indirect Help**
  - Haas PhD students
  - Gift Aid
    - GSIs, Fee Remissions
    - Donor outreach
  - Alternate Funding
    - Company Sponsorship
  - Campus Systems
    - Billing & Payment Information
    - Guidance for other offices

Haas Financial Aid
University of California, Berkeley
Agenda

• “CARS Account”
  – Access your Bill
  – Payment Options

• Loan Details
  – Private Options
  – Federal Options
  – “MyFinAid”

• Debt Management
  – Opportunities
Fees and Due Dates

• Expected cost per unit = $3,046.70
  • So $24,373.60 per term, assuming 8 units each term
  • Your $1,500 deposit was applied towards your fall fees
  • Net amount owed = $22,873.60 for fall

• Other charges may appear over time
  – Rent if you are living in university housing
  – Gym Locker Fee, Late Fees, DPP Fee

• Bill Due Dates
  – August 15th for fall
  – January 15th for spring
CARS = Your Bill
Campus Accounts Receivables System

Email from: billingnotice@berkeley.edu

http://bearfacts.berkeley.edu > Students > Log-in
Accessing Your Bill

CARS > Monthly e-Bill > Go to e-Bill > I Agree > summary screen
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Payment Options

- **Online Payments (e-Pay)**
  - Click Pay Now button
  - $0.50 convenience fee per payment
  - Pay through ACH withdrawal from personal bank account

- **Third Party Billing**
  - Email sponsoredstudent@berkeley.edu
    - Name, duration of sponsorship, amount covered
  - Company can be invoiced directly
  - Wire transfers must have your SID#
More on Payment Options

• You **can** also pay the bill by:
  – Deferred Payment Plan (DPP)
    • To pay in monthly installments on the 15\textsuperscript{th} of each month
    • To sign up, make payment indicated in “Deferred Payment” box
    • Must pay via e-Pay process
    • $40 fee per semester
    • Not available in summer term
  – Your bank’s online bill pay
  – Foreign Currency via Western Union

• You **cannot** pay the bill with a:
  – Credit Card or Debit Card
Paying Your Bill

CARS > Monthly e-Bill > Go to e-Bill > I Agree > summary screen
Paying Your Bill

Make Bill Payment

Select and enter a payment amount. Use the Payment History tab to see recent online payments. A payment cannot be intercepted after you click 'Submit.' You will be responsible for any bank fees that result from unintended duplicate payments. The school cannot expedite refunds of overpayments (allow 3-4 weeks). Payments not honored by the bank will be reversed; a processing fee will be assessed. The CARS e-Bill amount due will be updated within one month.

Pay To
- CARS BILL
- Deferred Payment

Amount Due

Pay Amount

Conv Fee $0.50

Total: $0.50

*Required field

Payment Method & Account Information

Indicate bank account type. Payments will be processed as Web-ACH transactions, not wire transfers. Checks drawn on investment accounts, equity lines, credit card accounts and some credit unions are not eligible. Please confirm the correct configuration for the routing number and bank account number with your financial institution.

The routing number for electronic transactions may differ from paper checks. Please confirm the correct routing number with your bank prior to making a payment.

Effective Payment Date: 8/0/2011

Email Address

Checking Account (US Banks only)
Savings Account (US Banks only)

The account nickname will assist you in identifying the specific bank account to be used when making a payment. Payments will be processed within one business day. At this time, the ability to schedule payments to process on a future date is not available.
Consequences for not paying your Bill

- Late fees of $25 will be assessed monthly for unpaid portions beginning in September, until the bill is paid.

- Late Registration fee of $150 is charged to students who do not pay the minimum each semester.
  - For fall 2015 this is $1,400.

- Blocks for not paying your bill
  - On future class enrollment
  - On disbursement of financial aid
  - On pending refunds
Accessing your Financial Aid Info

http://myfinaid.berkeley.edu
Private Loans

- Private Loans
  - Max = COA minus other aid
  - Variable/Fixed Interest rates
  - Requires a credit check
  - Intl Students need U.S. Cosigner
  - 50% disburses each semester

- Application Process
  - Review Preferred Lender List at [www.haas.berkeley.edu/finaid/EW MBA/private-loans.html](http://www.haas.berkeley.edu/finaid/EW MBA/private-loans.html)
  - Apply directly with lender of your choice
  - Once certified by our office it will appear in MyFinAid
Loans for International Students

• Elements Financial
  – Max = $30,000, restrictions apply
  – Prime + 3.5%
  – Full deferment while in school
  – No SSN or Co-signer required

• Discover Custom Grad Loan
  – Max = $30,000, restrictions apply
  – 3m LIBOR + 6.99%
  – Full deferment while in school
  – No SSN or Co-signer required

• Apply directly with the lender
  – Prodigy and Discover, they will contact you about supplemental docs
  – For Elements, we will contact you for supplemental documents
Private v. Federal Loans

- **Private**
  - Fixed / Variable rates, we have seen ~5.0%
  - Often zero disbursement fees
  - Possible Forbearance options
  - Fixed Repayment Plan
  - Possible cancellation options

- **Federal**
  - Fixed interest rates of 5.84% and 6.84%
  - 1% and 4.3% disbursement fee
  - Definite Forbearance options
  - Various Repayment Plans
  - Death and Permanent Disability Cancellation
Federal Loans

• Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan
  – Annual Maximum = $20,500
    • 50% disburses each semester
  – Fixed interest rate of 5.84%
  – Origination Fee of 1.073%
    • Fall disbursement ~$10,140

• Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan
  – Annual Max = COA minus other aid
    • 50% disburses each semester
  – Fixed interest rate of 6.84%
  – Origination Fee of 4.292%
  – Credit Check
Federal Loans - Supplemental Steps

• (Step 1: Complete the FAFSA
  – www.fafsa.ed.gov )
• Step 2: Accept the Loans
  – http://myfinaid.berkeley.edu
• Step 3: Entrance Counseling
  – http://www.studentloans.gov
• Step 4: Master Promissory Notes
  – http://www.studentloans.gov
### Federal Loan Supplemental Steps

MyFinAid

#### Messages

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[www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)
Borrowing to Cover your Bill

• If 8 units per semester:

  Bill = $48,747.2 (assessed $24,373.6 per term).

1) Federal Loan Borrowers borrow $50,244:
   – Accept Direct Loan for $20,500
     • (net ~$10,140/sem.)
   – Accept GradPLUS for $29,744
     • (net ~$14,234/sem.)

2) Private Loan Borrowers:
   – Apply for $48,748
     • Assuming you have zero fees on the loan

• For both scenarios above:
  – Refund in fall of $1,500, equal to your deposit.
Additional Opportunities

• Out of Bay Area “OOBA” Grant
  – Apply Online w/Utility Bill
  – Application Opens 9/16
  – Application Due 9/28

• Next spring
  – Non-Profit Scholarship
  – Shapansky Grant
  – Engelbrecht Award
  – Turner Award

• Graduate Student Instructorship (GSI)
  – http://groups.haas.berkeley.edu/gsi
Over Awards, Returning Aid

• Tell us if you plan to pay off loans in-school
  • We may be able to save on interest owed.
• If you enroll in less than 6 units, you will be ineligible for any loan fund disbursements.
  • You will enter your 6-month grace period
• If you drop below 6 units, your Federal and/or Private Loans may be returned!
Important Reminders

• Bill due **August 15**^{th} for fall, and January 15^{th} for spring.
• If borrowing Federal Loans, go to MyFinAid to complete **supplemental steps**.
• Financial Aid disburses **half in fall, and half in spring**.
• You must **reapply each year for loans**.
• You should expect a **fee increase each year**.
• Sign up for EFT in CARS or you have to pick up the refund check in person across campus!

[http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu](http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu)
Resources

- Haas Financial Aid Office
  - [www.haas.berkeley.edu/finaid](http://www.haas.berkeley.edu/finaid)
- MyFinAid
  - [http://myfinaid.berkeley.edu](http://myfinaid.berkeley.edu)
- Federal Entrance Counseling and MPN
  - [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)
- CARS Bill and EFT sign-up
  - [http://bearfacts.berkeley.edu](http://bearfacts.berkeley.edu)
- Billing & Payment Services
  - [http://studentbilling.berkeley.edu](http://studentbilling.berkeley.edu)
- Federal Loan Summary
  - [www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov)
- Email Haas Financial Aid
  - finaid@haas.berkeley.edu