



## Accommodating growth through summer instruction

The University of California must accommodate 52,600 additional students by 2010 – an enrollment growth of 33 percent – due to the state’s rapidly growing college-age population. As one key component of an overall strategy to address this unprecedented enrollment surge, the University is planning in the coming years to expand summer instruction on campus. Expanding summer instruction is a key part of ensuring that UC can fulfill its commitment to the State to accommodate all UC-eligible students.

### Background

Historically the State has provided funding for students enrolling in the fall, winter, and spring terms, but not summer. Summer sessions have been supported from student course and registration fees set by individual UC campuses. Previously, campuses offered between two and five sessions, lasting from four to nine weeks, and students enrolling in the summer were generally juniors and seniors catching up on credits toward graduation or freshmen and sophomores taking required general education courses or courses that are highly impacted during the regular year.

### Summer instruction plans

UC will establish a campus-by-campus long-term plan for summer growth that will significantly expand summer enrollment over the next decade. To do this, the state will need to fully fund existing summer enrollment and provide funding for summer enrollment growth at a level equivalent to the regular year costs. \$13.8 million has already been provided by the State in the current year to reduce all UC student fees in the summer to the same level paid during the regular year.

The first phase of this effort is proposed for state funding in 2001-2002 and would launch summer instruction expansion plans for the UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC Santa Barbara campuses. These three campuses are taking the lead in expanding summer instruction due to their significant physical space constraints. In phases two and three of this effort, the remaining UC campuses will also expand their own summer instruction plans.

Campus plans to expand summer instruction at the UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC Santa Barbara will focus on:

- Developing incentives to increase summer enrollment participation among students, including some reduction of enrollment fees, expansion of low-income grant programs, and new and expanded course offerings.
- Increasing the number of faculty teaching during the summer sessions and expanding the number of regular courses taught in the summer.

### Funding

It is essential that UC students have the option of enrolling in a summer term that offers the same high level of educational resources as available during the regular academic year. Funding is needed to provide financial aid, to hire faculty to teach classes, and to provide instructional and student support for UC students in the summer that is similar to the support provided during the regular year.

The funding allocated in the Governor’s Budget for the first phase of this effort is essential to this process, and it is hoped that the Legislature will also support funding for this important effort.