

# AlcoholEdu

AlcoholEdu is an online alcohol awareness course that all new incoming UC Berkeley students have been required to take since the program launched in August 2005.

During the online session, students read statistics from alcohol studies, learn about health issues related to alcohol consumption and watch short video clips of students in the same scenarios they're likely to face in college.

Students who participated in AlcoholEdu in 2013–14 took part in the "Haven" component. This component educates all students on the issues associated with sexual assault and relationship violence, providing key definitions and statistics, bystander skill and confidence–building strategies, and campus–specific policies, procedures and resources, among other items.

The two–step AlcoholEdu program requires students to take an initial two–hour session, which includes a test, before Welcome Week. Welcome Week precedes the first day of classes, in late August, and is a time for students to get to know the campus through workshops, orientations, tours and receptions. A shorter, 15–minute follow–up session of AlcoholEdu must be completed by late October. If students fail the initial comprehensive test, they are directed to take the test again. In fall 2013, 91 percent of students successfully completed the course with a score of 80 percent or better.

The course is tailored to individual students based on how they answer personal questions such as those about their gender, their current alcohol use, whether family members drink, and whether they use other drugs. A student who abstains from alcohol, for example, will take a different online course than someone who drinks regularly.

Created by Outside The Classroom, Inc., AlcoholEdu is used at many other universities as part of new student orientation.

Throughout the AlcoholEdu training, students are provided links to multiple campus resources, including information about relationship violence, where to go for help following a sexual assault, the needs of men who are assaulted; and Bears that Care, the campus bystander training program.

For detailed information about many resources for students, go to: [survivorsupport.berkeley.edu](http://survivorsupport.berkeley.edu)

See the fall 2013 AlcoholEdu site here: <http://alcholedu.berkeley.edu/>