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The Final Term at AIMC Berkeley

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Dear students, faculty, and staff,

I write to confirm that December 31, 2026 will be the last date of instruction at AIMC Berkeley. This letter sets out what the decision means for your federal financial aid, your loan eligibility, and your path to finishing your degree.

Federal financial aid

Title IV federal financial Aid awarded for the fall term will be disbursed as scheduled, and students will receive the full amount owed for this term. If you have questions about a pending disbursement, contact the Financial Aid Office before October 31 so that every award can be resolved within the term.

Protecting your legacy loan status

Most of you borrowed federal Direct Loans for your program before July 1, 2026. Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, that history gives you legacy (interim exception) status: you may continue borrowing under the prior loan limits, including Graduate PLUS, for up to three academic years or the remaining expected time to complete your credential, whichever is shorter. Students who begin borrowing after that date face lower annual and lifetime caps.

The Department of Education has confirmed that graduate students whose school closes, and who enroll at a teach-out institution in the same program, keep this status. The condition that matters is continuous enrollment. A gap between your last term at AIMC and your first term at a teach-out school can end your legacy status. If you intend to continue your degree, plan to enroll with a teach-out partner for the term that begins immediately after December 31, and speak with that school's financial aid office now.

Signed teach-out agreements

AIMC has signed teach-out agreements with three institutions, each designed to let you continue in an equivalent program with your completed credits recognized.

- **Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences (ACCHS), Oakland:** ACCHS is the primary teach-out partner for Berkeley students and sits a short distance from our campus.
- **Yosan University:** Serving students in the Phoenix area.
- **Virginia University of Integrative Medicine (VUIM):** VUIM serves as the teach-out institution for students from our former Austin campus.

Each partner will evaluate your AIMC transcript and confirm your placement, remaining coursework, and clinical hours before you enroll, according to the teach-out agreement and their course crosswalks.

Records, faculty, and staff

AIMC will remain in operation through at least April 2027 to finalize academic records and complete financial aid audits, tax reporting, and institutional closeout. Your transcripts and records will remain secure and available on request throughout that period and afterward.

To our faculty and staff: you have carried this institution through a difficult year with integrity and care. I greatly appreciate your continued attention and care for our students. The current term will run to completion: every course, every clinic shift, and every grade will be delivered and recorded. Student will be credited for work done this term.More information will follow as additional issues are clarified.

With gratitude and respect,

David Solin Lee