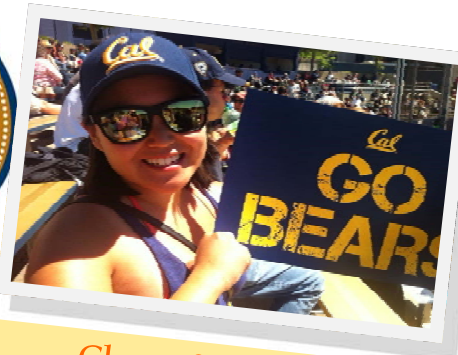




Berkeley International Study Program in L&S
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University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley International Study Program in Letters & Sciences (BISP-L&S)



Cheers for Berkeley



Make New Friends



Experience New Cultures



Learn about Berkeley

Study Abroad at the University of California at Berkeley

UC Berkeley is a world-renowned public institution, famous for its top scholars, social activism, innovation, and diversity.

Our programs are consistently rated in the top ten among universities in the U.S., and often the world, in many subject areas. Our professors are some of the best in their fields, engaged in ground-breaking research, innovative thinking and service to society.

We offer the opportunity for International students to take courses in the participating departments in the College of Letters and Sciences at UC Berkeley. Visiting international students enjoy the experience of participating in class discussions and engaging in unique ways of learning, and they tend to do quite well at our university! The Berkeley students value getting to know our international visitors, and learn from them as well.

Berkeley students come from a wide variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Close to one-third of our students are the first to go to college in their families. There is a high degree of volunteerism among our students and lots of involvement in student activities.

We welcome you to come spend a semester, or maybe two, with us at "Cal." We are sure you will find it to be an incredible academic and cultural experience that is exciting, fun and worthwhile to your education.

For information about the Berkeley International Study Program in Letters & Sciences and how to apply, please contact the International Office or Coordinator on your campus or email BISPinSoc@berkeley.edu.

Participating Departments

Social Sciences Departments:

African American Studies
Anthropology
Asian American Studies
Buddhist Studies
Chicano/Latino Studies
Demography
Economics ★ ♣ △
Ethnic Studies
Gender and Women's Studies
Geography
History
Legal Studies
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender St
Linguistics
Native American Studies
Political Science ★
Psychology ★
Sociology

Interdisciplinary Studies:

American Studies
Asian Studies
Development Studies
Global Studies
Interdisciplinary Studies
International and Area Studies
Latin American Studies
Letters & Science
Middle Eastern Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies

Biological and Physical Sciences:

Astronomy
Computer Science ★
Earth and Planetary Science
Integrative Biology
Mathematics ♣
Molecular and Cell Biology
Physics ★ ♣
Plant & Microbial Biology
Statistics ★

Arts & Humanities:

Art History
Art Practice ◊
Celtic Studies
Chinese
Classics
Comparative Literature
East Asian Languages & Cultures
Film & Media Studies
French
German
Italian Studies
Japanese
Korean
Music ★ ◊
Near Eastern Studies
Philosophy ★
Portuguese
Rhetoric
Scandinavian
Slavic Languages and Literatures
South and Southeast Asian Studies
Spanish
Theater, Dance & Performance Studies ◊

★ These departments may have very limited space, if any. Their courses tend to be impacted with Berkeley students who don't get off the waitlist, due to lack of space.

♣ An additional application is required from students in order to enroll in courses.

◊ Auditions or portfolios may be required prior to enrollment.

Life in Berkeley



City of San Francisco: San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge

- * Join student groups to experience the cultures of Berkeley.
- * Attend Cal sporting events to cheer for Berkeley!
- * Variety of places for eating out.
- * Weekend or day trips to (less than an hour drive): San Francisco (or just 30 min by train); Silicon Valley; Wine Country-Napa & Sonoma; Pacific Coast & beaches
- * Longer drive (-3-4 hours): Sierra Mountains; Lake Tahoe; Yosemite National Park; Mendocino Coast.
- * Short flights (1-2 hours): Los Angeles; Hollywood; Las Vegas; San Diego; Rocky Mountains; Canada.
- * Longer flights (3-5 hours): Hawaii; Mexico; Florida; New York; Washington D.C; Chicago; Texas.

WANT TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER IN BERKELEY?

Students coming in Fall Semester may wish to take a couple courses during the late Summer Session, starting in early July, in order to adjust to life in Berkeley earlier. Students entering in the Spring Semester may choose to extend their time by taking summer classes in late May and during June. It's a great way to take additional courses and spend more time in Berkeley! If you are interested in this, please email bispinsoc@berkeley.edu for more details.