

A scenic view of the Berkeley campus at sunset, featuring the Sather Tower (Sather Gate) in the distance, surrounded by trees and hills. The foreground is filled with golden-brown grass. A blue geometric pattern is visible in the top right corner.

Berkeley International Study Program (BISP) in Letters and Science

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Agenda for today

1. About UC Berkeley and the Berkeley International Study Program
2. Coursework in the Berkeley International Study Program
3. Making the Most of your semester at Berkeley
4. Questions and Answers
5. Next Steps



Why Study Abroad?

- Learn other languages
- Opportunity to make friends around the world
- Experience foreign cultures
- Expand your worldview
- Understand your own culture and values
- Enhance academic interests
- Try new food
- Develop cross-cultural communication skills

UC Berkeley

- Top Public University
- Almost 38,000 students
- Over 1,600 full time professors
- Hundreds of courses to choose from
- Close to San Francisco, Oakland, the Silicon Valley



UC Berkeley



- Currently, the only ways to attend UC Berkeley are as follows:
 - Apply for admission as a high school student
 - Apply for admission as a transfer student
 - Participate in a study abroad program through UC EAP
 - Be invited by a professor to study through UC Extension's Concurrent Enrollment Program

BISP Program



- The BISP Program has been in place for over a decade. BISP-L&S started about 4 years ago.
- Students study for one semester or for one year. Some students also take summer courses.
- Take courses in participating departments.
- Must take at least 12 units in the participating departments.
- Enrollment is on a space availability basis.
- Mandatory Course: Sociology 198 (1 unit)
– Strategies for Cross-Cultural Learning.

Two Offices

- **Berkeley International Study Program (BISP)**
- Main Contacts: (bispinsoc@berkeley.edu)
 - **Jenny Cornet-Carrillo, Asst Director**
 - **Rachel Marquez, Program Advisor**
- Provides:
 - Invitation letter to study at Berkeley
 - Study Agreement
 - Guidance on enrollment related issues.
 - Integration and orientation opportunities
 - Advising on courses, adjustment to life at Berkeley, special studies, personal issues affecting studies at Cal, activities.
- **UC Berkeley Extension (UNEX)**
- Main Email Address: extension-intl@Berkeley.edu
- Provides:
 - Approval for foreign study at Berkeley and paperwork for VISA.
 - Fee payment processing
 - Health Insurance, unless waived
 - Registration website to enroll in courses
 - Verification of student status
 - Transcript of record with grades
 - Advising on: International CE application, student VISA, fee payments, course enrollment, CalNet ID and verification of student status



Academics — Planning your schedule

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Participating Departments #1

Social Sciences Departments:

- African American Studies (AFRICAMST)
- Anthropology (ANTHRO)
- Asian American Studies (ASAMST)
- Buddhist Studies (BUDDSTD)
- Chicano/Latino Studies (CHICANO)
- Cognitive Science ☆ (COG SCI)
- Demography (DEMOG)
- Economics ☆ ✂ Δ (ECON)
- Energy & Resources
- Environmental Economics & Policy ☆ ✂ (ENVECON)
- Environmental Science, Policy, & Management (ESPM)
- Ethnic Studies (ETH STD)
- Gender and Women's Studies (GWS)
- Geography (GEOG)
- History (HISTORY)
- Legal Studies (LEGALST)
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender St (LGBT)
- Linguistics (LINGUIS)
- Native American Studies (NATAMST)
- Political Science (POLSCI)
- Psychology ☆ (PSYCH)
- Sociology (SOCIOL)

Interdisciplinary Studies:

- American Studies (AMERSTD)
- Asian Studies (ASIANST)
- Development Studies (DEV STD)
- Global Studies (GLOBAL)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (ISF)
- International and Area Studies (IAS)
- Latin American Studies (LATAMST)
- Letters & Science (L & S)
- Middle Eastern Studies (M E STUD)
- Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS)
- Political Economy ☆ (POLECON)

Biological and Physical Sciences:

- Computer Science ☆ (COMPSCI)
- Earth and Planetary Science (EPS)
- Integrative Biology (INTEGBI)
- Mathematics ✂ (MATH)
- Molecular and Cell Biology (MCELLBI)
- Physics ☆ ✂ (PHYSICS)
- Plant & Microbial Biology (PLANTBI)
- Statistics ☆ (STAT)

Participating Department #2

Arts & Humanities:

- Arabic (ARABIC)
- Art History (HISTART)
- Art Practice (ART)
- Celtic Studies (CELTIC)
- Chinese (CHINESE)
- Classics (CLASSIC)
- College Writing Program (COLWRIT)
- Comparative Literature (COMP LIT)
- East Asian Languages & Cultures (EA LANG)
- English ☆ (ENGLISH)
- Film & Media Studies (FILM)
- French (FRENCH)
- German (GERMAN)
- Greek (GREEK)
- Italian Studies (ITALIAN)
- Japanese (JAPAN)
- Korean (KOREAN)
- Latin (LATIN)
- Mongolian (MONGOLN)
- Music ☆ ◇ (MUSIC)
- Near Eastern Studies (NE STUD)
- Philosophy ☆ (PHILOS)
- Portuguese (PORTUG)
- Rhetoric (RHETOR)
- Scandinavian (SCANDIN)
- Slavic Languages and Literatures (SLAVIC)
- South and Southeast Asian Studies (S,SEASN)
- South Asian Studies (S ASIAN)
- Southeast Asian Studies (SE ASIAN)
- Spanish ☆ (SPANISH)
- Theater, Dance & Performance Studies ◇ (THEATER)
- Tibetan (TIBETAN)

☆ Space may be limited in these departments during the Fall and Spring semesters.

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

◇ Auditions may be required during the week prior to or the first week of instruction

Limited Space

- We have very limited space in the following areas, and must restrict the number of students admitted to these fields each semester:
 - Computer Science
 - Economics/Business
 - Philosophy
 - Psychology

New for 2017-2018

- Course tracks in
 - Global Studies
 - Health & Society
 - Economy & Society
 - Other areas too be announced

Questions and Answers



- What department(s) would you like to take courses from?
- Are there any of the departments that are not listed on here?
- Any other questions so far?

Study Plan - Courses

- Take 3 or 4 classes (each class with 3 or 4 units) for a minimum of 12 units.
- Different types of classroom settings:
 - Lecture Classes
 - Seminars
 - Discussion sections

Lecture Classes

- Medium to large in size (50 – 750 students)
- In-class experience may vary depending on instructors' teaching style
- Many topics to choose from
- Some have required discussion sections
 - Discussion sections are additional class sessions that are more intimate due to smaller classroom size
 - It's often taught by a Graduate Student Instructor
- Different assignments may include, but are not limited to, exams, short reading memos, paper(s), group project(s), and presentations

Seminars

- Small in size (10 – 20 students)
- Focuses on a specific topic of interests:
 - For Spring 2017
 - Literature & the Law (Legal Studies 190)
 - Race and Ethnicity in Latin America (Sociology 190)
 - Small seminars can often be quite enjoyable due to frequent interaction with instructors and other students.

Mandatory Course:

- Sociology 198: Strategies for Cross-Cultural Learning



Facts about Sociology 198

- Required for all BISP in Letters and Science students
- 1 unit
- Graded on a Pass/No Pass basis only
- Meets once a week for 1.5 hours
- Seminar-style class with approximately 20 students

Learning Goals

- Sociology 198 Focuses on three subjects:
 - Cross-cultural communication
 - Writing for American college courses
 - UC Berkeley resources and history



Sample Schedules

Student #1 (Sociology):

- Sociology 121 (Innovation & Entrepreneurship)
 - **4 units**
- Sociology 160 (Sociology of Culture)
 - **4 units**
- Demography 110 (Introduction to Population Analysis)
 - **3 units**
- Sociology 198
 - **1 unit**

Total Units = 12

Student #2 (Global Studies):

- Global Studies 100S (Global Societies and Cultures)
 - **4 units**
- History 116D (China: Twentieth-Century China)
 - **4 units**
- International & Area Studies 150 (Advanced Studies in International and Area Studies: "International Conflict: Theory and Evidence")
 - **4 units**
- Sociology 198
 - **1 unit**

Total Units = 13

Getting Real: Fees and Costs

Item	Cost
1. One unit = \$750 x 12 units =	\$9,000
2. UNEX Application Fee (NON-REFUNDABLE)	\$200
3. Course Application Fee	\$125
4. Student ID Card Fee	\$250
5. SEVIS Fee	\$200
6. Estimated Living Costs (Housing, Food)	\$10,500
7. Books	\$300 - \$500
8. Additional Expenses (Shopping, Traveling)	\$1,000 - \$2,000
9. Health Insurance	\$700
Total Estimated Cost: approximately \$20,000	

Financial Timeline

- When do I need to pay all this money?
 - At the time you apply online
 - \$200 application fee
 - Financial Statement and Certification demonstrating that you have at least \$20,575 in funding
 - Applying for your Visa
 - SEVIS Fee (\$200)
 - A couple months before the start of the semester (\$875)
 - Course Application Fee
 - Health Insurance Fee
 - After the fifth week of Instruction
 - \$750 per unit
 - Student ID Card Fee (\$250)



Social Life

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Cultural Peer Mentors

- They provide guidance, resources and support to help international students.
- They plan small/large events throughout the semester.
- They serve as buddies or resource guides to you to help you understand American cultures.



Activities include...

- BISP Scavenger Hunt
 - Oakland Flea Market
 - Dine in the Students' Cafeteria
 - Watch a Cal Football Game
 - Group trip to San Francisco
- You can sign up for this program at the BISP orientation in August.



Making the Most Out of Your Experiences at Cal.

- Attend Campus Events!
 - Join student groups
 - Plan in advance
 - Making memories



Questions & Answers

- 1) What do you want to experience while in the U.S. and at Berkeley?
- 2) What do you want to learn academically?
- 3) Integrating with Americans and other international students.
- Questions and Answers

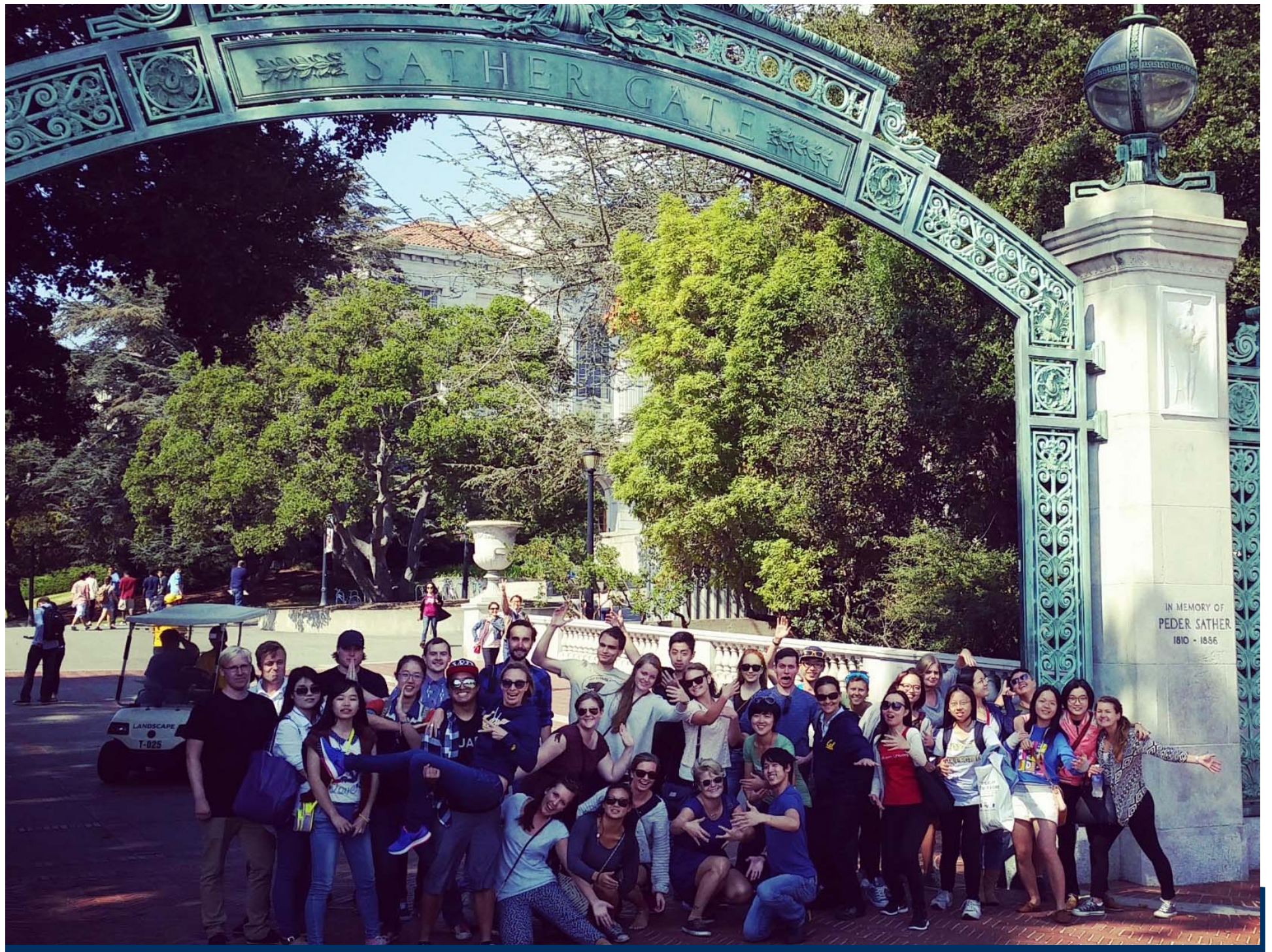
Next Steps

- Apply through your university
- Do the language assessment/interview online via Skype
 - More details will be sent out later to those that are nominated by their home university



Other Ways to Study at Berkeley

- If you decide that a semester or year is not the best for you and your schedule, you should think about:
 - Summer Session: as little as 3 weeks, as long as 10 weeks
 - Graduate School: Cal offers doctoral programs in many fields, and a handful of masters programs as well



If there are any questions,
please contact us at
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