

# Berkeley International Study Program

## The Program

The **Berkeley International Study Program** offers students the opportunity to take courses across a **broad range of discipline areas**, from the arts & humanities to social sciences to biological and physical sciences. Powered by the BISP advantage, students return home prepared to enter a global marketplace. The BISP experience provides academic and personal growth opportunities that give students an edge in their future endeavors.

Coursework is available for **undergraduate students** in a number of departments, giving students the opportunity to study courses related to their major, those that meet their personal interests, or those that they would not otherwise have the chance to take at their home university. BISP works with over 75 academic departments across campus to provide a wide variety of course options to select from.



Opportunities for **graduate students** are available in some of the departments. These options can include graduate-level lectures or seminars, advanced undergraduate seminars, master's thesis writing, and independent research for academic credit.

The **Berkeley International Study Program** provides study abroad opportunities on a space availability basis for visiting international students to study at UC Berkeley for one or two semesters. BISP students pay tuition and fees to the UC Berkeley Extension office, who also provide the necessary student visa documents and infrastructure needed to earn credit in UC Berkeley courses that may transfer back to visiting international students' home university.

## Eligibility and Criteria

Students must complete an individual interview in person or online to ensure that they are a good match for what our program offers. Students must have flexibility in taking coursework from a variety of disciplines as enrollment into classes is based on space availability. Students from a non-English speaking university must demonstrate their English proficiency with a TOEFL (90 or higher) or IELTS (7.0 or higher) or Duolingo (125 or higher) test score.

BISP welcomes students that come on their own (as an independent, or "freemover" student), as well as those that come through our partner universities to apply for our program.

For more information, please visit <https://bisp.berkeley.edu/program>

## *BISP Partner Departments*

### **Social Sciences**

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African American Studies	Geography	Linguistics
American Studies	Global Studies (includes	Native American
Anthropology	Asian Studies,	Studies
Asian American Studies	Development Studies,	Political Economy
Chicano/Latino Studies	Latin American Studies,	Political Science
Cognitive Science	Middle Eastern Studies,	Psychology
Demography	Peace and Conflict	Sociology
Economics	Studies)	
Energy and Resources	History	
Environmental	Interdisciplinary Studies	
Economics and Policy	International and Area	
Ethnic Studies	Studies	
Gender and Women's	Legal Studies	
Studies	LGBT Studies	

### **Arts & Humanities**

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Ancient Greek and	Latin	Hungarian, Polish,
Roman Studies	Letters & Science	Russian, Serbian,
Art Practice	Middle Eastern	Ukrainian)
Arts and Humanities	Languages and Cultures	South and Southeast
Celtic Studies	(includes Arabic,	Asian Studies
Classics	Cuneiform, Egyptian,	(includes Bengali,
College Writing Program	Hebrew, Near Eastern	Burmese, Filipino,
Comparative Literature	Studies, Persian,	Hindi-Urdu, Khmer,
Dutch Studies	Semitics, Turkish)	Malay/Indonesian,
East Asian Languages	Music	Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil,
and Cultures (includes	Philosophy	Thai, Vietnamese)
Chinese, Japanese,	Portuguese	South Asian Studies
Korean, Mongolian,	Rhetoric	Southeast Asian Studies
and Tibetan)	Scandinavian	Spanish
English	(includes Danish,	Theater, Dance, and
Film and Media	Finnish, Icelandic,	Performance Studies
French	Norwegian, Old Norse,	Yiddish Studies
German	Swedish)	
Greek	Slavic Languages and	
History of Art	Literatures (includes	
Italian Studies	Armenian, Bosnian,	
Jewish Studies	Croatian, Czech,	

### **Biological and Physical Sciences**

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Astronomy	Earth and Planetary	Mechanical Engineering
Bioengineering	Science	Molecular and Cell
Chemistry	Environmental Science,	Biology
Chemical Engineering	Policy & Management	Neuroscience
Civil and Environmental	Industrial Engineering &	Nutritional Science and
Engineering	Operations Research	Toxicology
Computational Biology	Integrative Biology	Plant and Microbial
Computer Science	Mathematics	Biology