

Berkeley International Study Program

Letters & Science

The Program

The BISP in Letters & Science (BISP-LS) 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 participating 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 partners 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 participating 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. It is important to us that students are able to take courses in the departments in our program, as it is not an exact fit for everyone. Students from a non-English speaking university must demonstrate their English proficiency with a TOEFL (90 or higher) or IELTS (7.0 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: Letters & Science Participating Departments

Social Sciences

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

Arts & Humanities

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

Biological and Physical Sciences

Astronomy	Industrial Engineering	Nutritional Science and Toxicology
Chemistry	Integrative Biology	Plant and Microbial Biology
Earth and Planetary Science	Mathematics	Statistics
Energy and Resources	Mechanical Engineering	
Environmental Science, Policy & Management	Molecular and Cell Biology	