

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 physical and biological 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 70 academic departments in the College of Letters and Science and the College of Natural Resources 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 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 order 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 <http://bisp.berkeley.edu/programs/>

BISP: Letters & Science Participating Departments

Social Sciences

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

Arts & Humanities

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

Astronomy	Integrative Biology	Physics
Computer Science	Mathematics	Plant and Microbial Biology
Earth & Planetary Science	Molecular and Cell Biology	Statistics
Environmental Science, Policy & Management	Nutritional Science and Toxicology	