College Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

This major is offered by the College of Letters and Science (L&S).

By the end of the spring term preceding fall enrollment at Berkeley, you must complete:
1) The L&S Requirements in Reading & Composition, Quantitative Reasoning, and Foreign Language; OR
2) IGETC

Major Requirements:
Complete as many lower division major requirements as possible. This major may require you to complete minimum coursework for admission. See details on preparation for this major below.

Primary selection criteria for admission, in general:
- completion of L&S Requirements (or IGETC), plus
- strength of academic preparation, and
- grade point average.

For more information on admission to UC Berkeley:
http://admissions.berkeley.edu

For more information on majors at UC Berkeley:
Berkeley Academic Guide: http://guide.berkeley.edu

Foreign Language Requirement

Global Studies majors must demonstrate proficiency in a modern language other than English by the last semester of their senior year. This language must be connected, in either the past or the present, to the student’s geographic region of specialization. Proficiency is equivalent to the ability achieved in four college-level semesters (or two years). Language courses taken in high school do not satisfy this requirement. See below for details on how to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Note: languages accepted by the College of Letters & Science are not automatically accepted by the Global Studies major. Please check with an adviser for eligible languages.
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How to fulfill the foreign language requirement

There are a variety of ways to fulfill the four-semester language requirement for Global Studies, depending on the individual and his or her background and ability.

**Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) test:** An AP score of 5 or an International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 7 will complete this requirement. An AP score of 4 should generally place a student into the fourth-semester college level course. A score of 3 will place a student into the third-semester college level course. Documentation of AP scores must be provided.

**Coursework:** Any combination of college courses, summer programs, or college-level study abroad programs can satisfy the language requirement. At a minimum, students must complete the fourth semester (i.e., the second semester of intermediate level) of a language with a grade of C- or better in order to fulfill the requirement. The first, second, and third semester courses may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis. Language courses need not be taken at UCB. Courses taken at a community college or any accredited school or university may be acceptable. Transcripts must be submitted and evaluated by an adviser. A one-semester upper division course taken abroad in the target language may satisfy the foreign language requirement, depending on the school and program followed. For more information, see an adviser concerning language study abroad.

**High school completion in a non-English language and Proficiency Tests:** Students with native, advanced background or those who were educated in a non-English language through the completion of high school or the equivalent may wish to satisfy this requirement with that experience. This requires a language proficiency exam. Moreover, it limits the geographic focus within global studies, because it must be connected to language. This is not especially recommended, as it limits what students within the major can study.

Chinese, Japanese, and Korean proficiency exams are administered by East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) on the Tuesday before instruction starts every semester. Check the EALC website at http://ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate/proficiency-exams. Results of the exam will indicate the level of the foreign language that students are eligible to register for. In order to waive the language requirement, test results must show that the student has completed the equivalent of four semesters of language studies (end of intermediate level) or higher.

Note: EALC waitlists all students that register for language courses regardless of when registration takes place, and the department scheduler adjusts student enrollment based on the results of the placement exam during the first week of instruction. Students planning to take a proficiency exam in a non-Asian language in order to waive the language requirement should consult with an IAS adviser. Proficiency tests may be taken once per semester.
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LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

GLOBAL 10A    Introduction to Global Studies     (4) | NO COURSE ARTICULATED
GLOBAL 10B    Critical Issues in Global Studies     (3) | NO COURSE ARTICULATED
IAS 45    Survey of World History     (4) | IAS 45 must be taken at Berkeley.

SELECT ONE COURSE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

ECON 1    Introduction to Economics       (4) | ECON 1 & _ Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON 2    Principles of Macroeconomics      (3) | ECON 2

NOTE: Berkeley's ECON 1 covers macro-economics and micro-economics.

SELECT ONE COURSE IN STATISTICS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

STAT 2    Introduction to Statistics       (4) | MTH 43    Introduction to Probability and Statistics (4)
STAT C8    Foundations of Data Science (4) | OR__     Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (4)
STAT 20    Introduction to Probability and Statistics (4) | NO COURSE ARTICULATED
STAT 21    Introductory Probability and Statistics for Business (4) | NO COURSE ARTICULATED

NOTE: STAT 20 at Berkeley has a prerequisite of one semester of calculus.

NOTE: STAT 21 at Berkeley has a prerequisite of one semester of calculus.

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