

UC Berkeley





Welcome to Berkeley

With a population of 121,000, students and visitors will find a populous, walkable city with unique shopping and dining opportunities, a weekly farmers market, plenty of live music and theater. Hop on a BART train and explore nearby Oakland, San Francisco or the tech hub of Silicon Valley.



Discover a world of opportunities

Living on campus means having a community of friends and an array of enrichment services right at your door. Create memories that will never fade: movie night with your floormates, study sessions in the on-site academic study center, hallway chats with your faculty in residence, cultural celebrations and more.

Join our history of activism: Berkeley is the birthplace of the Free Speech Movement. Whether leading a demonstration or working within the ASUC, one of the nation's largest, most autonomous student government organizations, today's students continue that tradition.
asuc.org

Find student enrichment resources: The Multicultural Community Center, the Transfer Student Center, the Undocumented Students Program, the Gender Equity Resource Center, and the Cal Veteran Services Center are just a few examples.
cejce.berkeley.edu/mcc

Enjoy endless sports and recreation: Go hiking with breathtaking views. Join an intramural sports team. Work out in one of three state-of-the-art recreation centers. Swim in four pools. Try kayaking, sailing or stand-up paddleboarding — Berkeley has everything under the California sun.



Belong at
Berkeley





33,078

Total undergraduate enrollment

11% International students

11% Non-resident students

78% California residents

71% First-year students

93% Incoming first-years living on campus

29% Transfer students

24% Incoming transfers living on campus

1,000+

*Companies founded by
UC Berkeley grads in the past 10 years*

31 Sports clubs

60+ Fraternities and sororities

1,200+ Student organizations

80% Percentage of students who graduate with either a grad school or job offer

>90% Graduation rate for UC Berkeley students

Bears in action

“Although we might all seem different we all had to put in a lot of work to get into Berkeley! Knowing that my story is shared with others on campus allowed me to feel as if I had a place here that belonged to me.”



Johanna H., Soledad, CA
Psychology and Legal Studies

Activities

Internship with Basic Needs Center
bridges Multicultural Resource Center
MRRC (Mixed @ Berkeley)
Rally Committee
College Corp

“After attending welcome events held by the Pilipinx Academic Student Services, I realized there was a whole community of Filipinos, ready to welcome me with open arms at Berkeley.”



Gavriel C., Brentwood, CA
Media Studies, minor in Asian American and Diaspora Studies

Activities

Pilipinx Academic Student Services (PASS)
bridges Multicultural Resource Center
Pilipinx Cultural Night (PCN)
A show produced by Pilipinx American Alliance (PAA)
Work-study with Student Affairs and Office of Undergraduate Admissions



Be a changemaker

Join in our legacy of public service

Social justice, civic engagement and transformative social change. Fifty-seven percent of undergraduates do community service each week, and Berkeley's **Public Service Center** connects 5,000 students with 250 community organizations each year.

publicservice.berkeley.edu

Help us promote a better way of living

Berkeley is committed to sustainability through zero-waste programs like the **Single-Use Plastics Elimination Policy** and the **ReUSE** program.

reuse.berkeley.edu

Opportunities to lead and serve

The Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) is one of the nation's largest and most autonomous student government organizations.

asuc.org

Leadership, Engagement, Advising, and Development

(LEAD) Center: The campus hub for student involvement and leadership development.

lead.berkeley.edu

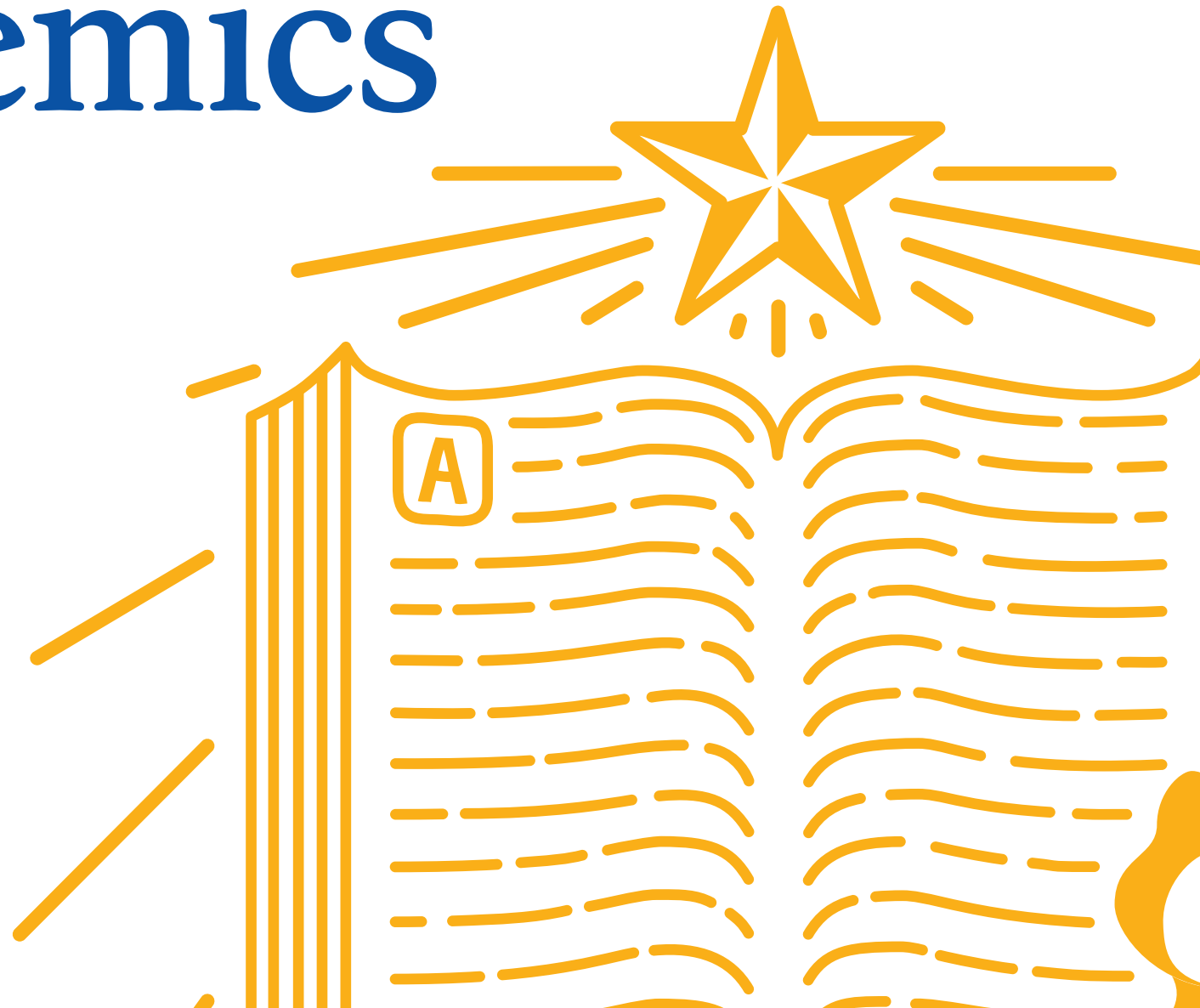


SATHER GATE

IN MEMORY OF
PETER SATHER
1870 - 1934

ER BY
PETER SATHER
1870 - 1934

Academics



“I come from a beautiful, majority Hispanic and Latino community with many immigrant families. I applied to UC Berkeley because I wanted to attend an institution that was going to equip me with the skills necessary to make an impact in my interested specialty, neuroscience, back home.”



Destiny C., Santa Ana, CA
Molecular and Cell Biology

Discover a world of learning

19.4:1

Student-to-faculty ratio

13,000

Courses to choose from

71%

Percentage of undergraduate classes that have fewer than 30 students

Retention rates

Percentage of students who return the following year

96%

First-year students

94%

Transfer students



Perform cutting-edge research that reshapes the future

Work directly with renowned faculty through the **Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program**, initiate your own research project or join dozens of programs across campus.

research.berkeley.edu/urap



Unique educational experiences

Berkeley Connect: Matches you with a graduate student mentor and connects you with professors, alumni and students sharing similar interests.

berkeleyconnect.berkeley.edu

Berkeley Discovery Hub: Discovery experiences are a significant part of the Berkeley undergraduate experience.

discovery.berkeley.edu

DeCal: From Cancer 101 to Adulting to UC Marvel Cinematic Universe, Berkeley classes led and facilitated by students.

decal.berkeley.edu

Study Abroad: 1,800 students travel with over 100 programs in 40 different countries while experiencing a new culture, engaging in research or internships, and earning UC credit.

studyabroad.berkeley.edu

A vibrant **Art + Design** scene with world-class museums, performances, and programs in dance, music, theater, creative writing and visual arts.



Resources

We're here to support you every step of the way as you transition to life at Berkeley. Our staff and specialized programs will help you succeed academically, stay healthy and thrive socially. You belong here.



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POD COMPETITION

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Supporting your academic success

Cal NERDS (New Experiences for Research and Diversity in Science): Works with nontraditional STEM students to provide opportunities in leadership development, undergraduate research, tech training, preparation for grad school, career planning and more.
calnerds.berkeley.edu

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP): Academic counseling, mentoring, and a support system for first-generation, low-income and underrepresented students.
eop.berkeley.edu

Student Learning Center: Academic consultations, tutoring, workshops, study groups and more. Open to all.
slc.berkeley.edu

Connections for support and community

Build your social network with dedicated staff and fellow students in our centers who will help you connect with others, find your way through challenges and find your voice.

African American Student Development: Supports African American students by enhancing their



undergraduate experience. Includes the Fannie Lou Hamer Center, a space for Black students and groups to organize and engage in academic and social activities.

Asian Pacific American Student Development: Supports the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and programs including the Asian Pacific Islander Issues Conference, held at Berkeley since 1990, and the South Asian, Southwest Asian, and North African Initiative.

Basic Needs Center: The campus hub supporting food, housing, and economic justice through prevention, intervention and emergency relief efforts. Services include nutrition and cooking resources, the Berkeley Food Pantry, the Emergency Housing Support program and more.

Berkeley Hope Scholars: Provides support and community for students who are current and former foster youth, probation youth or who were orphaned before the age of 18.

Berkeley International Office: Advising, immigration services, advocacy and programs for international students.

Berkeley Underground Scholars: Recruitment, support and advocacy for formerly incarcerated and justice-impacted students.

Cal Veteran Services Center: Programs and services promoting the academic and personal success of student veterans.

Chicanx Latinx Student Development: Supports Chicanx Latinx students and events including the bilingual Familia Orientation, a Día de los Muertos celebration, the Latinos and the Environment conference and a Chicanx/Latinx graduation.

Disabled Students' Program: With nearly 40 staff members serving 2,700 students, the DSP works with units across campus to provide services and academic accommodations for students with disabilities.



Gender Equity Resource Center (GenEq): Resources, services, education and leadership programs relating to gender and sexuality. The Queer Cal Pals program matches incoming LGBTQ+ students with a current student “buddy” to provide support.

Multicultural Community Center: A student-led, student-won multipurpose community center where students can study, meet and take part in various events and programs.

Native American Student Development: Supports Native American students and events including a community powwow (annually for 40 years and counting) and Native Graduation.

Re-Entry Student Program: Resources and community for the 1,800+ undergraduate students aged 25 and older who are returning to higher education.

Student Parent Center: Holistic support for undergraduate and graduate students who are engaged scholars as well as devoted parents.

Transfer Student Center: Programs, mentoring, advising, classes, workshops and community for students transferring from another college.

Undocumented Student Program: Academic counseling, legal support, financial aid resources and extensive campus referral network for undocumented students.

University Health Services: Comprehensive medical, mental health, insurance and health promotion services for Berkeley students. Named a “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality” by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.



bridges Multicultural Resource Center

A student-run organization dedicated to recruiting and retaining students of color. Its seven centers offer welcoming communities and events, opportunities to help recruit students, and avenues for mobilization and advocacy.

- Black Recruitment and Retention Center
- Indigenous and Native Coalition Recruitment and Retention Center
- Middle Eastern and North African Recruitment and Retention Center
- Mixed @ Berkeley Recruitment and Retention Center
- Pilipinx Academic Student Services
- Raíces Recruitment and Retention Center
- REACH! Asian & Asian American Recruitment & Retention Center

Residential theme programs

Close-knit living and learning communities of students sharing a common thematic and academic interest.

- African American Theme Program
- Asian Pacific American Theme House

- Casa Magdalena Mora (Chicanx Latinx theme program)
- Global Environment Theme House
- Native American Theme Program
- Unity House Theme Program (LGBTQ+ theme program)
- Empowering Women in STEAM (WISE)

reslife.berkeley.edu/theme

Build your career from here

Berkeley students are sought after by the world's top companies, many of which are headquartered in the Bay Area. Facebook, Google, Apple, Ford, and Visa are a few of the companies that recruit here.

career.berkeley.edu

Launch your startup

Berkeley is consistently ranked as one of the world's top two campuses for entrepreneurs, with a variety of tech incubators, maker spaces and innovative programs. Berkeley graduates have founded more than 1,000 companies in the past decade.

startup.berkeley.edu





Application Process

Berkeley invites students from all over the world to apply to be a part of our dynamic and spirited community. Students who challenge themselves academically, are engaged inside the classroom and who are committed to making the world a better place, are often great candidates for admission.

Academics

You'll use your transcripts to self-report your coursework and grades. Though the application review process utilizes your self-reported information to make a decision, admissions staff will verify your record with final transcripts, upon admission.

Extracurricular activities

Report any activities or work experience as completely as possible. Use the additional comments space to provide more details and context as needed. While clubs and student organizations are great to report, you can also list other activities, such as family responsibilities and work experience.

Personal insight questions (PIQs)

Your responses to the PIQs let us get to know you. Answer the questions directly and identify examples that tell us the most about yourself.

First-year applicants

We use a holistic review to assess first-year students, considering academic performance, activities and personal factors. We evaluate all achievements — both academic and personal — within the context of your educational circumstances, focusing on how you responded to the opportunities and challenges. Your leadership, lived experiences and interests shape who you are and we want to get to know you.

admissions.berkeley.edu/first-year

2023 first-year admissions profile

80%	Students from public schools
26%	First-generation college students
9%	Students from rural areas
4.4	Unweighted GPA
3.9	Weighted GPA

Transfer applicants

We use a comprehensive review process for transfer applicants that considers both academic and personal achievements, with a stronger focus on academic preparedness. admissions.berkeley.edu/transfer

Minimum requirements to apply:

- 3.0 GPA in all transferable college-level courses (Some majors, like Engineering, require a higher GPA in major preparation coursework.)
- UC Transfer Academic Update form
- Complete Berkeley supplemental form*

*Berkeley supplemental form is only required for select colleges/schools.

Additionally, by the end of the spring term at your current college/university you will need to:

- Complete 60 transferable semester units (90 quarter units)
- Complete courses for the major
- Complete general education requirements*
- Completion of a set of general education courses

called the 7-course pattern. These seven courses are defined as:

- Two transferable courses in English Composition;
- One transferable course in Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning; and
- Four transferable courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
 - Arts and Humanities
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Physical and Biological Sciences

*General education or breadth requirements vary by college.

Learn more at assist.org.

2023 transfer admissions profile

92%

From California community colleges

43%

First-generation college students

14%

Re-entry students (25+ years old)

3.74

GPA

International

You are an international student if you are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident. There is no separate application, simply apply as either a first-year or transfer student.

admissions.berkeley.edu/international

Additional information by country, visit:

bit.ly/UCBIntlAdmissions

English proficiency exam

Proficiency in English is critical to success at Berkeley. If you completed secondary/high school in a country where English is not the language of instruction, you will need to demonstrate proficiency by achieving:

- 6.5 or higher on the IELTS
- 80 or higher on the TOEFL
- 115 or higher on the Duolingo English Test (DET)

For more information on language requirements and for other ways to prove English proficiency, visit:

bit.ly/UCBEngProficiency

Berkeley International Office

Support and resources designed to enhance the academic experiences of international students are available through the Berkeley International Office (BIO). BIO offers services in advising, immigration, advocacy and programming to the Berkeley community.

internationaloffice.berkeley.edu

Resources

Application FAQs:

admissions.berkeley.edu/application-faqs

For technical support, contact the UC Application Center: (800) 207-1710 (within US) or (925) 298-6856 (outside US), ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

Financial Aid



Grant and scholarship programs

Berkeley offers a wide range of grants and scholarships — awards that you don't need to repay!

Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan

California residents with family income below \$80,000 per year are eligible to receive grants and scholarships to cover the full cost of UC tuition and fees.

Middle class scholarship

California residents with family income and assets up to \$217,000 may qualify for a scholarship from the state of California to attend Berkeley. Scholarship amounts will vary by student and by school.

Native American Opportunity Plan

California residents enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes are eligible to receive grants and scholarships to cover the full cost of UC tuition and fees.

African American Initiative scholarship

Provides financial support for African American students who demonstrate leadership potential and a willingness to contribute positively to the Black community at

Berkeley. This scholarship is funded by the San Francisco Foundation and requires a separate application.

UC Promise Pathway

Our lowest income California residents are eligible to receive augmented financial aid packages with a reduced need to borrow and/or work.

UC Berkeley scholarships

Berkeley awards more than \$51 million in privately funded undergraduate scholarships each year. Are you next?

- **Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarships:** Merit- and need-based scholarships serving more than 2,900 students each year.
- **Regents' & Chancellor's Scholarships:** Prestigious merit-based renewable awards for top entering first-years and transfers.
- **Fiat Lux Scholarships:** Merit- and need-based scholarships for students from partner high schools in Northern and Southern California.

Preparing you for the real world

Peer to Peer Financial Wellness Services: In addition to our financial aid support, we offer year-round peer mentorship that will help you understand your personal finances.

Work-Study Program: Over 200 on-campus and off-campus employers provide work-study opportunities to Berkeley students.

Apply for financial aid by March 2

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application to be considered for federal, state, UC, and Berkeley-specific scholarships, grants, loans and work-study.

Learn more about financial aid: financialaid.berkeley.edu

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): fafsa.gov

California Dream Act Application: dream.csac.ca.gov

Estimated Cost of Attendance 2024–2025

	CA resident	Non-resident*
Tuition & fees	\$16,608	\$16,608
Nonresident supplemental tuition	N/A	\$34,200
Student Health Insurance Plan**	\$4,028	\$4,028
Living expenses	\$21,508	\$21,508
Personal expenses	\$6,494	\$6,494
Total	\$48,638	\$78,810

Calculated based on students living in residence halls.

Figures for systemwide tuition and fees represent currently approved amounts and may not be final. Actual tuition, fees, and charges are subject to change by the Regents of the University of California. Final approved 2024–25 tuition and fee levels may be higher or lower than the amounts presented.

*Out-of-state and international students.

**Student Health Insurance Plan waived with proof of insurance.

To learn more visit:

financialaid.berkeley.edu/cost-of-attendance

13 million **26%**

*in outside scholarships awarded
to Berkeley students annually*

*of entering California resident students receive
augmented financial aid packages with a reduced
need to borrow and/or work*

*Berkeley is among the top universities
in the country for **upward mobility** of
students*

61%

*Percentage of students who
receive financial aid*

26%

*Percentage of students who are
low income (Pell Grant recipients)*

*More than **\$1 billion** awarded
in financial aid annually*

*Ranked in the top 5 Best Value
Colleges by Forbes*

71%

*of undergraduates graduating
in 2020 left with no loan debt*

Undergraduate Majors

- * Majors marked with an asterisk are only available to first-years
- ✓ Majors marked with a checkmark are considered “high-demand” majors
- ▲ Majors marked with a triangle are part of the Transfer Direct-Admit Pilot program

Haas School of Business

Spieker Undergraduate Business Program

***Global Management Program** — intensive global business immersion
(haas.berkeley.edu/undergrad/gmp)

***Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology (M.E.T.):**

- *Engineering Undeclared & Business Administration
- *Aerospace Engineering & Business Administration
- *Bioengineering & Business Administration
- *Civil Engineering & Business Administration
- *Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences & Business Administration
- *Industrial Engineering and Operations Research & Business Administration
- *Materials Science and Engineering & Business Administration
- *Mechanical Engineering & Business Administration
- *Robinson Life Science, Business, and Entrepreneurship Program

College of Chemistry

Chemical Biology
Chemical Engineering
Chemistry - *also offered in the College of Letters and Science*

College of Computing, Data Science, and Society

Computer Science
Data Science
Statistics

College of Engineering

Aerospace Engineering
Bioengineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

Engineering Science Programs

Energy Engineering
Engineering Mathematics and Statistics
Engineering Physics
Environmental Engineering Science
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear Engineering

***Management, Entrepreneurship, & Technology (M.E.T.):**

- *Engineering Undeclared & Business Administration
- *Aerospace Engineering & Business Administration
- *Bioengineering & Business Administration
- *Civil Engineering & Business Administration
- *Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences & Business Administration

*Industrial Engineering and Operations Research & Business Administration
*Materials Science and Engineering & Business Administration
*Mechanical Engineering & Business Administration
*Undeclared

College of Environmental Design

Architecture
Landscape Architecture
Sustainable Environmental Design
Urban Studies

Rausser College of Natural Resources

Conservation and Resource Studies
Ecosystem Management & Forestry
Forestry
Natural Resource Management
Environmental Economics and Policy
Environmental Sciences
Genetics and Plant Biology
Microbial Biology
Molecular Environmental Biology
Nutrition & Metabolic Biology
Society and Environment
*Undeclared

College of Letters and Science

Arts and Humanities

- ▲ Ancient Greek and Roman Studies
- ▲ Art (History of)
- ✓ ▲ Art (Practice of)
- Celtic Studies
- Comparative Literature
- ▲ Dance and Performance Studies
- Dutch Studies

East Asian Languages and Cultures

- Chinese
- Japanese
- East Asian Religion, Thought, and Culture
- English
- Film and Media
- French
- German
- Greek and Latin
- Greek
- Italian Studies
- Latin
- Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures

- ▲ Music
- Philosophy
- Rhetoric

Scandinavian

- Danish
- Finnish
- Norwegian
- Old Norse
- Swedish

Slavic

- Armenian
- Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
- Czech
- Hungarian
- Polish
- Russian
- ▲ South and Southeast Asian Studies

Spanish and Portuguese

- Hispanic Languages, Linguistics, and Bilingualism
- Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Portuguese-Speaking World
- Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Spanish-Speaking World
- Latin American Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

▲ Theater and Performance Studies

- *Undeclared

Biological Sciences

- * Robinson Life Science, Business, and Entrepreneurship Program
- Integrative Biology

Molecular and Cell Biology

- Molecular Therapeutics
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Cell and Developmental Biology
- Genetics, Genomics, and Development
- Immunology and Pathogenesis

Neuroscience

- ✓ Public Health
- *Undeclared

Interdisciplinary Studies

- American Studies
- ▲ Interdisciplinary Studies
- Legal Studies
- Media Studies
- *Undeclared

Mathematical and Physical Sciences

- ✓ Analytics
- Astrophysics
- ▲ Atmospheric Science
- Chemistry - *also offered in the College of Chemistry*
- ▲ Environmental Earth Science
- ▲ Geology
- ▲ Geophysics

▲ Marine Science

▲ Planetary Science

Mathematics:

- ▲ Applied Mathematics
- ▲ Mathematics
 - ▲ Mathematics with Teaching Concentration
- ▲ Physics
- * Undeclared

Social Sciences

- African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies
- Chicano Studies
- Chicanx Latinx Studies
- ▲ Cognitive Science
- Economics
- Educational Sciences
- Ethnic Studies
- ▲ Gender and Women's Studies
- ▲ Geography

Global Studies

- Asian Studies Area I - China
- Asian Studies Area II - Japan
- Development Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Native American Studies
- ✓ Political Economy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- ✓ ▲ Social Welfare
- ▲ Sociology
- * Undeclared

Next steps

Learn more about UC Berkeley:
admissions.berkeley.edu

Submit your application at
apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

