

A large group of diverse students and a mascot posing in a grand hall. The students are smiling and waving, many making peace signs. The mascot is a brown bear wearing a yellow hoodie with a blue 'C' and 'ssi' on it. The background features ornate chandeliers and a high ceiling.

Berkeley Global

STUDY IN CALIFORNIA!

Visiting Student Programs

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Prepare to Be Transformed

Semester- or Academic Year–Long Programs

UC Berkeley is one of the world's top-ranked public universities, offering academics taught by top-notch faculty who inspire you to think about the world in new ways. We're located near San Francisco and Silicon Valley—giving you unique access to the global epicenter for technology and innovation.

Our semester- or year-long programs allow visiting undergraduate or graduate students to experience life as a Berkeley student; study subjects such as business, sciences, engineering and more; access cutting-edge research and technology; connect with renowned professors; and become part of the vibrant campus community.





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Graduate programs in English, Economics, Computer Science, Biology, Psychology, Sociology, Computer Engineering and more —*U.S. News and World Report*

119+

Number of countries our students come from

10,000+

International students each year

184

Academic departments and programs

110

Nobel Prize winners in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Economics, Literature and Peace

14

Field's Medals for Math

25

Turing Awards for Computing

121

Olympic Gold Medals

BERKELEY GLOBAL ACCESS PROGRAM



View program and scholarship info.

For a semester or full academic year, you choose the courses that most interest you—and fit with your academic goals. Study alongside other UC Berkeley students while taking new and innovative undergraduate and graduate classes that you wouldn't find at your home university.

Curriculum

Every semester, enroll in various UC Berkeley classes (12–18 units) and earn transferable credits.

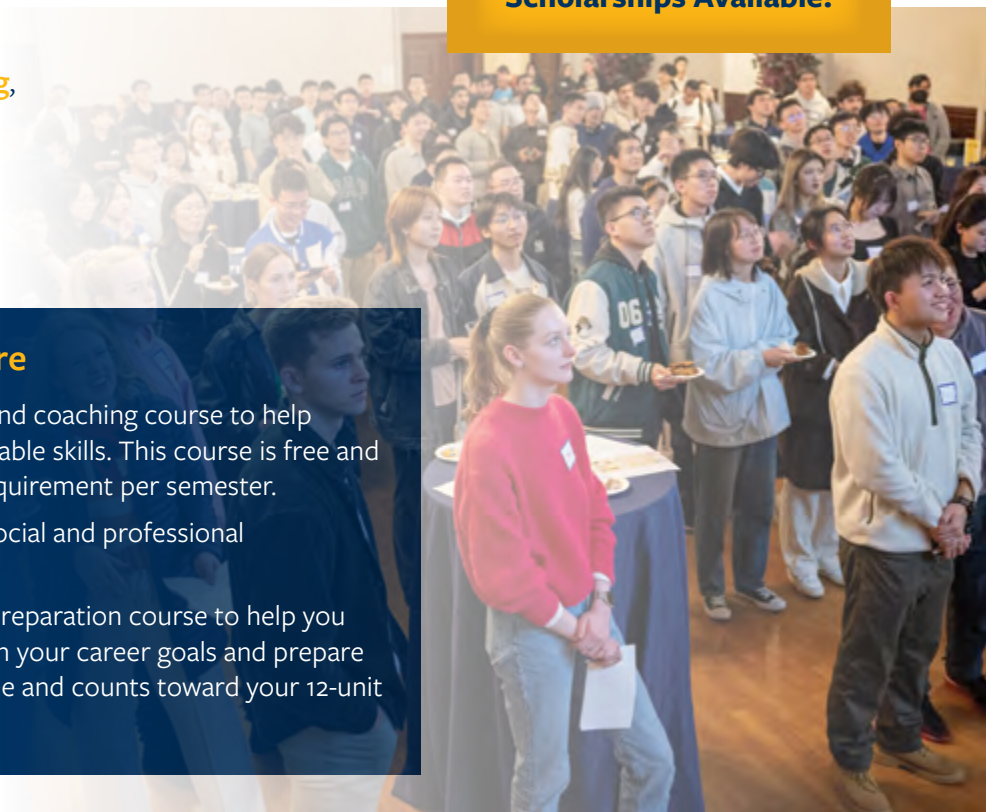
Take courses with other Berkeley students in popular subject areas such as **Computer Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Statistics, Humanities** and **Business**.

Course availability subject to change.

Scholarships Available!

Prepare for Your Academic Future

- Complete a 1-unit career development and coaching course to help identify your strengths and build marketable skills. This course is free and counts toward your 12-unit minimum requirement per semester.
- Receive peer mentoring, participate in social and professional development workshops.
- Complete a 1-unit U.S. graduate school preparation course to help you match the right program and school with your career goals and prepare a standout application. This course is free and counts toward your 12-unit requirement per semester.



BERKELEY HAAS GLOBAL ACCESS PROGRAM

View program and
scholarship info.



This unique certificate program provides access to Berkeley Haas' top-rated faculty, courses and networks within the innovative ecosystem of the Bay Area and Silicon Valley. Top-qualifying visiting students from business and non-business backgrounds will gain the knowledge, skills and connections to excel as tomorrow's innovators and global leaders.

After completing two semesters of study, you are eligible to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT).

Curriculum

Each semester, you will take a minimum of 12 units—in either our Undergraduate or Graduate Track—from Berkeley Haas and main campus. Choose the courses that interest you!

Course availability subject to change.

Scholarships Available!

Program Perk: Silicon Valley Connections

Bring your coursework to life with visits to leading San Francisco Bay Area companies. Take advantage of our close proximity to Silicon Valley and gain inspiration from entrepreneurs, founders and employees.

Become a Leader

Join our Student Advisory Board and plan events for your fellow classmates! Work with program staff to ideate, plan and host your event.



BERKELEY PHYSICS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Berkeley Physics International Education (BPIE) Program provides undergraduate visiting students an exciting opportunity to study at UC Berkeley for one semester or a full academic year. Take advantage of rigorous physics courses and unique research opportunities to enhance your educational experience.

Curriculum

Each semester, you will take 12 units of physics courses, studying alongside some of the world's brightest students and most distinguished faculty.

Course offerings include quantum mechanics, atomic physics, solid state physics, biophysics, string theory, cosmology, thermal and statistical physics, data science and more!

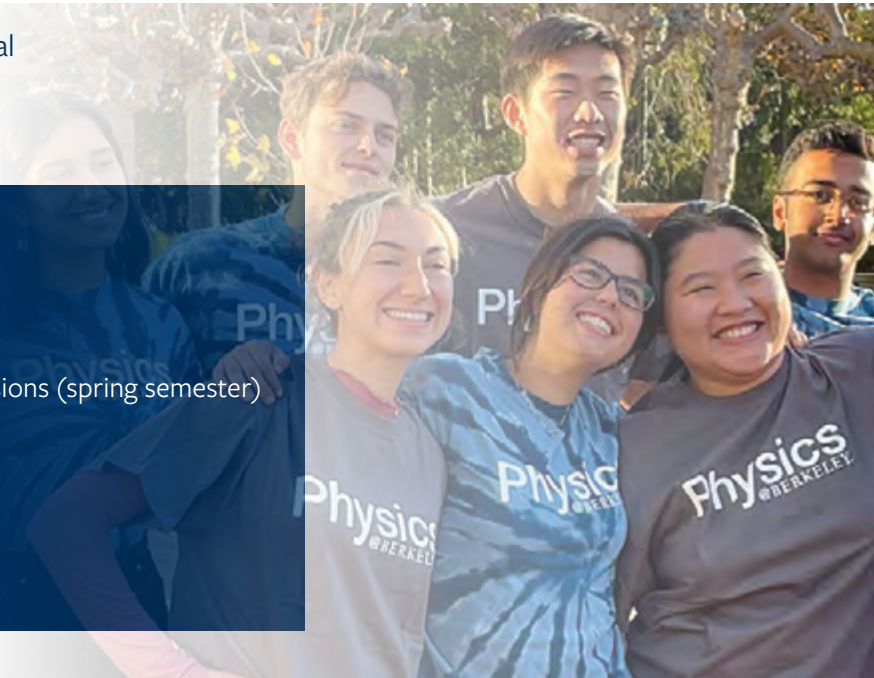
Course availability subject to change.



View all
program details.

Program Features

- Professional academic advising
- Exclusive faculty-BPIE student lunches
- Annual undergraduate and graduate poster sessions (spring semester)
- Physics 199 Independent Study
- Workshops on applying to graduate schools
- Career exploration panels
- Research lab tours



The Student Experience

“For my OPT at Satisfi Labs, I am responsible for a big piece of the marketing, such as driving product positioning, creating product messaging, managing product launches, et cetera. The BHGAP courses I took fit perfectly with my current job in the startup.”

—Aliona Margulis, Russia, product marketing manager at Satisfi Labs, New York City



“I attended a workshop in machine learning through Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research Lab. I got to know many of the Ph.D. students, and especially the professor I wanted to work with. That was very special.”

—Cesar Alejandro Salcedo Castillo, Peru



“Without BHGAP, I wouldn’t have been hired, I think, because I now have some particular skill sets that hadn’t been met before within this corporate innovation unit.”

—Michael Zhao, strategy specialist in digitalization and innovation within Porsche Tech Talents



“The university offers amazing academic and professional opportunities; an outstanding campus community; and liberal, progressive values. Of course, getting to live in the San Francisco Bay Area was also quite nice as part of being in BGA!”

—Hannah Chiara Boettge, Germany



“BGA has allowed me to explore a new academic and cultural environment, learn from top-notch professors and make new friends from diverse backgrounds. I tried different kinds of courses, which helped me to be more clear about what I am interested in and guide me on what I should do next.”

—Chuang Lyu, China

Outside of Class

In addition to providing you with world-class academics, we want to make sure your time with us is enjoyable and that you experience life at Berkeley to its fullest.

Our graduates have enjoyed exploring Berkeley, San Francisco and all that California has to offer! Here are some of their top choices to add to your bucket list when you come to Berkeley!

“We did a lot of sightseeing and visited many wonderful places, including Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe, Big Sur, Yosemite, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and others. It was amazing!”

—Marcelo Lisboa de Castro Reis, Builder, Stealth Startup



“I really enjoyed hanging out on campus—Berkeley is so beautiful.”

—Shreya Nemani, Growth Marketing Manager at Doola

“I spent most of my weekends and summer break beyond campus exploring new restaurants in San Francisco, taking trips around California—like the must-visit freshwater Lake Tahoe.”

—Meru Sharma, Marketing & Partnerships at FalconX



“I went to all Cal football games and a lot of the basketball games.”

—Hannah Chiara Boettge, Student Assistant, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

“My friends and I did a very long road trip to Las Vegas and then drove back from Death Valley, passed Mammoth Lakes, Lake Crowley and Yosemite, and back to Berkeley.”

—Sibble Zhang, Research Assistant, University of California, San Francisco



Study in Berkeley



Check out student life at UC Berkeley.



#YouAreWelcomeHere

When you study at UC Berkeley, you are part of a diverse community of learners who are dedicated to their studies and advancing their lives. You belong to a multicultural community that is welcoming, inclusive and living beyond borders.

Imagine yourself living in Berkeley, California, and learning from some of the most preeminent minds in the world.

Interested in earning a degree?

Our visiting-student programs offer you the opportunity to earn and transfer course credits to your home university. If you are interested in a degree program, please visit Undergraduate Admissions at admissions.berkeley.edu or Graduate Admissions at grad.berkeley.edu.



Admissions Requirements

English-Language Proficiency

Minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0

Berkeley Global Access: One semester of undergraduate coursework

Berkeley Physics International Education Program: At least 1 year of undergraduate coursework

Berkeley Haas Global Access Program: At least 2 years of undergraduate coursework

Tuition (Per Semester)

Berkeley Global Access Program: \$13,900–\$18,400 USD

Berkeley Haas Global Access Program: \$21,900 USD

Berkeley Physics International Education Program: \$23,175 USD

Excludes living expenses (~\$11,250 USD)

Scholarships are available for Berkeley Global Access Program and Berkeley Haas Global Access Program.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester (August–December)

Applications typically due by June 1.

Spring Semester (January–May)

Applications typically due by November 1.

How to Apply

Submit your online application with the following documents:

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcripts
- English-language proficiency
- Copy of passport/government-issued photo ID
- Physics program only: Letter of recommendation

Transcript

Your transcript will be issued by UC Berkeley Extension.



View current application and program dates, as well as compare programs.



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