A photograph of three students, two men and one woman, all wearing yellow lanyards with 'GO BEARS' written on them. They are gathered around a large, realistic sculpture of a bear's head. The student on the right is holding a tablet and looking at it, while the other two look on with interest. The background is bright and slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Berkeley Global

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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



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program details.

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 classes that you wouldn't find at your home university.

Curriculum

Every semester, enroll in various UC Berkeley classes (12 units minimum, 18 units maximum) and earn transferable credits. Research opportunities are also available!

Take courses in your major 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.

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.
- Take advantage of research opportunities through the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP). Only available for 2-semester students.
- Take courses to fulfill undergraduate or graduate requirements.
- Attend graduate school admissions workshops.
- Receive peer mentoring, participate in social and professional development activities.



BERKELEY HAAS GLOBAL ACCESS PROGRAM

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program details.



This unique 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).

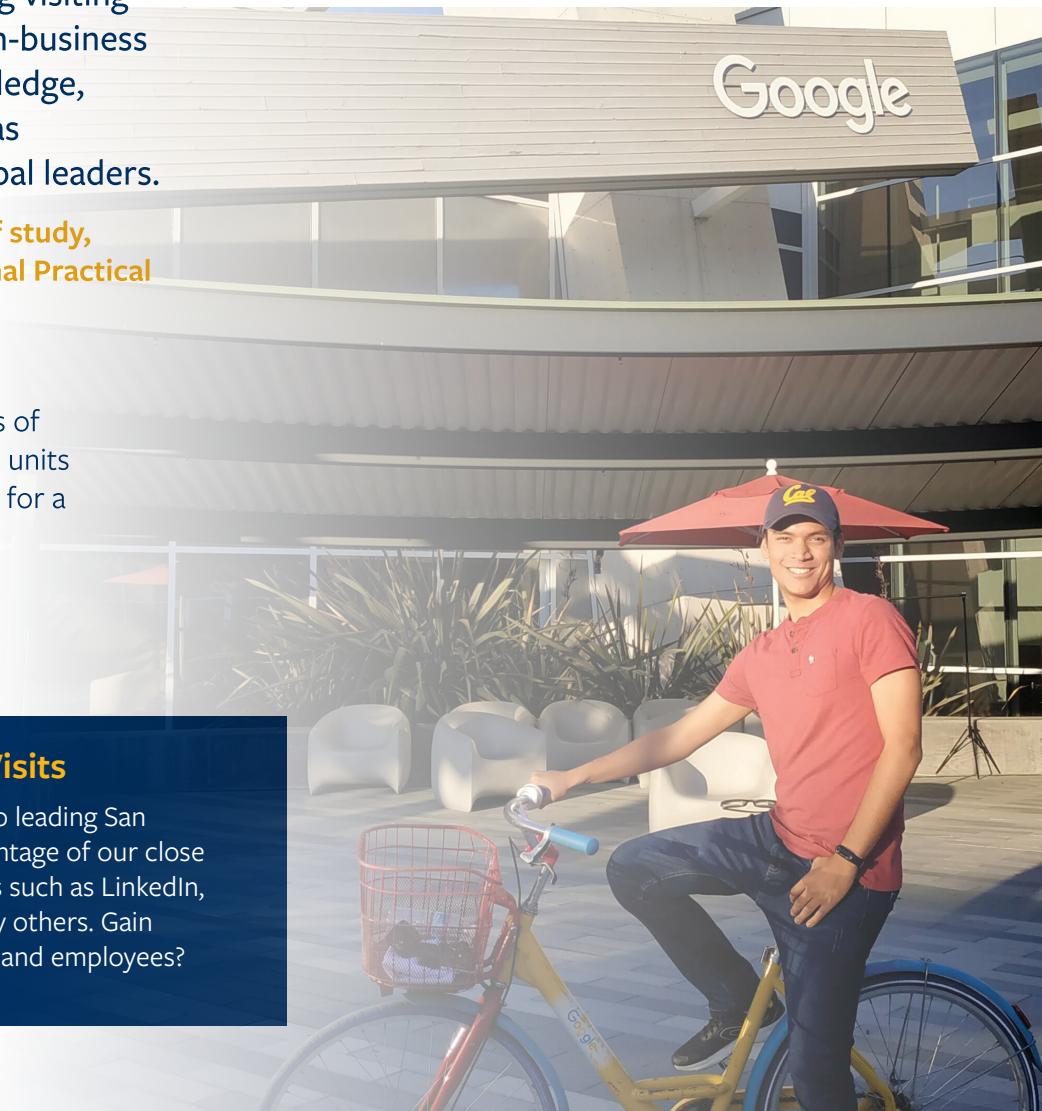
Curriculum

Each semester, you will take 9–11 units of Berkeley Haas Business courses and 3 units from the UC Berkeley course catalog, for a total of 12–15 units per semester.

Course availability subject to change.

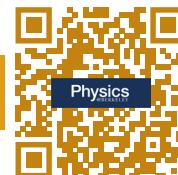
Program Perk: Company Site Visits

Bring your coursework to life with visits to leading San Francisco Bay Area companies. Take advantage of our close proximity to Silicon Valley by visiting firms such as LinkedIn, Meta, Google, Mozilla, Oracle and so many others. Gain inspiration from entrepreneurs, founders and employees?



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.



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program details.

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.

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 school
- 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 the Classroom

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 in Berkeley to its fullest.

What to Do in Berkeley

Downtown Berkeley offers cinemas, live theater and music, among other attractions. Berkeley is also home to diverse cultures, food and traditions unique to California, but also from around the world.

What to Do Outside of Berkeley

San Francisco is just a 20-minute ride away on public transportation. Visit the United States' oldest Chinatown or our world-class museums, go shopping, view historic Victorian architecture and more.

Napa Valley, with its wineries and restaurants, is just an hour north.

You can fly to Los Angeles or Las Vegas, or drive to Lake Tahoe where you can enjoy summer on the lake or visit a ski resort during the winter.

Yosemite National Park—featuring spectacular rock formations, hiking trails and waterfalls—is also within driving distance. If you prefer the ocean, take a drive down to Monterey or Big Sur.

Housing

With options available in both Berkeley and San Francisco, you can live in the bustling atmosphere of a dormitory, enjoy the independence of a private or shared apartment, or get the personal attention of a homestay. We have staff members who can assist you in finding the perfect housing.





Local Transit Systems

AC Transit operates buses in the East Bay and to San Francisco's Transbay Terminal in the San Francisco Financial District.

BART is our regional subway system, with trains running throughout the East Bay and through San Francisco.

MUNI in San Francisco operates buses, trolleys and cable cars throughout the city.

Trains and Long-Distance Buses

Caltrain is a commuter train that runs from San Francisco to San Jose, stopping at many cities along the way.

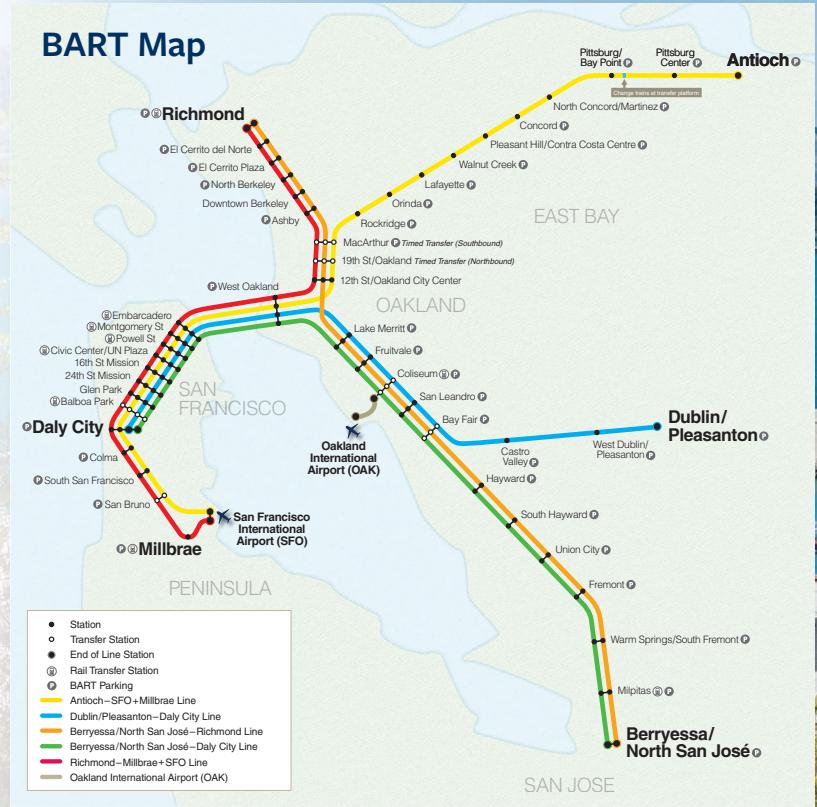
AMTRAK is the train service that operates across the United States, including many cities within California.

Greyhound buses go throughout California and the United States.

Taxis and Ride Shares

Private taxi service is available in any city from several companies.

Lyft and Uber are apps that facilitate peer-to-peer ridesharing by connecting passengers who need a ride with drivers who have cars.



Study in Berkeley



Check out student life at UC Berkeley.



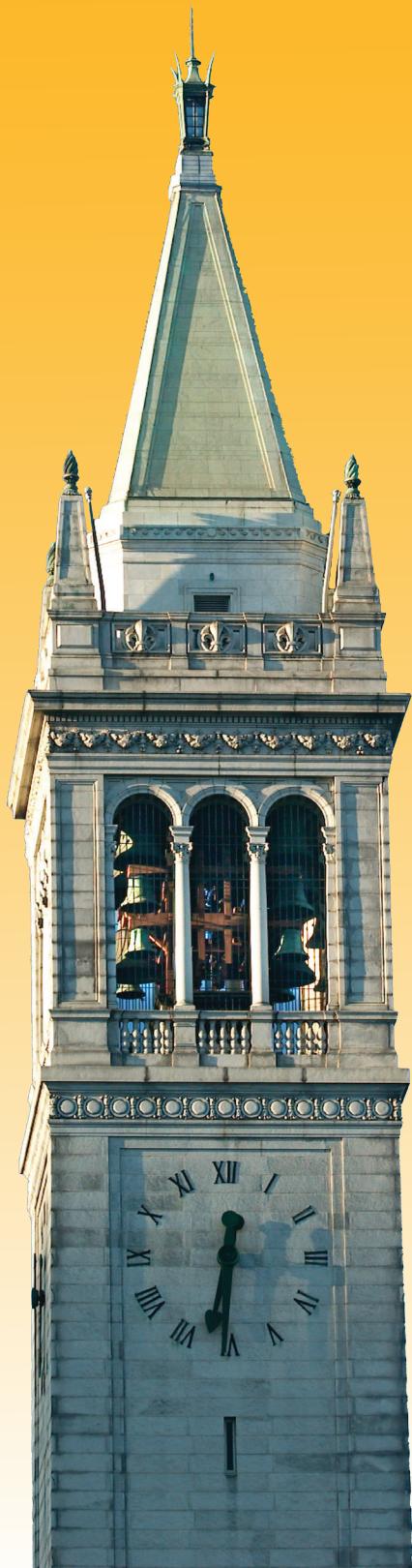
#YouAreWelcomeHere

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

One semester of undergraduate coursework for Berkeley Global Access
At least 1 year of undergraduate coursework for Physics
Minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0

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: \$23,125 USD

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

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

Application Deadlines

Spring Semester (January–May)

Applications typically due by November 1.

Fall Semester (August–December)

Applications typically due by June 1.

Application Requirements

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

Certificate and Transcript

Your certificate(s) and transcript will be issued by UC Berkeley Extension



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