



# University of California, Berkeley Regents' Overnight Host Program

## SOCIAL SCIENCES / INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

### SUMMARY

#### Social Sciences

The Social Sciences study the common elements and collective dimensions of the human experience. Scholars in this division of the College of Letters and Science focus on topics as varied as color perception, language acquisition, climate change, sexuality, social identity, markets and risk, wages and work, civil rights and political institutions, kinship and culture, international relations, epochal change, and child development.

#### Interdisciplinary Studies

Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies (UGIS) in the Undergraduate Division of the College of Letters and Science serves as a center for innovations in undergraduate education that extend beyond traditional departmental boundaries. Its major and minor programs attract undergraduates who wish to explore intellectually engaging and promising interdisciplinary fields under the direction of scholars who are pioneers in charting these new areas and methods of inquiry. UGIS has been, and continues to be, an incubator for new ideas, combining experimental programs and courses with a curriculum designed to promote the ideals of a liberal arts education.

#### **Selected Majors:**

- **Anthropology**
- **Economics**
- **Gender & Women's Studies**
- **History**
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**
- **Sociology**
- **Cognitive Science**
- **Latin American Studies**
- **Legal Studies**
- **Political Economy**

### FACTS

-The Social Sciences division is the largest within the University, with 20% of the faculty and 25% of student enrollments

-Cal continues to be the only school in the country to have produced more than 3,000 Peace Corp volunteers.

### LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to UC Berkeley's University Requirements (Entry Level Writing & American History and Institutions) and Berkeley Campus Requirements (American Cultures), L&S undergraduate students are required to complete coursework in the following:

- Reading and Composition
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Foreign Language
- Seven-Course Breadth Requirement

Some of these requirements can be fulfilled through outside coursework, including adequate standardized test scores and transfer credit, and some of these requirements cannot. Please visit <http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/requirement/summary.html> for full information.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

- Anthropology Undergraduate Association (AUA)
- Association of Psychology Undergraduates (APU)
- Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC)
- Berkeley Environmental Economics and Policy Students (BEEPS)
- Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice (BJGLJ)
- Berkeley Legal Studies Association (BLSA)
- Berkeley Undergraduate Sociology Association (BUSA)
- The Daily Cal (Campus Newspaper)
- UC Berkeley Gender Equity Resource Center (GenEq)
- Undergraduate Political Science Association (UPSA)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who are L&S peer advisers?**

L&S peer advisers are students who have completed an extensive training period and are qualified to answer quick questions. They are available at the front desk in 206 Evans throughout the week at various times, and every Wednesday from 10-1. Their blue peer carts are stationed around campus throughout the semester (weather permitting). Peer advisers are also available at the residence halls during the dinner hour to answer quick questions. They have on-line access to class availability to help students find open classes and can answer Tele-BEARS and Bear Facts questions.

### **Can I major in more than one subject?**

Yes! Although it is a serious academic and time commitment, it is possible to double, or even triple, major. It is important to keep in mind, though, that you will be required to satisfy all of the requirements for each of the majors you decide to take on. The best reason to pursue a double major is to fulfill a strong personal intellectual need. Another, slightly less demanding, option is to minor in a subject. Minors typically have less course requirements than majors and are worth looking into if you're serious about studying multiple subjects in depth.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

Cal Career Center: <https://career.berkeley.edu/>

Cal Central: <https://calcentral.berkeley.edu/>

Course Catalog: <http://www.berkeleytime.com/catalog/>

Lower Division Requirements: <http://ls-advice.berkeley.edu/requirement/summary.html>

Student Organizations/ Clubs: <https://callink.berkeley.edu/Organizations>

More L&S Info: <http://ls-advice.berkeley.edu/>