



University of California, Berkeley Regents' Overnight Host Program

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

SUMMARY

From ancient times to the present day, people around the globe have raised fundamental questions about life through the arts, literature and philosophy. In **Arts & Humanities**, faculty and students explore the human experience across an exceptionally broad range of subjects.

By studying the world's languages and cultures, students expand their horizons and prepare themselves for an increasingly multicultural world. Through rigorous exploration of complex philosophical arguments, students move beyond their own assumptions toward a deeper understanding of human life and its perplexities. And discovery in the arts helps students open their imaginations to fresh perspectives on the world.

The faculty in Arts & Humanities are leaders in their fields — both as researchers, honored worldwide for their contributions to scholarship, and as teachers who challenge students to explore the deepest questions that shape their lives and our times.

Selected Majors:

- Art, Practice of
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- English
- Music
- Philosophy
- Rhetoric
- Slavic Languages and Literatures
- South and Southeast Asian Studies
- Spanish and Portuguese
- Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies

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:

- Arts and Literature
- Biological Science
- Historical Studies
- International Studies
- Philosophy and Values
- Physical Science
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

- Art for Social Change
- Artists in Resonance (co-ed a cappella)
- Berkeley Ballroom Dancers
- Berkeley Indonesian Student Association
- Cal Japan Club
- Celli (cello ensemble)
- Chinese Student Theatre Company
- Creative Residencies for Emerging Artists Teaching Empowerment (CREATE)
- Danceworx
- DeCadence (co-ed a cappella)
- Film Friends of Berkeley
- Ink at Berkeley
- Theater for Charity
- Vagabond Multilingual Journal

FACTS

- L&S encompasses more than 50% of the campus's faculty, 75% of its undergraduate students, and 50% of its Ph.D. candidates.

- L&S faculty includes 15 of the 22 Nobel Prizes on the campus (including 7 current faculty members), 3 out of 4 Pulitzer Prizes, and 19 out of 32 MacArthur "Genius" Awards.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I declare my major?

Declaring an academic major should be your number one schedule planning priority. To declare a major in the College of Letters and Science, you must complete most of the lower division prerequisite courses specified by your intended major department. You should enroll in two or more courses for your major or intended major during your first semester. This will ensure that you are making appropriate academic progress. To declare your major, review the department website for major declaration guidelines and visit the major department as soon as possible. Bring an updated copy of your Berkeley transcript and/or copies of transcripts (unofficial is OK) showing courses taken at other institutions. If you are interested in changing your major, visit the undergraduate major adviser (UMA) and an L&S College Adviser immediately to discuss your plans. Always take major prerequisites and upper division courses for a letter grade unless the major department tells you otherwise.

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.

What is the difference between a double major and simultaneous degrees?

Students in L&S who wish to pursue more than one major may apply for a double major or simultaneous degrees. A double major program consists of two L&S majors resulting in a Bachelor of Arts degree with two majors, with one diploma issued. Simultaneous degree programs consist of a major in L&S and another from a different school or college on the campus. Simultaneous degrees are posted on one transcript as two degrees, but two separate diplomas are issued (one, a Bachelor of Arts for the L&S major and the other, a second Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science, depending on the kind of degree offered by the other school or college).

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-advise.berkeley.edu/requirement/summary.html>

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

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