Welcome! UC Berkeley-Sciences Po Dual Degree Program

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Berkeley Introduction

- Berkeley, California
- West Coast of the US
- 35 minute commute to San Francisco by public transit
- Silicon Valley proximity
- Vibrant campus town
- Surrounded by nature



Berkeley Programs

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UC Berkeley Highlights





- → Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP)
- → UCDC (Semester in Washington DC)
- → Global Internships
- → Robust Career Center
- → 1,500 Student Clubs and orgs
- → Honors program in each major
- → Over 50 Nobel Laureates
- → Ranked #1 Public University and 4th best overall

Academics at Berkeley

- Applying to the College of Letters & Sciences (L&S)
- At Berkeley, students will select a major that fits best with their interest.
 - Can align with the curriculum they took at Sciences Po or can be different. Typically a Social Sciences major
- It is possible minor or double major, or simply take other interesting courses!
- Students will put an intended major on their application especially if considering a High Demand major



Popular Majors Include:

Economics History

Media Studies Political Science

Legal Studies Political Economy (high demand)

Global Studies

Sociology

Environmental Economics

ISF



Housing

Sciences Po

- CROUS student housing options
- Accessible apartment rental market
- Options for homestays with French families
- CAF government housing subsidy for all students

UC Berkeley

- Guaranteed housing at International House or Berkeley Student Cooperative
- Other options are available but not guaranteed

Finances

Students pay fees directly to campus they are attending

Sciences Po

- Tuition is determined by tax residence within or outside of the European Economic Area
- Tuition is 14,720 Euros plus living expenses for 24/25

UC Berkeley

- For CA residents tuition is \$10,550.50 plus living expenses per semester, for the 24/25 academic year
- Non-residents tuition is \$27, 650 per semester

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Dual Degree students may use Federal and State Financial Aid for all four years if they are US citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships and Federal Financial aid, if they are eligible





Transition to Berkeley

- Berkeley
 One-on-one advising starting at Sciences
 Po through graduation
- Priority enrollment for fall semester
- Students participate in Golden Bear
 Orientation week before classes begin
- Special presentations and Dual BA student organization

Dual Degree Admissions

Students complete 2 applications

- UC Application
- Supplemental Dual Degree Application (found on our website)
- TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo Required for most Int students
- Both applications due Dec 1st

Possible to be admitted to Berkeley but denied admission to Dual Degree

If admitted to Dual Degree Program, could deny and choose to come to Berkeley for regular 4 year degree





Reviewed for early admission

Selected for interviews in January

Notified of acceptance to Dual Degree in mid-February

Admissions - English Proficiency

Submit your English proficiency test scores with your application - no later than December 1st, 2025!

Ways to meet language proficiency without a proficiency exam:

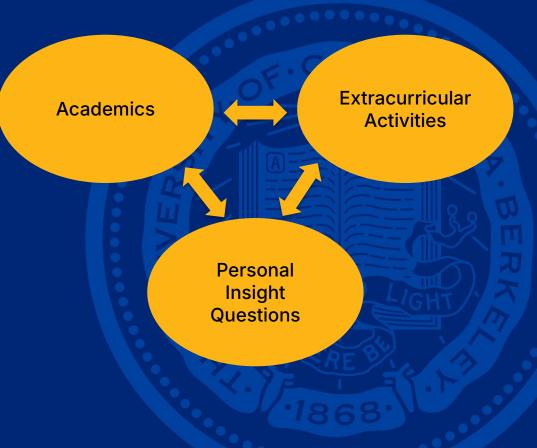
- 3+ years of Language of Instruction in English
- Score of 3, 4 or 5 on AP English Lang & Comp or Lit & Comp exam
- 6 or 7 on IB SL English exam (Language A only)
- 5, 6 or 7 on IB HL English exam (Language A only)
- 24 or higher on ACT English Language Arts
- 31 or higher on Writing and Language SAT

Sign up for an English Test:
TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo

The UC Application - Holistic

Review, academic rigor

- Quality of final year of high school
- Special academic projects, learning opportunities
- Athletics, art & music, work, volunteering
- PIQ's: tell us YOUR story!
- 8 PIQ's, select 4, all are weighted equally
- SAT/ACT Free!



Curriculum

All curricula carry the same weight, and none is viewed as more competitive.

	AP	IB	IGCSE/ A-level
Competitive Score:	Exams: 5, 4 Grades: A, B	Diploma : 38+/42 (No TOK) Exams : 7, 6, 5	IGCSE: A*, A, B A-level: A*, A, B
Minimum requirement:	3.4/ 4.0 GPA	3 HL, 3 SL exams (diploma)	3 A-level exams, 5 IGCSE exams
Added Value:	Number of courses Number of Exams	Number of HL exams (not expected)	Number of exams (both IGCSE/ A lvl)
How is GPA Calculated?	Using 10 th and 11 th grade marks	Using 10 th and 11 th grade marks	Using IGCSE exam marks



Supplemental

Students are evaluated on academic achievement perceived on intellectual readiness, and their own representation of their own experience, ideas, and aspirations

Why the Dual Degree? How does it fit in with your goals? Why the specific campus?

Essay

- o 750-1,000 words
- Explain how and why the multidisciplinary educational environments at Sciences Po and at Berkeley will help to achieve their intellectual, personal, and professional aspirations. (Be sure to note social science aspect)

• Letters of Recommendation

- Should address student's readiness and interest in program, as well as why this program is a good fit
- 2 recommended





Admissions Timeline 2025

August 1st

UC Application Opens

September 3rd

Supplemental Application Opens

October 1st

Application Submission Opens

December 1st

Application Deadline

Jan-Feb

Interviews*

*Invite Only

Feb-Mar

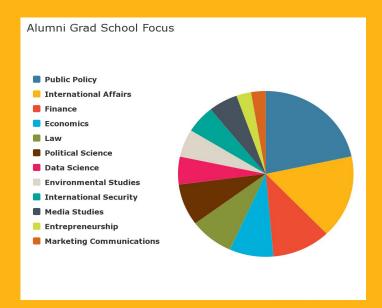
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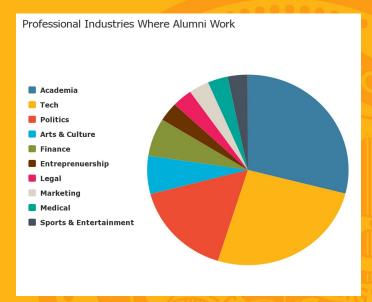
May 1st



Deadline to Accept Program Offer

What alumni are doing...





Over 65% of alumni pursue graduate education. Admittance to a Sciences Po Paris graduate program is guaranteed for all alumni



Questions?



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Join our next information session on **Tuesday October 21, at 10am**, *Pacific time!*