

# UC Berkeley Letters & Science



## AT A GLANCE

Spring 2025

The **LARGEST** of UC Berkeley's colleges, L&S is the **HEART** of Berkeley.

# 21,107

UNDERGRADUATES

# 6,224

 first-year students

# 2,284

 GRADUATE STUDENTS

## A SINGULAR PLACE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

For over a century, the College of Letters & Science (L&S) has served as the core of UC Berkeley's preeminence. L&S provides students with a vibrant, enriching liberal arts education at a scope and scale unlike any other. Students are taught to think deeply, critically, and creatively about not just the "who" and "what," but the "how" and "why." In today's world, an L&S education opens many doors, both in your career and in your life.



Arts &  
Humanities



Biological  
Sciences



Math & Physical  
Sciences



Social  
Sciences



Undergraduate  
Studies



### Did you know?

L&S teaches nearly **every student** at UC Berkeley in courses for breadth and basic skills requirements.

# 745+

FACULTY

# 79

MAJORS

# 50

CENTERS/PROGRAMS

# 38

DEPARTMENTS



U.S. News & World Report 2024  
Best Global Universities  
**Six #1 Ranked Programs in L&S**

Undergraduate Programs:  
**Psychology & Economics**

Graduate Programs:  
**English, History, Psychology & Sociology**



Half of UC Berkeley's **10 most popular majors** reside in the College of Letters & Science:

- Economics
- Molecular & Cell Biology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Cognitive Science

**CRISPR. Dark Energy. Statistical Theory.** Groundbreaking contributions from Berkeley and L&S have transformed the world for decades, changing not only what we know, but how we learn.



- 1) Statistical theory, 1930.
- 2) Wetsuits, 1952.
- 3) Native languages survey, 1952.
- 4) Theory of dinos' extinction, 1980.
- 5) Discovery of "dark energy," 1998.
- 6) Discovery of CRISPR, 2012.

Learn more about Berkeley's history & discoveries:  
[berkeley.edu/about/history-discoveries](https://berkeley.edu/about/history-discoveries)



**9 out of 10**

**Berkeley faculty holding Nobel Prizes are in L&S.**

L&S faculty also hold two-thirds of Berkeley's Guggenheims, MacArthur, Fulbrights, and similar awards.

## L&S gives students access to the world's leading scholars, researchers, and scientists

In the best tradition of a liberal arts education, students are offered a range of enriching interactions and research opportunities with renowned faculty across multiple fields of study. Nearly half of Berkeley undergraduates responding to a survey assisted faculty in research or had completed at least one research methods course (Cal Facts, 2025).

**LEARN HOW AN L&S EDUCATION OPENS MANY DOORS, BOTH IN YOUR CAREER & IN YOUR LIFE**



### L&S Advising New Student Guides

L&S advisers provide caring support for students to build upon their academic and personal backgrounds as they navigate UC Berkeley.



[LSAdvising.berkeley.edu/NewStudentGuide](https://LSAdvising.berkeley.edu/NewStudentGuide)



### L&S First-Year Pathways

This unique program designed for first-year students combines exciting courses with an intimate cohort experience, making for a smoother transition into college life.



[LSFirstYear.berkeley.edu](https://LSFirstYear.berkeley.edu)



### L&S Curricular Connections

L&S provides students with access to enriching and inspiring interactions with faculty across an expansive range of disciplines and fields of study.



[CurricularConnections.berkeley.edu](https://CurricularConnections.berkeley.edu)



### L&S Website: For Students

L&S students learn to ask big questions and pursue all different kinds of knowledge—the arts and humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences.



[LS.berkeley.edu/students](https://LS.berkeley.edu/students)



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