



L&S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS ADMITTED PRIOR TO FALL 2025

*NOTE: This information sheet is a summary of College of Letters and Science (L&S) degree requirements for transfer students admitted **prior to Fall 2025**. It is designed to help you understand your degree requirements. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of the rules and regulations of the College nor is it intended to replace an appointment with an Academic Advisor.*

To be eligible for admission to L&S, transfer students must:

- Complete all three Essential Skills Requirements (R&C, QR, and FL)

- OR -

- Complete all IGETC requirements. Partial IGETC is not accepted.

For details on L&S Degree Requirements review the [L&S Degree Requirements website](#) or contact an L&S or Undergraduate Major Advisor.

Berkeley L&S undergraduate students must satisfy the following degree requirements:

	Degree requirements	Applicable Transfer or Berkeley Credit
<p>University requirements</p> <p><i>Must be satisfied by all University of California students</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American History & Institutions (1 class/4 units) • Entry Level Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGETC or UC Reciprocity does not automatically satisfy the AH&I requirement. • IGETC or UC Reciprocity satisfies the Entry Level Writing requirement.
<p>Campus requirement</p> <p><i>Must be satisfied by all UC Berkeley students</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Cultures (1 course/3-4 units) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGETC or UC Reciprocity does not automatically satisfy the American Cultures requirement.
<p>L&S requirements</p> <p><i>Must be satisfied by all Berkeley L&S students</i></p>	<p>Essential Skills Requirements (4-5 courses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Composition • Quantitative Reasoning • Foreign Language <p>7 Course Breadth (7 courses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Literature • Biological Science • Physical Science • Historical Science • Philosophy & Values • International Studies • Social & Behavioral Sciences 	<p>Transfer students who complete the IGETC requirements prior to admission will satisfy <u>all</u> L&S Essential Skills and 7-Course Breadth Requirements.</p>

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Major Requirements	Will vary by major; over 80 majors within the College of Letters and Science. Additional eligibility requirements may be applied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of preparation for the major is completed at the Community College or other UC. Consult the major department's website and advisor.
Upper Division Unit Requirements Upper Division (UD) courses are numbered between 100-199. Graduate-level courses numbered between 200-299 may also apply those units to the UD Unit requirement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36 upper division units 6 upper division units outside your major department or department cluster. This can be included in your 36 upper division total. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be satisfied with UC Berkeley credit or upper division transfer credit from a 4-year institution. All coursework from a community college will be lower division.
Residence Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Residence After completing 90 units (senior standing), students must complete at least 24 units as an L&S student. Upper Division Residence 18 units of upper division courses in residence, 12 of which must be in your major program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants in study abroad programs (or UCDC or the UC Center in Sacramento program) may satisfy this requirement with Modified Senior Residence by completing 24 of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.
120 Semester Units (minimum)	This includes transfer credit admitted to the Berkeley record and advanced high school units admitted to your college record.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 70 lower division transfer units can be applied to this requirement.
2.0 GPA Overall (minimum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.0 minimum GPA (C average or higher) in all courses undertaken at UC. 2.0 minimum GPA in all upper division courses required for the major. 	This includes grades from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UC Berkeley coursework UC Summer Sessions UC Education Abroad Program UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) Certain courses from UC Berkeley Extension

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- L&S Advising: <https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/>
- Schedule of Classes: <https://classes.berkeley.edu/search/class>
- Berkeley Academic Guide: <https://guide.berkeley.edu/>
- Academic Calendar: <https://guide.berkeley.edu/academic-calendar/>