

Timeline for Visiting Students in the Berkeley International Study Program in Letters and Science (BISPinLS)

March 1 - 15 – Follow instructions at your university for applying to be nominated to study at UC Berkeley. The appropriate office at your university determines how many students to nominate, which students are qualified, and who to select. There may be an earlier deadline for applying to be nominated, please contact your coordinator for more information. It is recommended that students review the list of participating departments in order to start identifying potential areas of interest. The Fall 2018 course schedule will not be posted until early April.

If you are nominated, please obtain the following documents:

- A copy of your valid passport. (Use a scanner. Do not take a photo of it).
 - If you do not have a passport, you should apply for it as soon as possible.
- A financial statement or a Certification of Deposit that shows you have the equivalent of at least \$20,575 USD in your/your parent's bank. If you decide to get a Certification of Deposit, you will only need to freeze your money until August 1st.
- You will need a valid credit card (VISA or Master Card) by the time you fill out the UC Berkeley Extension application.
 - Your credit card needs to have at least \$200.00 - You may use your parent's or your relative's credit cards.

May 1 – BISPinLS deadline to complete and send the UC Berkeley Extension International Concurrent Enrollment Application online. We recommend you submit it as early as possible in order to get your visa process started earlier.

IMPORTANT: Once UC Berkeley Extension receives your application, you will then receive an email from them to request application and health insurance fees to be paid online. You should enter the email address that you checked frequently onto your application. Once your application is processed, an acceptance packet will be sent to you or your international coordinator, at the address you listed on your application, by FedEx within 3-4 weeks after receipt of your application.

June/July - Check for emails from Jenny Cornet-Carrillo or Rachel Marquez or BISPinSoc with important information. Please save our primary program email address BISPinSoc@berkeley.edu in your email contact list, so that our emails do not go into a spam folder.

Early August - UC Berkeley Extension enrollment system is available online for you to set up your account and apply for courses. An email with step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account will be sent to you. We recommend setting up your account and applying for at least 4 of your courses, and at least 2 alternate courses, when you receive the instruction email.

August 15 – Mandatory orientation sessions are in this week. All students should plan to arrive before **Wednesday August 15**. It is highly recommended that you arrive one to two weeks before this date to get settled into your housing. We may also have other informal and fun orientation activities the week before. **You will receive an email regarding to the orientation later.**

August 22 – Classes begin. All Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes meet for the first time on Wednesday, August 22, and all Tuesday-Thursday classes meet for the first time on Thursday, August 23. Classes that meet only one day a week, meet for the first time on that day once classes begin.

September 21 – Deadline for BISPInLS students to alter their course schedule and pay their course fees. Students usually know what courses they want to take by the end of the second or the third week of the semester, and we recommend completing your enrollment then.

December 10 - 14 – Final exams are during this week. You should not plan to leave Berkeley until your exams are complete.