

# Why Choose Berkeley?

**More than 12,000 graduate students study in over 120 master's and doctoral degree programs at UC Berkeley.**

**Our faculty, graduate students, and degree programs rank among the best in the world.**

## **Our faculty are unsurpassed**

Every year our faculty members win an array of prestigious recognitions, from Nobel prizes to National Academy awards to Guggenheim Fellowships.

- > Our faculty place high value on the role that graduate students play in Berkeley's culture and success, citing the quality of Berkeley's graduate students as the most important contributor to their sense of satisfaction with their work.

## **Our academics are world-acclaimed**

Berkeley continues to lead in the rankings, here are just a few:

- > New global rankings place UC Berkeley at the pinnacle of public universities in the U.S. and fifth overall in the world.
- > Academic Rankings of World Universities is an assessment of 500 top institutions around the globe by the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy.
- > In 2022, Berkeley (again) ranked first in the world in chemistry and in electrical and electronic engineering, and third in the world in computer science and engineering and statistics.

- > In addition, Berkeley ranked fifth in economics and sociology.

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**Forbes, again placed Berkeley at the very top of the list of public universities in the United States.**

**2021 Forbes Top Colleges list, UC Berkeley is the only public university among the top five schools overall.**

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For the fifth straight year, UC Berkeley tops the list of public universities in global rankings by U.S. News & World Report.

- 1st** English, History, Psychology, Sociology
- 2nd** Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Physics, Statistics
- 3rd** Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Clinical Psychology, Social Welfare, Public Affairs
- 4th** Economics, Political Science
- 7th** Biostatistics
- 8th** Business (#2 in Part-time MBA), Public Health
- 9th** Law

MORE THAN  
**4,000**



master's and professional degrees each year.

the most doctoral degrees in the nation – close to

**800**

IN OVER 90 DISCIPLINES

**99%**

of incoming students cite the outstanding reputation of their graduate program as important in their decision to enroll.



**PUBLIC UNIVERSITY**



### **Our supportive programs are groundbreaking**

In addition to the niche support provided degree programs, Berkeley's Graduate Division supports graduate students from the time they are admitted until they complete their degree.

- > The Office for Graduate Diversity promotes a diverse student body by supporting first-generation college students, those who are undocumented, financially challenged, or from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in higher education.
- > Our Graduate Student Life Program addresses issues such as health education and wellness, financial literacy, housing and food security, parenting support, and community-building.
- > We provide comprehensive and in-depth teacher training through our Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center. Students leave prepared with foundational knowledge of instructional pedagogies.
- > Our Graduate Professional Development Program helps our students explore career options and develop the skills sought by employers in a wide range of sectors, both within and beyond academia.

### **A Diverse, Welcoming and Collaborative Community**

Our passion for critical inquiry, debate, discovery and innovation is informed by a deep commitment to contributing to a better world. We take great pride in ensuring that our graduate students, who represent 129 countries and all 50 U.S. states, have a full yet balanced experience during their time here. Berkeley is committed to encouraging and supporting students of all backgrounds on campus and fostering a welcoming climate that lets everyone thrive.

### **Career and Family Support**

Whether you will pursue work in or outside academia, we have robust and evolving professional development services for every stage of your career. Our family-friendly policies and graduate employee benefits make our graduate experience attainable for all stages of life.



### **A Location Like No Other**

With California's sunshine and the Bay Area's Mediterranean climate, Berkeley weather is comfortable year round. Here you can find the best of urban life within easy reach of the Pacific Coast, Sierra Nevada mountains, redwoods, and wine country. And the view of the San Francisco Bay from our scenic, 1,200 acre campus doesn't hurt either.

### **A Dynamic Alumni Network**

Alumni of our master's and doctoral programs include holders of cutting edge patents, founders of world-shaking startup ventures and social initiatives, and — as recently as 2021 — recipients of the Nobel Prize and MacArthur "Genius" awards, to name a few. UC Berkeley's total alumni network exceeds 541,000.



### **Unrivaled Opportunity**

With top experts, national labs, Silicon Valley nearby, and engagement with cutting-edge companies, our campus is a hub of innovation and exploration. Our wide range of multidisciplinary research centers, museums, and institutes foster constant collaboration and innovation.