

# BISP Goes Virtual

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### **What is remote learning, and why is this available now?**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, UC Berkeley will be offering most of their courses remotely for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. This provides non-UC Berkeley students the rare opportunity to take Berkeley courses during the regular academic year -- either full time or part time! The majority of courses will be offered online, either through synchronous (same time) or asynchronous (anytime) instruction, and taught by the same regular outstanding UC Berkeley professors and lecturers that normally teach in-person.

### **What is BISP?**

For over 15 years, the Berkeley International Study Program (BISP) has been offering international students the opportunity to study abroad at UC Berkeley. We offer a wide range of courses, cross-cultural events and activities, and advising and support services to all our students, putting us in a great position to offer this remote learning experience to both domestic and international students!

### **Will students be registered UC Berkeley students? What about transcripts?**

Visiting students register through UC Berkeley Extension's *Concurrent Enrollment* program. BISP students have access to the libraries, online course systems, and many other resources that Berkeley students have access to as well. The official transcript will come from UC Berkeley Extension, and will be noted as Concurrent Enrollment courses that are taken on the UC Berkeley campus. It is our hope that these courses can be transferred to any other institution, but it is your responsibility to confirm that with your own college or university.

### **How does enrollment work?**

Course enrollment is on a space-availability basis, which means there must be room in the class in order to be enrolled. UC Berkeley students get priority ahead of Concurrent Enrollment students. If there are prerequisites, it is the student's responsibility to review these in the course guide and to only register for courses that they are prepared for.

### **How does grading work?**

Concurrent Enrollment students, once enrolled in the course, are held to the same requirements as UC Berkeley degree-seeking students. The assignments and grading policies are the same. The standard grading system for most courses is A, B, C, D, F (with + and -), and students can select to be graded Pass/No Pass if desired. These grades, and not the numerical score, will be listed on the official transcript at the end of the semester.

### **What is the cost to participate in BISP?**

BISP Students pay \$750 per unit. In addition to this, they pay a visiting student application fee (\$100), a course application fee (\$125) to access the UC Berkeley registration system, and a student services fee (\$250) to access the libraries, course websites and learning management system, Berkeley email, and virtual services offered by a number of campus offices including the Student Learning Center, gym, and more. The tuition and fees are detailed on [Virtual BISP](#). There is no additional program fee for BISP.

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### SPRING 2021 TUITION AND FEES

The cost of tuition and fees for the BISP Goes Virtual program for the Spring 2021 semester is distributed as follows:

Visiting Student Application Fee	\$100	Paid at the same time as the online application submission
Course Application Fee	\$125	Billed after application, due approximately one month prior to beginning of instruction
Student Services Fee	\$250	Billed during the fifth (5) week of instruction
<b>TOTAL FEES:</b>	<b>\$475</b>	
Tuition	\$750 per unit	Billed during the fifth (5) week of instruction  <i>Note: Full time enrollment is 12 semester units or more. Part time enrollment is also available for students that are not required to be enrolled full time.</i>
Lab fee (if applicable)	\$100 per lab course	Billed during the fifth (5) week of instruction (only required for students taking courses with a lab component)
<b>TOTAL: \$475 + tuition (varies based on the number of units enrolled)</b>		

All fees are to be paid online at [extension.berkeley.edu](https://extension.berkeley.edu) when the student receives an invoice from UC Berkeley Extension.

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Fees include:

- Course tuition
- Orientation to Berkeley
- Social and cultural integration activities
- Personal academic advising
- Tutoring and student learning center resources

Cost does not include textbooks, supplies, or daily expenses. **BISP Goes Virtual** is designed for students to enroll from anywhere in the world; students do not need to be present in Berkeley for coursework or exams.

The BISP team is very excited about this new program for students all over the world to be part of our community at UC Berkeley. We invite you to join us for this once in a lifetime opportunity, and Experience Brilliance...Experience Berkeley!

### How do I get started?

Interested students should carefully review details included on [Apply](#) and [Virtual BISP](#). If you have further questions, contact [bisp@berkeley.edu](mailto:bisp@berkeley.edu).