Explore UC Berkeley’s Arts + Design Community

UC Berkeley’s arts and design landscape offers a distinctive and robust context for creative experiment, one enriched by the scientific and cultural wealth of a world-class public research university and propelled by an historic public mission and committed to access and social impact.

Cal Performances
The performing arts center of Cal Performances produces and presents productions of the highest artistic quality, enhanced by programs that explore compelling intersections of education and performing arts.

The Campanile
Alfred Hertz Tower, the Campanile is the unofficial symbol of Berkeley. The Campanile plays a daily carillon concert, which serves the Department of Music, tells the time, and functions as the most recognizable landmark on campus.

CITRIS, CITRIS Tech Museum, Berkeley Center for New Media
Some of the Center for Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS), CITRIS Tech Museum, and Berkeley Center for New Media offer co-curricular experiences in a professional gallery.

Creative Writing Minor Program, Media Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies Field Program
Two of the Creative Writing Minor Program, Media Studies, and Interdisciplinary Studies Field Program provide interdisciplinary studies in literature and media fields.

Department of Art Practice, Anthropology Department, Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, and Worth Ryder Art Gallery
Department of Art Practice provides professional art training within the context of a world-renowned public research university, while Anthropology Department and Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, both are the first anthropology department and museum established west of the Mississippi. The Worth Ryder Gallery provides opportunities for students to create and install their artworks in a professional gallery.

Department of English and College Writing Program
The Department of English introduces students to the history of English literature, creates an awareness of methods and theories of literary analysis, and provides continued training in critical writing. The College Writing Program works with students at all levels or writing expertise.

Department of Mechanical Engineering
Faculty and students in the Mechanical Engineering Design program work on problems pertaining to the design, synthesis, automation, fabrication, evaluation, and optimization of mechanical systems.

Department of Music
The Department of Music features a special space reserved for the instrument collection of the Bancroft Music Ensemble, 38 private piano practice rooms, and the Lied Center 100 seat hall which accommodates lectures, recitals and rehearsals in addition to their academic programs.

Doreen B. Townsend Center for Humanities and the Arts of Writing Program
Home to the Townsend Center for the Humanities, which supports more than 60 interdisciplinary working groups and is committed to enriching the existing wealth of intellectual resources at Berkeley, and the Art of Writing Program, which celebrates writing as a teachable art through intimate seminars.

Durham Studio Theater
The Durham Studio Theater, where the Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies stages productions, symposiums, workshops, and lectures.

Graduate School of Journalism and Reva and David Logan Gallery of Documentary Photography
Graduate School of Journalism, training the next generation of journalists, who also hosts the Reva and David Logan Gallery of Documentary Photography.

Berkeley-Haas Innovation Lab
Hargrove Music Library
Providing strong support for instruction, research, and the performance of music, Hargrove Music Library contains thousands of volumes of books, printed music, sound and video recordings, and microforms in addition to manuscripts, rare materials, and archives.

Heard Greek Theater
Berkeley’s very own Greek Theater hosts some of the Bay Area's most popular performances by internationally recognized artists and musicians, as well as campus graduations.

Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation
Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation is an academic building and a community space that supports courses, club and competition activities, independent making and contains 24,000 square feet of design studios and maker labs, providing access to the latest equipment for rapid prototyping and fabrication.

Language and Literature Departments, Department of Classics, Department of History, Department of Rhetoric, Department of Film & Media, Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies
This building is teeming with arts, literature, history, and humanities classes and events that explore the cultural traditions of all regions of the world—from Western Europe to East Asia, from classic to contemporary, from film to performance.

Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life
At the Bancroft Library, the Magnes Collection includes art, objects, texts, music, and historical documents about Jewish art and life.

School of Information
The School of Information (School) is a professional school committed to expanding access to information and to improving its usability, reliability, and credibility while preserving security and privacy.

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Off Site
Center for New Music and Audio Technologies
Dedicated to multidisciplinary research and the creative use of sound, Center for New Music and Audio Technologies links the concert hall to the laboratory.

Lawrence Hall of Science
Public science museum and research center for K-12 education at the University of California, Berkeley.

UC Botanical Garden
A 36-acre space in the Berkeley hills with over 10,000 types of plants organized geographically. Admission is free for UC Berkeley students.
UC Berkeley's Arts + Design Initiative features, fortifies, and mobilizes existing excellence in the arts and design at Berkeley, while fostering dynamic collaboration, innovation, and public access across all arts and design fields, on campus and in public life. This map will help you to explore Arts + Design programs, centers and experiences offered by our creative community. For more, visit artsdesign.berkeley.edu.