

Berkeley Global Access Enrollment Application

Statement of Purpose

Your Statement of Purpose allows us to assess your understanding of the program and your academic preparedness, while helping us to understand your personal, academic and professional goals. We review your Statement of Purpose to determine if the program is a good fit for you, as well as to advise you on courses and campus opportunities that will help you achieve your goals.

Please use the following guidelines when writing your essay:

1. **Length of essay:** 800–1,000 words, single-spaced.
2. **Background:** Which academic, personal and professional experiences have prepared you for this rigorous program? Please describe successes that may not be apparent from just reading your transcript. How will participating in this program help you achieve your goals? Briefly describe any other extracurricular interests or activities you hope to engage in at UC Berkeley or in the San Francisco Bay Area.
3. **Course Selection:** The Berkeley Global Access Program is a multidisciplinary educational opportunity that requires flexibility with course choice(s). Please include 5–6 courses using the [lookup feature in the general catalog](#) that you are interested in taking. (Please be sure to include course number and title; for example, MATH 53 Multivariable Calculus.) Keep in mind graduate courses are designated as 200+ in the course catalog (i.e., STAT 215).
4. **Anomalies:** Please explain any anomalies in your academic transcript, such as a failed course, a low GPA or a change in your major concentration. If there is nothing unusual about your transcript, you do not need to include this section.

Your Statement of Purpose is an expression of your educational and professional goals, experiences and perspectives. In line with this, all submissions must be entirely original and reflective of your own thoughts, experiences and ambitions. We ask you to express yourself authentically and avoid any form of plagiarism, including the use of content generated by artificial intelligence (AI) tools or other sources. Adhering to these requests will uphold the core values of our admissions process, which are centered on honesty and integrity.

The use of AI-generated content in your statement of purpose is strictly prohibited. We believe that this statement is a reflection of your personal journey and future goals. Using AI-generated content undermines the integrity of your unique voice and narrative. We take the use of AI-generated tools and content seriously to ensure a fair and equitable evaluation of all applicants.