INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Celtic Studies major is designed to give students both a broad understanding of the place of Celtic languages and cultures, and a firm grounding in one or more Celtic language. We offer language instruction in Modern Irish and Modern Welsh. The Celtic Studies major has an innovative linkage of language and literature-in-translation courses intended to allow students maximum flexibility in pursuing their studies.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Celtic Studies accepts freshmen and transfer students.
- Already have an intended major but interested in Celtic Studies? Consider a Celtic minor or double major. Our students have also studied Computer Science, Linguistics, History, Anthropology.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in Celtic language and literature through study abroad.
- Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
- Attend the California Celtic Conference.
**CELTIC STUDIES**  
*Bachelor of Arts*

### FIRST YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
  - Review major and college requirements.
  - Enroll in L&S and HUM 10 (Compass Courses) and learn about study options in L&S and the Arts & Humanities.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Get 11 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Explore the Berkeley Language Center.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Ireland with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.
  - Develop a plan for getting career ready.
  - Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

### SECOND YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - Complete CELTIC 70 and your lower division language requirements and declare the major.
  - Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Sign up for the Celtic Studies email list and start attending department events.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
  - Explore resources from the Irish Studies Program.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
  - Assist faculty in their research through URAP.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend an event of the Irish Literary and Historical Society.
  - Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.
  - Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
  - Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
  - Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

### THIRD YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - Focus on upper division requirements in literature, culture, language coursework, and electives.
  - Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
  - Ask your major advisor about the Celtic Studies honors program.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored Research and Discovery Groups.
  - Join the Celtic Studies Association of North America.
  - Attend the California Celtic Conference.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
  - Get international work experience with a UCDC Global Internship.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
  - Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
  - Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Attend career and graduate school fairs.

### FOURTH YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Complete any “bucket list” courses.
  - Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
  - Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program.
  - Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
  - Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Teach your own DeCal course.
  - Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
  - Apply for the European Studies Undergraduate Paper Prize.
  - Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
  - Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.
  - Apply to the Mitchell Scholarship for post-graduate study in Ireland.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Utilize job board tools in your job search.
  - Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
  - Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
  - Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
- **Jobs and Employers**
  - Bank of Ireland
  - Independent Filmaker
  - Professor, Swansea University
- **Graduate Programs**
  - Archaeology, PhD Oxford University
  - Celtic Languages & Literatures, PhD
  - Harvard University
  - Comparative Literature, PhD
  - UCLA
  - English, PhD
  - Yale University

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Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.