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## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more. ISF faculty will discuss the possibilities for student interdisciplinary research at Berkeley and tackling the most pressing problems facing society today.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students. Attend an ISF info session to hear from faculty about this amazing interdisciplinary research major.

### Events

Attend an ISF Application Workshop to find out more about the major and the application process. Visit [isf.ugis.berkeley.edu](http://isf.ugis.berkeley.edu) for news and updates.

## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

## ADVISING

Meet with an ISF undergraduate advisor via appointment or drop-in advising. Appointments can be made by contacting advisors directly. Visit [isf.ugis.berkeley.edu/people/](http://isf.ugis.berkeley.edu/people/) for office hours and locations.

Advising Drop-In Hours:  
Monday - Friday 9-11:30am, 1:45-5:00pm

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# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES FIELD

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **Interdisciplinary Studies Field (ISF)** major offers highly motivated students the unique opportunity to design an original program of research and study resulting in a major research project (senior thesis). ISF allows you to take advantage of UC Berkeley's strengths as a research institution by combining work across disciplines in courses and with faculty where no other structured program exists.

The major is intended for students who wish to focus their studies on a non-U.S. topic, have a clear idea about the research they would like to pursue and the courses that will be most meaningful to them, and who are prepared to write a senior thesis.



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“ I am honored to have been in the ISF major because it provided me an innovative and empowering education. ”

—Emily Cohen, ISF Class of 2015

## ISF CURRICULUM

ISF is an individualized cross-disciplinary research program that includes a course of study and a senior thesis. The course of study is made up of courses taken in the social sciences, the humanities, and/or the professional schools and colleges, alongside the required courses in ISF. The capstone experience is a scholarly, rigorously-researched 40-page required senior thesis, a sustained inquiry in the social sciences and humanities based on original, cross-disciplinary research.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Engage with your research topic through a **study abroad** experience.
- Apply your skills and experience as a **DeCal facilitator**.
- Conduct research abroad and travel to conferences with support from the **Institute of International Studies, SURF Fellowship Program**, or **Haas Scholars Program**.
- Do a deep dive into a research topic by writing an Honors Thesis in ISF.



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