Learning Experiences in Bay Area

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UC Berkeley Extension

- UC Berkeley Extension was founded in 1891 and is a continuing education branch of the University of California, Berkeley. Extension offers more than 2,000 courses each year, including online courses, along with more than 75 professional certificates and specialized programs of study. Extension enrollment in 2011-2012 was 35,179.

- UC Berkeley Extension locations:
  - Berkeley
  - San Francisco
  - Belmont
  - Berkeley Campus
UC Berkeley Extension offers professional certificates, specialized programs of study and teaching credentials, in class and online, for professional and educational advancement.

- Art and Design
- Behavioral Health Sciences
- Business
- Construction and Environmental Management
- Education
- Sciences, Biotechnology and Mathematics
- Technology and Information Management
- Writing, Editing and Technical Communication
City College of San Francisco

- Founded in August 1935
- Consists of eleven campuses: Airport Campus, Castro Campus, Chinatown/North Beach Campus, Civic Center/Alemany Campus, Downtown Campus, Fort Mason Center, Gough Street Site, John Adams Campus, Mission Campus, Ocean Campus and Southeast Campus
- CCSF is the largest junior and community college and the second largest collegiate institution overall in the United States.
City College of San Francisco

- CCSF has over 50 educational programs and more than 100 work trainings
  - Behavioral and Social Sciences
  - Business
  - School of Health & Physical Education
  - School of International Education & ESL
  - Liberal Arts
  - Science & Mathematics
  - Hotel and restaurant Management programs the holdest of any kind on emphasizing culinary arts including culinary art, food service management, and hotel management.
CCSF Non – Admission Requirements

- All high school graduates and anyone 18 years of age or older, with or without a high school diploma or the equivalent, are eligible.
- Cost for California Residents: $46 per unit
- Cost for non-California Residents: $203 per semester unit
- CCSF offers new student counseling services. Assist students to develop and educational plan and access essential support service.
CCSF Non-credit Courses

- CCSF offers an extensive schedule of day, evening and weekend noncredit classes.
- You may complete a noncredit admissions application online.
- Placement assessment, orientation and counseling are required for many noncredit courses.
CCSF Non-credit Courses

Who is eligible?
- Anyone who is 18 years of age or older

Placement Testing
- Students registering for ESL or vocational classes should take the placement test.

Counseling
- Counselors are available to assist students complete educational and career planning.
CCSF Non-credit Courses

Pre-registration at the center is required for:

- Adult Basic Skills
- Business and Computer Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Child Development and Family Services
- Health Care Technology and Health Science

Go directly to the class and register in class:

- Consumer Arts and Sciences
- Consumer Education
- Older Adults
- Trade and Industry
Berkeley Adult School

- Public school for adult education
- Providing education since 1881
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Address: 1701 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702
BAS: Overview of the Class

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Adult Secondary and Basic Education (ASE & ABE)

Computers & Career Training
Example: Business Communication and Career Preparation (i.e. resume writing and interviewing techniques)

Medical / Health & Food Services
Example: First Aid Certificate

Life Long Learning (focused on the needs of people 55+)
Examples: Mindfulness meditation, Ceramics

Adults With Disabilities

Community Education
Examples: Italian, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, Informal Spoken American English, Solving Pronunciation Problems
BAS: English as a Second Language (ESL)

- Opportunity to improve speaking, listening, reading, writing, vocabulary development and grammar.
- Monday-Friday, 3h 10min every day
- Morning / Afternoon / Evening
- Beg-Low, Beg-High, Int-Low, Int-High
- Fall semester now – January 24, 2014
BAS: ESL Classes Description

• Grammar exercises at the beginning of the class
• Interesting intercultural discussions in small groups
• Nice atmosphere
BAS: How to Register?

• Go to the Main Office to register (must be done in person)
  ➔ Registration on Mondays-Tuesdays only (morning 8:00-10:30am or evening 6:00-7:30pm)

• Fill in the registration form
• Pay a non-refundable registration fee of $45/class/semester (covers the cost of registration, testing, and orientation)
• Take your English assessment tests (1-2 hours)

• Schedule a 3-hour Orientation session (required for new students before starting a class)
  ➔ Orientations on Thursdays only (morning 10:00am-1:00pm, or evening 6:00-9:00pm)
BAS: Further Information

• Visit a class before deciding to take it
  → You can get a Visitor's Pass from the main office and drop in to see any class or meet the instructor. A Visitor's Pass is valid for 30 minutes.

• For questions not answered here...
  Email basinfo@berkeley.net or visit the website http://bas.berkeley.net/
Join the Language Café

• Learn to speak different languages
• Informal and fun environment
• Every Tuesday 5-7 pm at Blue Door Café (2244 Bancroft Way)
• Join the Facebook group “Language Café Berkeley”
English Works for You

- A friendly and fun course designed specifically for spouses/partners who would like to improve their English presentation and conversation skills.

- This course meets for 1.5 hours twice per week for 6 weeks and for a total of 18 hours of interactive instruction.
English Works for You – Class Details

From October 7 to November 14, 2013

You can choose one among the following four course times:

Section 1: Monday and Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Section 2: Monday and Wednesday 4:45 - 6:15 PM

Section 3: Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Section 4: Tuesday and Thursday 4:45 - 6:15 PM

UC Berkeley's VSPA Program will subsidize half of the course fee, which means each participant only pays $100. However, please note: Participants who miss more than four (4) meetings of this course will be assessed an additional $100 administrative fee.
English Works for You – Registrations

- The registration for this course will open at 5:00 p.m. on September 20, 2013.
- Enrollment is limited to 60 participants and priority is given to new students
- To register for the English Works for You course, click on the link below:
- For further information, please contact TLC-Berkeley by email at tlcberkeley@thelanguagecompany.com* or by phone at 510-848-8110.
English Works for You – Registrations

Please bring the following document(s) on your test date.

- For VSPA affiliates: Please submit a copy of your CAL photo ID card
- For spouses of VSPA affiliates: If you are a spouse of a VSPA affiliate, please submit a copy of all the following documents
  1. your spouse’s CAL photo ID card, and
  2. your marriage certificate, if you are claiming marital status
- For partners of VSPA affiliates: If you are a partner in a committed relationship, please submit a copy of all the following documents
  1. your partner’s CAL photo ID card
  2. your state Domestic Partner certificate, if you are claiming domestic partnership
Free Online Classes: Coursera.org

- Education without limits – connecting people to a great education
  [www.coursera.org/courses](http://www.coursera.org/courses)
- Cooperates with top universities (Harward, Standford, Berkeley, MIT …)
- Courses - various categories – Art, Science, Psychology, Law and many more
- 7 languages (majority English + subtitles)
- Duration 4-12 weeks
- Have fixed schedule (you can browse past – adjusting to your schedule)
- Option of obtaining certificates
- Video (4 min.)
Please Join BSPA

Berkeley Spouses and Partners Association Official Website

- http://spousesandpartners.berkeley.edu/
- Click the green button to fill out the welcome form

JOIN: Berkeley Spouses & Partners Association

To help us plan programs related to your needs and interests, please fill out this form. It will take about 10 minutes.

Like BSPA on Facebook Page 😊
- https://www.facebook.com/ucbspa
Friday Morning Intercultural Coffee Hour
- Every Friday at Cafe Strada from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. It is run by Yvonne
- [https://www.facebook.com/groups/fulfillinglife/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fulfillinglife/)

Berkeley Wives Happy Hour
- Once a month, usually from 7-10 p.m. It is run by Doro
- [https://www.facebook.com/berkeleywives](https://www.facebook.com/berkeleywives)

Language Café Berkeley
- Every Tuesday at Floor Cafe from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It is run by Satu.

The Center/YWCA
- Every Thursday at YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Organized by volunteers of the University Section Club. You can come with children.