

Berklee College of Music

Internship Program in Los Angeles

Frequently Asked Questions



Which majors can apply?

This program is open to all majors, but will not fulfill degree and licensing requirements for Music Therapy and Music Education students.

How many Berklee credits is this program worth?

The Summer semester program is 6-General Elective Berklee internship credits, the Spring/Fall semester program offers the internship and additional classes. Students may elect to enroll in just the 6-credit internship or the internship plus additional classes.

Which Berklee courses are being offered in Los Angeles during the Fall and Spring semesters?

All students are required to take IN-497: Los Angeles Internship. In addition to the internship, students may opt to enroll in courses from the following list while in LA. Please see your academic advisor to determine how these courses will help fulfill graduation requirements. More details also available in the LA Internship Program Application.

- LENG-201: Literature Topics Course: Fiction and Film
- LMSC-221: Health and Wellness
- LHis-223: History Topics Course: History of the Los Angeles Entertainment Industry
- FS-231: History of Film Music
- CW-311: Writing for Large Ensemble 1
- MB-335: Music Publishing
- LSOC-355: City Life
- LENG-365: Intercultural Communication
- PW-365: Orchestral Mock-Up Production
- MP-421: Music Production for Visual Media
- MB-433: Current Events in the Music Industry

What semester do I need to be to participate in this program?

You are eligible if you have completed 5 semesters and/or 50 Berklee credits.

Am I eligible for financial aid if I participate in this program?

Yes, in order to be eligible for financial aid you must be enrolled at least half time. With this program, you will be enrolled at least half-time, therefore eligible for a partial or full aid package. Check with your financial aid advisor for details.

Can Berklee alumni participate in this program?

Yes, but if there are more applications than space available in the program, priority will be given to currently enrolled students.

Can international students participate in this program?

Yes, upon approval of your International Advisor and by adhering to all Visa regulations.

If I am a Music Business major, will IN-497 fulfill my internship requirement?

Yes, IN-497 may fulfill the Music Business internship requirement by means of Credit By Exam (CBX), pending Department Chair approval. For more details, ask the OEL or your Department Chair.

Can I do this internship in addition to XX-495 and IN-103?

Yes, you may only participate in IN-497 once, but may complete it in addition to the Major Specific Internship (XX-495) and the Internship Certificate Program (IN-103).

Will any student employment (work study) positions be available in Los Angeles?

No, there will be no student employment positions available.

Will my current scholarship apply to the cost of this program?

It depends on the scholarship. Check with the Office of Scholarships and Student Employment to find out for sure.

Are meals included in the housing cost?

No, you are responsible for your own meals. Park LaBrea apartments have full kitchens.

My parents live in Los Angeles, can I waive the provided Berklee housing?

The Los Angeles Internship Program integrates academics and experiential learning through internship participation, workshop attendance, and the Berklee community through living in the same housing complex in order to promote career development and personal growth. Living together at the Park LaBrea apartment complex as a cohort of students provides a safe and comfortable living/learning community that supports educational, emotional, and social development/growth. We require all students that participate in this program to live in the apartment assigned by Berklee College of Music at Park LaBrea.

However, if you have a parent/guardian that lives in Los Angeles county, are aged 24 or older, or have a disability which requires accommodations that Park LaBrea is not able to provide than you may petition to have the housing requirement waived. Please see the Office of Experiential Learning for more information and to pick up a Housing Petition form.

All Berklee housing in Los Angeles will be in same-gender, non-smoking apartments in Park LaBrea. Park LaBrea is centrally located in West Hollywood, close to many internship sites and shopping. Park LaBrea is a gated community. The apartments are furnished and come equipped with a full Housewares Package. Check out Park LaBrea's website at www.parklabrea.com.

Will I need a car while in Los Angeles?

Yes, probably. There is some public transportation, but it is not very reliable. Most people in Los Angeles have cars. Some people may choose to drive their cars across country, ship their cars to Los Angeles, or rent a car there for the semester. Both Avis and Enterprise Rent-A-Car offer a special discount rate to Berklee students participating in the LA Internship Program.

If I participate in this program, am I guaranteed full-time employment after my internship?

Internships provide both important learning and networking opportunities for students. While the primary objective for any internship is a learning experience, approximately 30% - 40% of our interns in the past have reported being offered a job or another internship at the company where they interned.

Do programs like this exist in other cities?

Berklee's Office of Experiential Learning also facilitates a Summer Internship Program in London. Additionally, you may participate in the Major Specific Internship (XX-495) or Internship Certificate Program (IN-103) in any city of your choice. See the Office of Experiential Learning for more details.

If you have more questions, please contact the Office of Experiential Learning.

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