

KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

SAN FRANCISCO BERKELEY

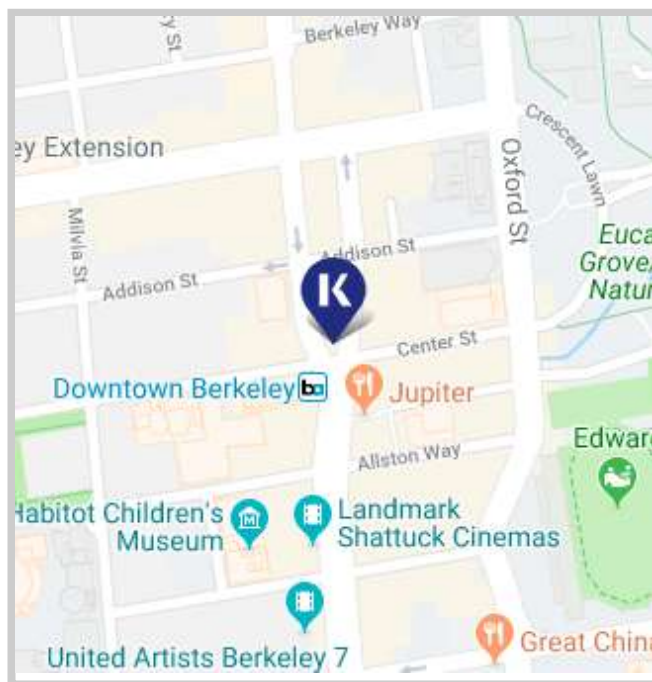
WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN OUR BERKELEY SCHOOL?

5 reasons to study here

- Situated in a renowned academic city with a vibrant student community, just minutes to downtown San Francisco
- Located near the prestigious UC Berkeley, which allows students to attend open lectures
- Offers advice to students applying to Berkeley City College and UC Berkeley Extension Programs
- Students who complete Kaplan's Higher Intermediate level can use their certificate to gain admission to Berkeley City College
- Enjoy weekend trips to Yosemite, Wine Country, and Lake Tahoe

Location and contact information

ADDRESS:	2144 Kala Bagai Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
PHONE:	+1 (510) 254-6733
FAX:	N/A
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	+1 (800) 819 9041
AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE:	1999
PROVIDING ENGLISH COURSES SINCE:	1999



School information

SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	Lisa Holsworth
TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS:	8 - 10 (Full time teachers: 0)
LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY STAFF:	Spanish, Japanese, French, Mandarin Chinese, Turkish, Polish
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:	All teachers have a level of education normally represented by a degree and they also have a CELTA or equivalent qualification. Some also hold the higher level DELTA qualification, PGCE, or MA in applied linguistics

Accreditations and memberships



Is this school an exam center?

No, it is not an exam center.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS:	1
NUMBER OF FLOORS:	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS:	8
SCHOOL FACILITIES:	Elevator, air conditioning, heating, Wi-Fi, computer lab/ multimedia center, library, self study center, games room, student lounge / common room
WHEELCHAIR / DISABLED ACCESS:	Yes
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	No
OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED:	Accommodation, Airport transfer, University Placement Service, Medical Insurance
EXTRA COST OF OTHER SERVICES:	See our price list
NUMBER OF COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:	15
LEVELS OF ENGLISH OFFERED:	All levels
FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL:	Orientation starts every Monday at 11:00. This includes a meet and greet with staff and the distribution of class timetables. On their first day, students are expected to have already submitted all their documents and taken their online KITE placement test.



SAMPLE CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning

CLASS:	08:30 - 10:00
BREAK:	10:00 - 10:15
CLASS:	10:15 - 11:45

Afternoon

CLASS:	14:15 - 15:45
BREAK:	15:45 - 16:00
CLASS:	16:00 - 17:30

SAMPLE SPECIFIC SKILLS CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning class (Monday to Friday)

N/A

Afternoon class (Monday to Friday)

12:30 - 14:00

SCHOOL MATERIALS

MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS:

K+ curriculum, K +notes, K +tools, K +eXtra, Chromebooks, Interactive whiteboards

IS THERE A BOOK DEPOSIT?

No

IS THERE A MATERIALS FEE?

No



Courses and students

COURSES PROVIDED AT THIS SCHOOL:

General English, Semi-Intensive English, Intensive English, Academic Year, Academic Semester, TOEFL IBT & Academic English Exam Preparation

SPECIAL / EXTRA COURSES PROVIDED:

N/A

AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS:

11–15

MINIMUM AGE OF STUDENTS:

16

AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS:

18–21

STUDENTS PER AGE GROUP:

18-21: 30.00% / 22-25: 30% / 26-30: 30% / Over 30: 10%

TOP 10 STUDENT NATIONALITIES:

China, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, France, Turkey, Brazil, Colombia, Thailand

School location and transport

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	15 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Time to the nearest post office:	3 minutes	1 minute	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	1 minute	1 minute	2 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	15 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A



AIRPORT TRANSPORT

CLOSEST AIRPORT:

Oakland International Airport

	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
Airport to city center by bus:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Airport to city center by train:	BART	\$10	60 minutes
International train station to city center:	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABOUT BERKELEY

NAME OF LOCATION:	San Francisco Berkeley
FAMOUS LANDMARKS:	UC Berkeley
CUISINES WITHIN A 20-MINUTE WALK:	American, British, Chinese, European, French, Greek, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Seafood, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Vegetarian
TRANSPORT WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK:	Buses and trains
TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS CITY:	Situated close to the prestigious UC Berkeley campus, a wide selection of great food to choose from, plenty of great local beer, a number of live music venues nearby, a diverse community of local students
WHAT MAKES THIS CITY UNIQUE?	Student-friendly city
ALTERNATIVE THINGS TO DO:	Tour the craft breweries, explore the local museums, check out the Pacific Film Archive, hike to Indian Rock Park for the views
CITY PERSONALITY:	Academic, active, active nightlife, alternative, artistic, bike-friendly, bookstores, charming, coffee haven, creative, cultural, diverse, eco-friendly, famous, food trucks, foodie scene, friendly, galleries, green, hiking, historical, iconic landmarks, independent, laid-back, museums, music, natural landscape, ocean views, picturesque, small town experience, sports scene, unique, university town, youthful

Examples of nearby cities to visit

SAN FRANCISCO	Travel time: 25 minutes, price of return ticket: \$9
OAKLAND	Travel time: 10 minutes, price of return ticket: \$5

Regular social activities

BOWLING	\$10-20
SOCCER	Free
PING-PONG	Free
A'S BASEBALL GAME	\$15
UC BERKELEY FOOTBALL GAME	\$50
UC BERKELEY BASKETBALL GAME	\$20
SAN FRANCISCO BAY CRUISE TO ALCATRAZ	\$35



Typical 2-week social schedule

Days	First week	Second week
MON	Welcome new students	Welcome new students
TUE	UC Berkeley tour	UC Berkeley tour
WED	Bowling	Soccer game
THU	Movies	Ping-pong competition
FRI	Sports game	Live music
SAT	Festival	Festival

Number of Social activities per week: 5



LIVING COST (SAMPLE PRICES FOR ITEMS IN THIS CITY)

- Bottle of water: \$4
- Meal out for two: \$50
- Local bus ticket: \$3
- Cinema ticket: \$18
- Coffee: \$5
- Takeaway pizza: \$30
- Local train ticket: \$5
- Can of coke: \$3
- Sandwich: \$8
- Bike rental: \$25

ACCOMMODATION IN BERKELEY

BERKELEY CITY DORMS - YMCA



ADDRESS:	2001 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
WEBSITE:	https://ymcaeastbay.org/specialty-locations/berkeley-y-hotel
ACCOMMODATION TYPE:	Student halls / hostels, single and twin rooms, shared bathrooms, mixed gender bathrooms, communal kitchen for the halls/hostel, study area, dining area, TV in the common area
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Wi-Fi, linens and towels, cleaning service
EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:	Varies
BEDROOM:	Wardrobe/ closet, desk, lamp, chair
KITCHEN:	Pots & pans, cooking utensils (shared)
FACILITIES:	Outdoor space, laundry facilities, gym, pool
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	Varies
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	UC Berkeley
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	No
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	Yes (From 21:00 every day)
SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE?	No
24-HOUR SECURITY?	Yes
ROOM CLEANING:	Bedrooms cleaned on arrival and weekly. Common areas are cleaned daily.
LINEN CHANGING:	Clean linen provided on arrival
AVAILABILITY:	Year-round
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS?	Two weeks
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES:	Check-in: Saturday 16:00 / Check-out: Saturday 10:00
ROOM DEPOSIT?	No

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the school (Berkeley):	2 minutes	1 minute	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	1 minute	1 minute	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	10 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Time to the nearest post office:	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	2 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	32 minutes	12 minutes	20 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	2 minutes	1 minute	N/A	N/A
Time to the main airport:	4 hours and 30 minutes	1 hour and 15 minutes	N/A	1 hour and 15 minutes

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION



THINGS STUDENTS NEED TO BRING:

SERVICES INCLUDED:

EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:

MEALS PROVIDED:

Toiletries, prescription medication

Telephone use for emergencies

No

Yes

- **BREAKFAST:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.
- **LUNCH:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.
- **DINNER:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.

WILL THE HOMESTAY ARRANGE TO PICK UP THE STUDENT FROM THE AIRPORT?

TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL:

WHERE ARE THE HOST FAMILIES LOCATED?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

No

Your host will help you plan your way to and from school on your first day and will explain how to use public transport.

Berkeley area and nearby

Homestays are 45–60 minutes of commute time to the school.