

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

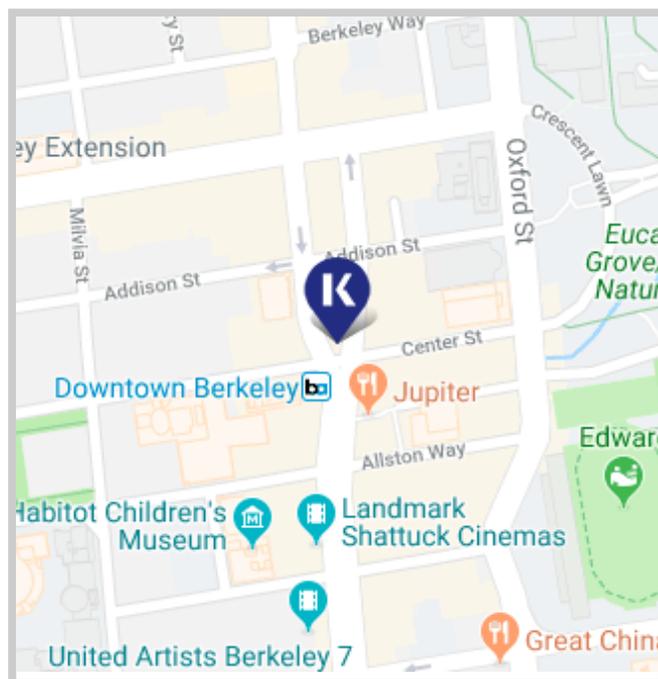
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AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE: 1999

PROVIDING ENGLISH COURSES SINCE: 1999



### School information

SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Robert Szulc

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS: 8 - 10 (Full time teachers: 0)

LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY STAFF: Spanish, Japanese, French, Mandarin Chinese, Turkish, Polish, Italian

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's (or equivalent) in combination with TESOL, CELTA, TEFL certificate (including practicum) or six months of ESL/EFL teaching experience.

### Accreditations and memberships



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# 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, Virtual Internship
EXTRA COST OF OTHER SERVICES:	See our price list
NUMBER OF COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:	15
LEVELS OF ENGLISH OFFERED:	All levels
FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL:	Students should plan to attend class on their first day. Be sure to check your email the week before your start date for your class and orientation schedule! Also, don't forget to complete the placement test and send in any required documents before you arrive.



## 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+ Course Books, K+ Learning Clubs, K+ Learning Space, K+ Extra, 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 (Maximum class size: 16)
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:	10 minutes	3 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, 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 just minutes away from San Francisco, a centre for the American counterculture. Silicon Valley's nearby presence has made the San Francisco Bay Area a world capital for the creative and tech industries.
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	\$50



## 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

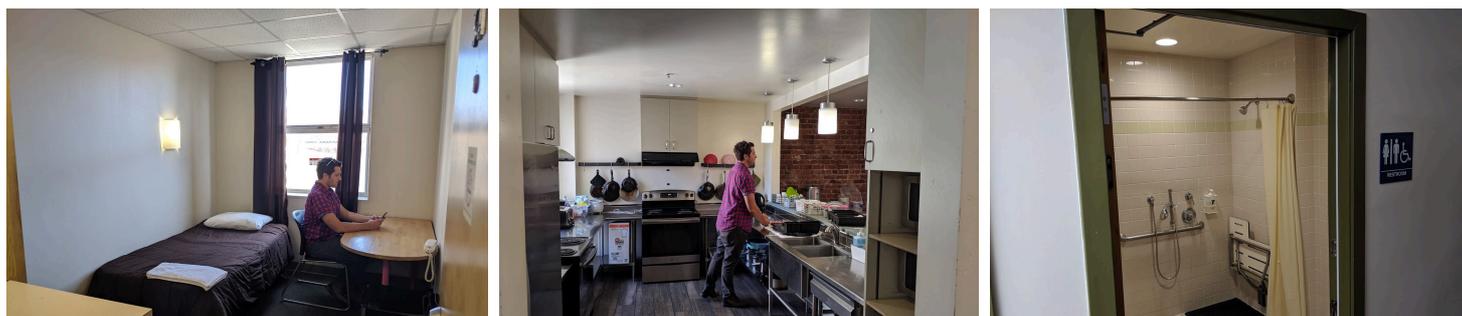
Number of Social activities per week: 5



## 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

# BERKELEY CITY DORMS - YMCA



ADDRESS: 2001 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

WEBSITE: "<https://ymcaeastbay.org/specialty-locations/berkeley-y-hotel>"

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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, indoor pool

EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES: Varies

FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY: UC Berkeley

VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED? No

NOISE RESTRICTIONS? Yes (22:00 to 07:00)

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

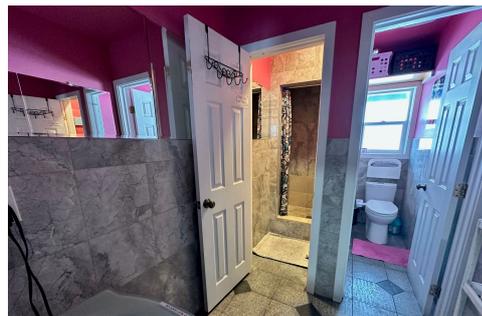
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS? One week

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES: Check-in: Saturday & Sunday 16:00 - 21:00 / 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

# BERKELEY CITY DORMS - BORNEO



ADDRESS: 2413 Milvia Street, Berkeley CA, 94704

WEBSITE: "N/A"

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ACCOMMODATION TYPE: Multi-bedroom house (house is mixed gender but bedrooms are not), shared and mixed male and female bathroom(s) in the house, shared kitchen, lounge/common area and dining area

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Laundry (with extra fees), Wi-Fi, Linen and towels

EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:

BEDROOM: Desk, chair, dresser

KITCHEN: Pots & pans, cooking utensils, microwave, stovetop, fridge

FACILITIES: The kitchen has a cozy dining area where students like to relax

EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES: Laundry

FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY: Berkeley Public Library, UC Berkeley, Telegraph Avenue, and Indian Rock Park

VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED? Yes

NOISE RESTRICTIONS? Yes (22:00 to 07:00)

SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE? No

24-HOUR SECURITY? No

ROOMS CLEANED EVERY: Bedrooms cleaned on arrival and common areas are cleaned daily, then students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and keeping the common area tidy

LINEN CHANGED EVERY: Linen cleaned on arrival

AVAILABILITY: Year-round

MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS? No

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES: Check-in: Saturday & Sunday 16:00 - 21:00 / Check-out: Saturday 10:00

ROOM DEPOSIT? Yes (Price: No room deposit; \$250 cancellation fee if reservation is cancelled less than one month prior to their scheduled arrival date)

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the school:	10 minutes	5 minutes	14 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	4 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	4 minutes	3 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	6 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	3 minutes	1 minute	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	5 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	3 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the city center:	N/A	N/A	N/A	51 minutes
Time to the main airport:	N/A	N/A	60 minutes	60 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 (depends on booking type)

- ⌘ 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.  
**NOTE:** Meals provided will differ depending on whether you have selected 14 meals per week or 7 meals per week. If you have booked 7 meals per week, you are responsible for buying your own dinner and you may not have access to the kitchen at certain times

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.