

KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

# SAN FRANCISCO BERKELEY

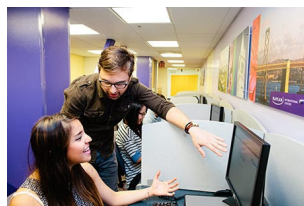
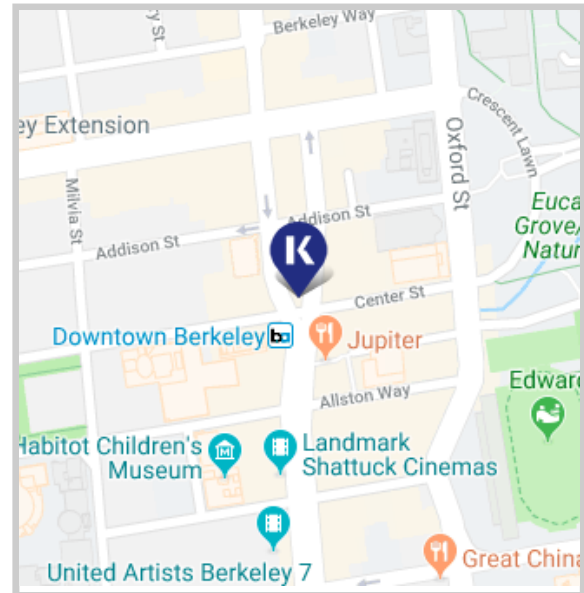
## WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN OUR BERKELEY SCHOOL?

### 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, Italian  
 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, city tour, 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	Afternoon
CLASS: 08:30 - 10:00	CLASS: 14:15 - 15:45
BREAK: 10:00 - 10:15	BREAK: 15:45 - 16:00
CLASS: 10:15 - 11:45	CLASS: 16:00 - 17:30

### SAMPLE SPECIFIC SKILLS CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning class (Monday to Friday)	Afternoon class (Monday to Friday)
N/A	12:30 - 14:00

### SCHOOL MATERIALS

MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS:

K+ Course Books, K+ Learning Clubs, K+ Learning Space, 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:	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

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# 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	\$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

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## ACCOMMODATION IN BERKELEY

# BERKELEY CITY DORMS - YMCA



ADDRESS:	2001 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
WEBSITE:	<a href="https://ymcaeastbay.org/specialty-locations/berkeley-y-hotel">https://ymcaeastbay.org/specialty-locations/berkeley-y-hotel</a>
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?	No minimum
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

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# BERKELEY CITY DORMS - BORNEO



ADDRESS:	2413 Milvia Street, Berkeley CA, 94704
WEBSITE:	N/A
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 , 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:	
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	Berkeley Public Library, UC berkeley, Telegraph Avenue, and Indian Rock Park
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	Yes
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	Yes
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 minimum
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

# BERKELEY CITY APARTMENTS - THE TELEGRAPH



ADDRESS:	2614 Telegraph Ave Berkeley, CA 94704
WEBSITE:	N/A
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, Wi-Fi, weekly linens and cleaning service
EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:	N/A
BEDROOM:	Desk, chair, dresser
KITCHEN:	Pots & pans, cooking utensils, microwave, stovetop, oven, fridge, dishwasher, Keurig coffee machine
FACILITIES:	Living room with TV, outdoor picnic tables and BBQ area, bocce ball
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	N/A
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	Berkeley Public Library, UC Berkeley, Telegraph Avenue
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	Visitors allowed; No overnight guests
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	Yes (From 22:00 - 9:00)
SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE?	No
24-HOUR SECURITY?	24 hour camera security, locked gate surrounds residence, door locks and key pad
ROOM CLEANING:	Cleaned on arrival, bedrooms and common areas cleaned weekly
LINEN CHANGING:	Linen cleaned on arrival, linen changes available weekly
AVAILABILITY:	For students 18+
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS?	No minimum
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES	Check-in: Saturday & Sunday 16:00 - 21:00 / Check-out: Saturday 10:00
ROOM DEPOSIT?	None

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the school:	21 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	11 minutes	5 minutes	6 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	23 minutes	5 minutes	9 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	8 minutes	5 minutes	7 minutets	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	11 minutes	6 minutes	6 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	12 minutes	5 minutes	8 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	21 minutes	5 minutes	7 minutes	N/A
Time to the main airport:	N/A	45 minutes	N/A	1 hour 17 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.

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.