Law school is tough. But it doesn’t have to be brutal.
WHERE YOU SPEND THOSE THREE YEARS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE—THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER, SURE, BUT ALSO WHILE YOU’RE EARNING YOUR LAW DEGREE.

If you spend three years at Berkeley Law, here’s what you can expect:
You’ll work harder than you’ve ever worked before. You’ll learn more about the law than you imagined possible. And you’ll have a blast. Because you’ll be spending three years in the best zip code on the planet.
THE BEST ZIP CODE FOR EDUCATION Berkeley Law is one of the nation’s premier law schools. But that’s only part of our educational picture. The University of California, Berkeley, is one of the world’s finest research universities, with the highest number of graduate programs ranked among the nation’s top 10 according to the National Research Council. This concentration of intellectual wealth—all within zip code 94720—offers our law students incomparable opportunities for pursuing their passions, wherever they may lead.

THE BEST ZIP CODE FOR ENGAGEMENT Berkeley Law is no ivory tower. Yes, we are committed to absolute top-tier legal scholarship. But we’re equally committed to harnessing our intellectual horsepower for practical benefit. One of our hallmarks is the extraordinary degree to which our students and faculty engage with the world beyond the school: identifying challenges, creating alliances, solving problems, and sparking change. Here in Berkeley and around the globe.

THE BEST ZIP CODE FOR EVERYTHING ELSE Small-town mellow meets big-city buzz in Berkeley. The East Bay boasts cosmopolitan cuisine, a vibrant mix of cultures, and dazzling art, music, and film. Crave more civilization? Berkeley’s western suburb—San Francisco—glitters just across the Bay. Crave less civilization? Berkeley Law lies mere moments from peaceful hiking and spectacular mountain biking, and a scant couple hours to prime surfing beaches and snowboard runs. No other law school comes with giant redwoods on campus . . . and the Golden Gate Bridge a glance away.

Berkeley Law’s transformative South Addition building houses the law library’s collection and features a state-of-the-art classroom, café, large commons area, and two outdoor courtyards. We have also upgraded classrooms, added modern seminar rooms, renovated lecture halls, and updated classroom technology. An elegant student center houses the school’s journals and features group study rooms, a kitchen, and a lounge.
WHO WE ARE

When the University of California was founded in 1868—a decade before Berkeley itself was incorporated—the school was a frontier outpost of learning. More than 145 years later, UC Berkeley and Berkeley Law still stake their claim at the intellectual frontier.

Zip code 94720 encompasses a vast scholarly territory: Berkeley Law is extensively linked with graduate and undergraduate programs in the 13 other schools and colleges on campus. And according to the National Research Council, UC Berkeley has the nation’s highest number of top-ranked doctoral programs—based on 20 criteria from more than 5,000 programs at 212 institutions. The interaction and cross-fertilization of ideas here make Berkeley Law the most dynamic, forward-looking, and intellectually exciting law school in the U.S.

A decade after committing to substantially expand our world-class faculty, we have delivered by making 51 new hires. This dramatic growth is enriching our course offerings, lowering our student/faculty ratio, fueling our professional skills program, and broadening our already impressive options for custom-tailored degrees and individual attention. We’re also stretching our research horizons further than ever. Since 2004, we’ve added nine new research centers and institutes, expanding our capacity for impactful scholarship. And we’ve bolstered financial aid to ensure access at the front end, enable career choice at the back end, and welcome anyone with the smarts, the drive, and the dream.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Berkeley Law is committed to excellence, engagement, and intellectual diversity. Our faculty, our students, our curriculum, our research, and our clinical training embody those values across the board. Our faculty are not just inspiring teachers, they’re top-notch scholars and practitioners. Our flexible curriculum allows joint degrees with other UC Berkeley programs. Our research centers and institutes play pivotal roles in defining legal issues and guiding policy development. Our students—who staff our law clinics, advocate for clients, and publish leading journals—are full-equity partners in shaping their education.

WHAT WE SEEK IN STUDENTS

We’re choosy here at Berkeley Law. For the 2013-14 school year, nearly 6,000 prospective J.D. students applied, and we enrolled 284—one for every 21 applicants. We’re one of the most selective law schools in the nation.

Every top law school looks for brilliance. But we don’t stop there. We drill down for equally important qualities: integrity, respect for others, maturity, and purpose. We favor students who already have some interesting work experience or graduate education under their belts. People who are entrepreneurial, adventurous, and vibrantly engaged in life.

As a result, our students tend to know who they are and where they’re going. They’re self-motivated, self-aware, and self-possessed—without being self-centered. And, yes, they’re smart. As one of our alums likes to say, at Berkeley Law, “even the wrong answer is brilliant.”
OUR STUDENTS INSPIRE WITH THEIR IDEAS AND THEIR COMMITMENTS. I FIND MYSELF AMAZE D AND ENERGIZED BY THEIR SPARKLING INTELLECT AND UNWAVERING DRIVE TO MAKE BERKELEY AND WORLDS BEYOND BETTER THAN THEY FOUND THEM.

TAEKU LEE
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
Expertise: Racial and ethnic politics, public opinion and survey research methods, political behavior, social movements

BERKELEY LAW STUDENTS BRING A DIVERSITY OF LIFE EXPERIENCES, PASSIONS, AND VISIONS ABOUT HOW THEY WILL DEPLOY THE POWER OF THE LAW. THAT DIVERSITY IS ON DISPLAY IN THE CLASSROOM, WHERE I’M CONSTANTLY CHALLENGED AND ENLIGHTENED BY THEIR IDEAS, ARGUMENTS, AND QUESTIONS.

MOLLY VAN HOUWELING
PROFESSOR OF LAW
Expertise: Tangible and intellectual property, law and technology, constitutional law, food law
Truth be told, any Top 10 law school can deliver a superb legal education. So the key question is, what sort of faculty mentors, student colleagues, and academic environment do you want surrounding you for three years? At Berkeley Law, each of those three elements is remarkable on its own. Combine them, and the effect is electrifying.

Many of our full-time and adjunct faculty are top scholars in their fields. Some literally “wrote the book” in their area of expertise. Others are nationally renowned practitioners. That means you get to learn from the masters. People like Paul Schwartz, one of the world’s leading privacy law scholars. Criminal justice policy maven Jonathan Simon ’87, author of the award-winning book *Governing Through Crime*. Herma Hill Kay, a pioneer among women in the law and a prominent authority on gender-related legal issues.
In addition to its renowned J.D. program, Berkeley Law was the country’s first law school to offer a Ph.D. degree in Jurisprudence and Social Policy. In 2009, we launched our Professional LL.M. Program—also the first of its kind—which provides an LL.M. degree over two consecutive summers. We have combined degree programs with other institutions. And we give first-year students the rare opportunity to choose electives during second semester—a chance to begin customizing their legal education early on.

If this sounds like what you’re looking for, we promise you the chance to realize your full potential at Berkeley Law. Plus a uniquely supportive academic community. Inspiring and accessible faculty. Fascinating and accomplished fellow students. And opportunities for classroom learning, real-world lawyering, and law-journal editing that add up to an extraordinary experience.
Berkeley Law offers a rock-solid foundation, whether you’re aiming for corporate litigation, public-interest law, criminal prosecution, international law, or any of a dozen other fields. But the foundation is just the base. We—you—can build anything on it.

As early as your second semester, you can begin exploring specific interest areas with your first electives. Among the many choices: Environmental Law and Policy, Introduction to Intellectual Property, Insurance Law, International Law, Employment Law, Children and the Law, and Antitrust. Even innovative survey courses such as Renewable Energy and Other Alternative Fuels, Wine Law, and Video Game and Social Media Law.
I entered law school with many interests and wondered how I’d connect them all. Thankfully, Berkeley Law’s curriculum provided the breadth and flexibility to explore multiple passions and design a career that truly works for me.

Titilayo Tinubu ’13
OUR TOP-RANKED PROGRAMS

Intellectual Property

Berkeley Law is a pioneer in intellectual property, one of the law’s most exciting frontiers. We published America’s first IP law journal, and our program has ranked first in the nation for 15 of the last 17 years. That figures: The Bay Area is the hub of California’s knowledge-based economy. Our courses expose students to all facets of IP law. Our technology clinic and journal offer invaluable immersion experiences. And our seminars bring in scores of prominent outside speakers every year. Whether your interests run to patent protection, gene therapies, social media, information technology, or the creative arts, our program will help you master IP’s complex legal machinery.

Social Justice

The Bay Area is alive with progressive politics and path-blazing activism. And Berkeley Law is in the thick of it. We offer a comprehensive array of social justice courses that focus on the big, crucial issues: the death penalty, immigration, privacy and surveillance, and human rights. There is enormous opportunity for engagement via multiple clinic, research center, and field placement offerings. And if you decide to use your legal training as a tool for social change, we’ll make it easier for you: Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (see page 47) erases the student loan debt of graduates who enter public-interest law.
OUR TOP-RANKED PROGRAMS

THAT STRONG FOUNDATION ENABLED ME TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE INDIVIDUAL REGION, SUCH AS THE BURGEONING PACIFIC RIM.

ON SPECIFIC TOPICS, SUCH AS MARITIME LAW; OTHERS ON AN HUMAN RIGHTS, OFFERS UNIQUE DEPTH. SOME STUDENTS FOCUS SUPERB RESOURCES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, AND NATIONALLY, OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM, WITH LINKS TO WAR CRIMES, GLOBAL COPYRIGHT PROTECTION, OCEAN DRILLING—COMPLEX ISSUES—CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL LAW CURRICULUM AND THE TOP ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL—IS AT THE FOREFRONT. RANKED THIRD AMONG ALL U.S. LAW SCHOOLS, OUR PROGRAM MAINTAINS STRONG TIES WITH UC BERKELEY’S RENOWNED SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTS. OUR CENTER FOR LAW, ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT IS A CROSSROADS FOR SOME OF THE FIELD’S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCHOLARS AND POLICY LEADERS, AND OUR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM—ONE OF A HANDFUL IN THE NATION—PROVIDES A SOLID CAREER FOUNDATION. FIELD PLACEMENTS OFFER EXPERIENCE IN AREAS SUCH AS ANIMAL PROTECTION, WATER RIGHTS, AND LAND-USE LAW.

"I CAME HERE TO BECOME A PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND COURSES LIKE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE WERE VITAL IN HELPING ME BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. THAT STRONG FOUNDATION ENABLED ME TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR CLIENTS.” MICAH WEST ’13

**International Law**

As technology-driven globalization increasingly blurs geopolitical boundaries, it creates new and challenging legal issues. Transactions with Asia, Europe, and South America are soaring, and so is the need for attorneys who can get their minds around a multiplicity of legal systems. Complex issues—climate change, international war crimes, global copyright protection, ocean drilling—also span borders. Perennially ranked in the Top 10 nationally, our international law program, with links to superb resources in political science, economics, and human rights, offers unique depth. Some students focus on specific topics, such as maritime law; others on an individual region, such as the burgeoning Pacific Rim.
Classroom learning is one thing; real-world lawyering is another. Experience counts more and more with employers, and our clinical programs let you roll up your sleeves, work with clients, and put legal theory into human practice.

Our clinics emphasize collaboration and client-centered service. They are directed by full-time faculty members—all highly regarded experts. Classroom seminars provide the necessary foundation in relevant law and hands-on casework builds the lawyering skills needed to work as a team for clients. Student participants are chosen for passion and potential, not grades, so if you’re burning to get to work, you can jump in early—and earn classroom credit while you’re at it.
Berkeley Law’s Death Penalty Clinic, founded in 2001, represents death row inmates in several states. The clinic provides a rare opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience with individual capital defendants. Students participate in field investigations, draft pleadings, prepare for hearings, and help shape case strategy. Other priorities include reframing the capital punishment debate, raising the visibility of systemwide inequities, filing amicus briefs in Supreme Court cases, consulting with pro bono defense attorneys, and training future leaders. The clinic’s founding director, Elisabeth Semel, is a veteran capital defense attorney and former director of the American Bar Association’s Death Penalty Representation Project.

When the Stakes Couldn’t Be Higher

Maritza Perez freely admits that she seeks out “challenges that really test my abilities and resolve.” It’s no wonder she gravitated to the Death Penalty Clinic. “When you represent someone on death row,” she says, “the stakes couldn’t be higher.” Maritza’s work has focused on developing the social history of a capital murder client. That involves investigation, research, and memo writing aimed at “piecing together his life story and humanizing him.” While interviewing people in the client’s community and working with partners on the litigation team, Maritza has been “amazed and impressed” by the clinic’s leadership. “They’re driven to make us better advocates,” she says. “I love the work and the people and their genuine sense of caring. It feels like my second family.”
For more than two decades, our students have been helping area citizens through the East Bay Community Law Center—Alameda County’s largest provider of free legal services. Founded by students in 1988, the center assists low-income residents with a host of legal matters, including medical benefits, tenants’ rights, estate planning, family law, debt relief, immigration, and juvenile justice. Tirien Steinbach ’99, the clinic’s executive director, is a Berkeley native and a Berkeley Law graduate with years of service to low-income community clients. Every semester, at least 45 Berkeley Law students work under her legal staff’s direction, learning the ropes of public-interest law at its most basic, most personal, and often most rewarding level.

As an undergrad, Taimur Case was a tutor and mentor for adjudicated youth. After college, he helped implement a county program that placed low-income teens in summer jobs. So when Taimur heard about the East Bay Community Law Center’s Youth Defender Clinic, he saw an ideal fit. “I’m drawn to low-income, high-risk kids because it’s a population many have given up on,” he says. The clinic represents young people in juvenile justice and school expulsion proceedings to combat a school-to-prison pipeline that disproportionately affects minority communities. Taimur notes that the trial-like proceedings offer “valuable legal training” and the chance to be “a powerful advocate for these kids. It’s amazing how just showing up consistently makes a big difference in their lives.”
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC

Led by Laurel Fletcher—an expert in transitional justice, humanitarian law, and migration—the International Human Rights Law Clinic develops cutting-edge projects to tackle a range of individual cases and broad issues: Fighting LGBT and HIV discrimination in El Salvador. Advocating for uncensored Internet access in China. Representing families of the disappeared in Guatemala. Helping prosecute former Khmer Rouge leaders for mass atrocity crimes carried out during the 1970s in Cambodia. Combating discriminatory practices against children of Haitian ancestry in the Dominican Republic. Assisting communities adversely affected by large-scale development projects in Mexico.

Reinforcing Her Beliefs on Enforcement

Some Berkeley Law students happily stumble upon a great clinical experience. Others, like Sahar Maali, target it well in advance. “The International Human Rights Law Clinic is a big reason why I wanted to come here,” she says, “and it has delivered.” While working on a genocide-prevention program in Africa’s Great Lakes region before law school, Sahar learned that “policy can’t have any impact without enforcement of the law.” At the clinic, her team is seeking accountability for male victims of sexual violence in Uganda and petitioning to ensure discrimination-free penal code enforcement. “Clinical work is the closest law students can get to real-life lawyering,” Sahar says. “Working with actual clients, that sense of responsibility and investment makes you step up your game.”
SAMUELSON LAW, TECHNOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY CLINIC

The first of its kind, the Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic gives students direct experience tackling the complexities of technology-related law. The influential clinic is led by Jennifer Urban ’00, whose specialties include copyright law, digital rights management, and patent law reform. Representing individuals, nonprofit organizations, and consumer groups, clinic students confront wide-ranging high-tech issues such as identity theft, electronic surveillance, copyright and digital-rights matters, free speech, and electronic voting fraud. In doing so, they represent the public interest in sound technology policy through client advocacy and participation in legislative, regulatory, and litigation activities.

Taking the High-Tech High Road

Mark Gray appreciates that the Samuelson Clinic was the first of its kind among U.S. law schools. But its approach is what truly invigorates him. “When choosing a project, the clinic looks at the larger policy impact beyond individual clients,” Mark says. “That’s very unique. It’s great to work on issues that resonate so broadly.” He also appreciates how clinic students “are given a lot of autonomy, but with a strong training and feedback infrastructure in place.” Among his clinic projects, Mark has helped provide strategic copyright advice to a large art museum on how best to display its works online. While there have been recent cases on digitizing books, the art world is new legal terrain. “If we’re successful,” he says, “our work could become a template for other museums.”
Helping Renters and Food Entrepreneurs

Eager to advocate for low-income residents and promote local business, Elena Pacheco co-directs two of Berkeley Law’s Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects. At the Tenants’ Rights Workshop, she helps protect the legal rights of renters in Oakland and Berkeley. “We educate them about their rights, write letters on their behalf, and litigate to help them stay in their homes,” Elena says. At the Community Food Enterprise Project, her team provides legal assistance and services to low-income entrepreneurs starting food-related businesses. “We advise them on legal hurdles such as zoning, health codes, commercial leases, employment law, and taxes,” she explains. Elena says both projects provide the satisfaction of “helping to empower disadvantaged people in need.”
EXPERIENCE

Berkeley Law offers abundant choices for students craving useful experience. In our Field Placement Program, students receive academic credit while working with nonprofits, government agencies, or judges. On our professional skills competition teams, Berkeley Law students excel in a growing number of regional, national, and international tournaments. And when it comes to research and writing—the crux of most legal work—our 13 student journals offer enormous opportunities.
FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Second- and third-year students can gain valuable experience, academic credit, and key connections in our Field Placement Program. Students help supervising lawyers in public interest organizations and government agencies, or serve as judicial externs, in domestic and international placements. Our full-semester UCDC Law Program provides access to all three government branches, independent regulatory agencies, and advocacy nonprofits in Washington, D.C. Heriberto Alvarez ’15 says he had an “amazing” stint with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in San Jose. From tackling discovery requests to drafting deposition questions, he found “an ideal mix of handling substantive work on my own and gaining great insight from my supervisors.”

Some U.S. Field Placements

- ACLU and ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project
- Asian Law Caucus
- California Department of Justice, Privacy, Enforcement and Protection Unit
- Center for Food Safety
- Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Executive Office for Immigration Review, San Francisco Immigration Court
- Federal and local district attorney offices
- Federal, state, and local public defender offices
- Federal Trade Commission
- Independent Television Service, Inc.
- Legal Aid Society, Employment Law Center
- Pac-12 Conference
- San Francisco City Attorney’s Office
- Santa Clara County Counsel’s Office
- Sierra Club Environmental Law Program
- University of California, Office of the President, General Counsel’s Office
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit and First Circuit
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division
- U.S. district courts in California and New York
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Writer’s Guild

Some International Field Placements

- African and Middle Eastern Refugee Assistance
  Cairo, Egypt
- Financial Advisor Task Force
  Paris, France
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
  Arusha, Tanzania
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
  The Hague, Netherlands
- Legal Resources Centre and Treatment Action Campaign
  Cape Town, South Africa
- Singapore International Arbitration Center
  Singapore
- Supreme Court of India
  New Delhi, India
- UNAIDS Pacific Office
  Bangkok, Thailand
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COMPETITIONS

The student-run Board of Advocates oversees Berkeley Law’s internal and external skills competitions. Our teams have enjoyed tremendous success in recent years, winning top awards at regional and national events and consistently outperforming other top law schools. Each year, more than 60 students participate in competitions in three main areas: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Trial Advocacy, and Appellate Advocacy. They receive extensive coaching from professors, alumni litigators, and fellow students. The Board also emphasizes advocacy training through internal moot court, negotiations, and business law competitions, and organizes annual events such as Ninth Circuit Day—which enables students to see a federal court in action at the law school.

Some Recent Competitions

- American Bar Association Mediation Competition
- California Bar Environmental Negotiations Competition
- Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition
- Intellectual Property LawMeet
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- National Criminal Justice Trial Competition
- National Ethics Trial Competition
- National Moot Court Competition
- Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Negotiation Competition
- Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
- San Diego Defense Lawyers Mock Trial Competition
- Saul Lefkowitz Trademarks Moot Court Competition
- Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
STUDENT-PUBLISHED JOURNALS

Berkeley Law students edit and publish 13 law journals—more than any other Top 10 law school except Harvard and Columbia. Two of the journals, Ecology Law Quarterly and the Berkeley Technology Law Journal, were the first—and are still the best—of their kind. The journals allow students to hone their minds and build their skills by editing papers written by leading scholars and practitioners. Ranging from the venerable California Law Review, launched in 1912, to the exclusively online Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law, the publications track the evolving interests of our students—and encourage innovative scholars to chart the legal territory ahead.

With the exception of the California Law Review, all journals are open to participation by first-year students.

Berkeley Law’s 13 Journals

Asian American Law Journal
Berkeley Business Law Journal
Berkeley Journal of African-American Law & Policy
Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law
Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law
Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law
Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice

Berkeley Journal of International Law
Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern & Islamic Law
Berkeley La Raza Law Journal
Berkeley Technology Law Journal
California Law Review
Ecology Law Quarterly

ELISE O’DEA ’15
2014-15 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY
CONNECTING THE IDEAS

One thing that sets Berkeley Law apart is its connection to dozens of renowned UC Berkeley schools and research programs. We don’t just share a campus with them. We share ideas, courses, faculty, and students. Sketch the connections on a campus map, and it looks—fittingly—like a neural network in the brain. A number of law professors hold joint appointments with other programs, and the law school offers a wide range of concurrent degrees for students who want to pair their J.D. with a master’s or doctorate in another specialty. Interdisciplinary courses and joint research projects create even more ways to think outside the box.
Berkeley Law is a leader in research, analysis, and policy development. Our faculty define issues and shape policy in such fields as international affairs, social justice, environmental policy, criminal justice, technology, and business—just to name a few.

Much of that work occurs in our centers and institutes, which serve as issue-specific think tanks for faculty and as intellectual incubators for students. The centers and institutes allow students to conduct advanced research with leading scholars and practitioners. They also promote in-depth learning through dozens of lectures, conferences, and seminars every year. Besides adding nine new centers since 2004, we’ve significantly expanded activity within our long-established technology and social justice units. These centers position Berkeley Law at the forefront of legal research and bolster the school’s vibrant intellectual life.
B U S I N E S S, T H E E C O N O M Y & T H E L A W
Financial and legal transactions span borders and affect billions of lives. The Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy helps shape legal thought and policy in this rapidly evolving field. Tapping the resources of Berkeley Law, the Haas School of Business, and the Department of Economics, the center performs innovative teaching, data-driven research, and outreach. Faculty experts in several practice areas help students grasp how business strategies are developed.

E N V I R O N M E N T A L A N D E N E R G Y L A W & P O L I C Y
California leads the nation in tackling complex environmental issues and the Center for Law, Energy & the Environment works with government, business, and nonprofit leaders to chart the way. Together with Berkeley Law’s environmental program, it offers students hands-on experience via field placements and research opportunities, a pioneering academic journal, and one of the country’s first certificates of specialization in environmental law. Center faculty work with world-renowned science departments and environmental groups.

C A L I F O R N I A’ S C O U R T & C O N S T I T U T I O N
Berkeley Law is the only law school with a research center devoted to close study of California’s constitution and high court. The California Constitution Center assists practitioners and the courts by developing scholarship on policy issues that arise under the state charter. Its programming includes substantive courses, a moot court seminar focused on cases pending before the California Supreme Court, scholarly publications, and conferences on the state high court.

G L O B A L C H A L L E N G E S
The Honorable G. William & Ariadna Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law supports populations often overlooked or unprotected by existing legal infrastructure through research and public policy initiatives. Projects focus on promoting the rule of law, supporting sustainable development, advancing human rights, and combating corruption. The center initiates interdisciplinary collaborations, builds academic and institutional partnerships, and advances advocacy in areas such as judicial education and the human consequences of climate change.

H U M A N R I G H T S
The Human Rights Center bridges academia, policy, and activism in conducting empirical research on emerging issues in international justice and humanitarian law. Using innovative technologies and scientific methods to investigate war crimes and human rights abuses, the center develops policy measures to protect vulnerable populations and train future human rights defenders. It sponsors events to raise awareness of relevant research, offers graduate courses, and enables students to document human rights violations and turn that information into effective action.
LAW & TECHNOLOGY
The Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies reflects a flourishing of Jewish legal studies in U.S. law schools and of the academic study of Israel. Led by campus faculty from various disciplines, it broadens the resources available for Jewish legal study through initiatives, research, and coursework. It also works with other campus units to foster research, expand curriculum offerings, host events, and build collaborations with universities and scholars in Israel.

KOREAN LAW
With South Korea emerging as one of the world’s most powerful economies, the Korea Law Center addresses the development of the nation’s legal, constitutional, and political systems. The center serves as a hub for a robust exchange of ideas, theories, and best practices in law, government, and business. It holds public conferences and offers courses and research on a nation with deep political and security ties to the U.S. Kim Hwang-Sik, South Korea’s outgoing prime minister and a former Supreme Court justice, is a senior advisor.

LAW & SOCIAL POLICY
The Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy produces research, policy prescriptions, and curricular innovation on urgent civil rights, education, criminal justice, family security, immigration, and healthcare issues. It engages these difficult topics in various legal and policy subject areas. The institute shapes best practices and long-term strategy, and seeks to connect research with civic action and policy debate.

LAW & SOCIETY
The Center for the Study of Law and Society fosters empirical research and theoretical analysis concerning legal institutions, processes, and the social antecedents and consequences of law. In doing so, it creates a multidisciplinary forum enabling cross-campus interaction through conferences, weekly colloquia with speakers from around the globe, and a series on empirical methodology. Berkeley Law’s J.D. and Ph.D. students work with faculty on a wide range of research projects.

LAW & TECHNOLOGY
Berkeley Law offers unmatched resources for students interested in the convergence of law and technology. At the hub is the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, the most comprehensive and innovative program of its kind. The center sponsors groundbreaking research, roundtables, and symposia on timely issues such as copyright law modernization, patent reform, and privacy rights. Its Annual Review of Law and Technology is a leading compendium of cases, legislation, and treaties that are reshaping the field. The center also educates federal judges on intellectual property law.
Faculty, students, and legal scholars explore contemporary issues through engaging programs, conferences, a workshop/seminar course, and an annual lecture.

**LEGAL RESEARCH**
The Institute for Legal Research combines research, teaching, and public service in areas such as constitutional law and history, criminal justice, and environmental law and policy. It houses the Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law and the Law of the Sea Institute, which plays a major international role in ocean law and policy studies. Each program partners with scholars, universities, and research institutions, and collaborates with other units and programs on campus.

**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**
The Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice promotes curriculum and research that yields impactful teaching, scholarship, and policy advancement. It addresses concerns such as access to infertility, abortion, and family planning services; racial and economic stress on the health and birth experiences of low-income pregnant women; and the needs of pregnant teens who opt to parent a child. Programming includes a student seminar and a yearlong scholarship workshop.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**
The Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice prepares the next generation of lawyers to meet the challenges of representing underserved communities. Programs include town hall meetings, lectures, and faculty-led reading groups. The center convenes symposia that draw students, academics, activists, and practitioners nationwide to devise strategies for social change. Working with center experts, students conduct original research at the intersections of race, class, gender, and the law.

**MORALITY, LAW & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**
Should assisted suicide be legal? What protections should a state extend to non-legal immigrants? Such vexing questions guide the work of the Kadish Center for Morality, Law & Public Affairs, which promotes research and reflection on philosophical issues in law and public life. Programs include town hall meetings, lectures, and faculty-led reading groups. The center convenes symposia that draw students, academics, activists, and practitioners nationwide to devise strategies for social change. Working with center experts, students conduct original research at the intersections of race, class, gender, and the law.

**TAX POLICY & PUBLIC FINANCE**
Unfair taxation helped spark the American Revolutionary War in 1776, and the role of taxes remains highly controversial. The Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance provides thoughtful analyses of pivotal tax issues. It supports research and sponsors cross-disciplinary seminars and conferences for students, faculty, and the public. Conferences have explored the tax and public-finance dimensions of poverty, demographic change, aging, monetary policy, corporate taxation, and tax reform.
C A R E E R  D E V E L O P M E N T

Berkeley Law can prepare you for nearly anything, as our graduates’ career paths show. Rose Bird ’65 was the first female chief justice of the California Supreme Court. Barry Scheck ’74 is co-founder and director of the Innocence Project. Terdema Ussery ’87 is president and CEO of the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks.

A degree from Berkeley Law means you’ve met rigorous standards. Mastered the basics of the profession. Taken responsibility for shaping your education. Learned from renowned legal scholars. Gained real-world experience with a journal, clinic, or research center. Employers know that if you can hold your own at Berkeley Law, you can hold your own anywhere.
Typically, a majority of our graduates go to high-powered, high-paying jobs in large private law firms in New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, and throughout the country. Many pursue public interest or public sector employment, helped in large measure by our very generous Loan Repayment Assistance Program (see page 47). More than 90 percent of our graduates are employed or are furthering their education as full-time graduate students.

Sure, we’ll help you land your first job. But we also care about your second, and your third. We care about helping you achieve long-term career objectives. And we start right away, during your first year here: encouraging you to think ahead, set goals, and acquire the knowledge and skills to reach them. Our Career Development Office is staffed with experienced attorneys—a former corporate general counsel, a veteran legal-services attorney, a seasoned federal prosecutor—who can help you transform your vision into three years of custom-tailored education and experiences here at Berkeley Law, and decades of successful, satisfying practice.

But back to that crucial first job. Every spring and fall we organize an extensive recruitment program, including on-campus employer interviews. Typically, hundreds of law firms, corporations, and government agencies interview second- and third-year students at the school for summer jobs and permanent positions. Employers come from throughout California and from other top legal markets, including New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. With a degree from Berkeley Law, the world is your marketplace.

WHEREVER YOU GO, A BERKELEY LAW GRADUATE WILL BE NEARBY. THAT’S BECAUSE OUR 16,750 ALUMNI LIVE AND WORK IN ALL 50 STATES AND SOME 77 COUNTRIES.
GINA AMATO LOUGH ’01
Senior staff attorney, Public Counsel
Immigrants’ Rights Project

CYMIE PAYNE ’97
Assistant Professor, Rutgers University; former senior attorney, United Nations Security Council, Switzerland

MALLUN YEN ’95
Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, RPX Corporation

JON TIGAR ’89
U.S. District Court judge, Northern District of California

DAVID ESTRADA ’93
Vice President, Government Relations, Lyft; former legal director, Google, Inc.

CINA AMATO LOUGH ’01
Senior staff attorney, Public Counsel
Immigrants’ Rights Project
BERKELEY LAW GRADUATES AT WORK

Our alumni have pursued immensely varied careers across the country and around the world. Here’s a sampling:

- Attorney General of Hawaii
- Author, best-selling series of courtroom drama novels
- Chairman, Federal Election Commission
- Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines
- Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Executive Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch
- General Counsel and Vice President, Amazon
- Global Chairman and CEO, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
- Judicial Affairs Officer, U.N. Mission, Sudan
- Litigation Director, Disability Rights Advocates
- News anchor, truTV
- Policy Director, Climate & Clean Air Program, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Senior Special Writer, The Wall Street Journal
- Senior Vice President, 20th Century Fox
- U.S. Ambassador to Australia
EVERYTHING ELSE

Ask a hundred alums what makes Berkeley Law special, and you’ll get a hundred different answers. But one thread weaving through most of them will probably go something like this: The camaraderie of the Berkeley Law community—students, faculty, and staff—is like no other. Another near-universal theme: Berkeley boasts world-class culture, cuisine, recreation, and weather.

Visit any other Top 10 law school, then visit Berkeley Law, and you’ll notice a dramatic change in climate. Human warmth is pervasive here, from first-year students all the way up through senior faculty and administrators. Berkeley Law is a community of passionate and compassionate people.
That’s not to say we’ll coddle you. Your professors—and your classmates—will challenge you as you’ve never been challenged before. But the challenges are accompanied by encouragement and inspiration. We pride ourselves on creating an atmosphere that recognizes and nurtures the best in people, intellectually and personally.

Our student body includes roughly a thousand of the most accomplished, inquisitive, and creative law students on earth. Their interests are embodied in dozens of student organizations, ranging from A (Advocates for Youth Justice) to Z (actually, to W: the Women of Color Collective). Three years at such a lively intellectual and cultural crossroads is a horizon-stretching, life-changing experience in itself.
You’ll find your classmates remarkably collegial. For one thing, our grading system encourages students to compete with themselves, not against one another. We don’t give traditional letter grades, we don’t calculate GPAs, and we don’t rank students numerically. Of course, to pass at Berkeley Law, you’ll have to master what one law-school guide calls a “stone-heavy work load.” But you’ll have help doing it. Miss a class, and by the end of the day, several sets of notes will probably arrive by email. Our students aren’t here to prove things, they’re here to learn things. And they’re great about sharing what they know.

Our faculty are also famously approachable and accessible. Most seek ways to engage with students outside the classroom—whether by collaborating on a research project or simply by mingling over lunch on our sunny deck. And our Student Services team is always looking for ways to make life easier for students—providing support for their organizations’ activities, academic advising, and personal counseling.

Another factor fostering collegiality is “the mods.” Students are grouped into one of nine modules when they arrive here, and stay with that group throughout their first year. The mods become important academic and social support systems, leading to lifelong friendships and strong career networks.

Much of the atmospheric mix, though, flows from the compounding effect of brilliant faculty and students with a vision of how law, ideas, and ideals can reshape the world.
BAY AREA FUN

The San Francisco Bay Area attracts millions of visitors a year to its marquee venues: Fisherman’s Wharf, Alcatraz, Napa Valley, the Golden Gate Bridge. But as a local, you’ll have the luxury of experiencing a side of paradise that tourists rarely see. Your options are infinite, whether your interests run to politics or poetry, food or film, nature or nightlife. True, you’ll be spending most of your time pursuing your professional passions. But there will definitely be time for life beyond school, too.
Walk down Telegraph Avenue and the aromas can transport you around the world in the space of a few blocks. Singapore, Somalia, and El Salvador all have culinary embassies in Berkeley.

Interested in music? From intimate coffee houses to the famed Greek Theatre—a spectacular 8,000-seat on-campus amphitheater—Berkeley is a haven for live sound. And San Francisco offers more choices than life could permit, even if you weren’t in law school. On any given weekend, you could drop by a South of Market dance dive one night and Davies Symphony Hall the next.

When it comes to sports, we have exciting pro teams on both sides of the Bay—and non-stop, top-level college action right on campus with 28 varsity Cal teams competing. But our athletics scene is far richer than that. When the Olympics roll around, you can tap into the insanity by watching with frenzied expatriates of almost any nationality in Brazilian bars, Algerian cafés, or French bistros. Or, for a very local form of madness, take the Bay to Breakers trek across San Francisco—a serious race for some and a jubilant, costumed stroll for many.

Making the case that our recreational resources surpass those of any other law school’s is so easy it’s practically unethical. Step outside our front door and within minutes you can bike the trails of Wildcat Canyon. Drive an hour or two to find pulse-pounding rafting, skiing, or surfing. Or, if pulse pampering is more in order, head out to Point Reyes National Seashore, where an amble to the ocean can wash away even the stresses of finals.

BERKELEY BY THE NUMBERS

2 Miles from Berkeley Law to the 2,077-acre Tilden Regional Park
19 Miles to surfing at Ocean Beach
131 On-campus group exercise classes offered each week by Cal Recreational Sports
32 Berkeley’s median age
52 Live music venues
11 Performing arts theatres
4 Movie theaters within a mile of Berkeley Law
21 Chicago’s mean (average) temperature in January
29 Boston’s mean January temp
32 New York City’s mean January temp
50 Berkeley’s not-so-mean January temp
Here, even transportation can be fun. Take a ferry to Tiburon for lunch at a waterfront restaurant. BART into San Francisco, then catch a streetcar to the Castro. Bike across the Golden Gate Bridge. Or hop a cable car up Nob Hill for drinks with a view at the Top of the Mark.


The Bay Area is studded with art-house movie theaters that offer a dazzling array of choices. Interested in Irish film? There’s an entire festival with your name on it. Plus options for every taste, from animation to feminism to old-fashioned escapism.
People come from all around the world to shop here. Most don’t get beyond the mega-stores at Union Square and trinket shops of Fisherman’s Wharf. But as a local, you’ll have the full, funky panoply of retail adventures available to you.

Within a 10-minute walk, you’ll find a planet’s worth of cheap eats, from Brazilian tri-tip to Thai curries. And sophisticated foodies will enjoy easy access to a full-serve dining paradise, whether their tastes run to the hot, the haute, or the hybrid.

San Francisco is famous for its Victorian mansions. But the “painted ladies” are just one striking feature in an architectural landscape whose more contemporary icons include the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

**DINING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN ONE MILE**

- Brazilian
- Vietnamese
- Afghan
- Lebanese
- French
- Salvadoran
- Singaporean
- Greek
- Jamaican
- Thai
- Turkish
- Tibetan
- Irish
- Japanese
- Taiwanese
- Nepalese
- Somali
- Ethiopian
- Indonesian
- Persian
- Spanish
- Mexican
- Nigerian
- Pakistani
- Laotian
- Indian
- Italian
- Chinese
- Cajun
- Korean
You don’t have to be a museum maven to experience the local art scene. Here, art reaches out and grabs you on the sidewalk—from murals that rattle the conscience to sculptures that lighten the heart.

Living alongside the San Francisco Bay, you’ll have limitless opportunities to get out on the water. Kayaking. Wind-surfing. Swing dancing on a cruise boat. Or, for the truly intrepid, swimming to San Francisco in the Alcatraz Challenge.

Itching for a day trip? Within 90 minutes, you can be ambling among virgin redwoods on the north coast. Sipping a luscious red Zin on the sunny patio of a Napa Valley winery. Or downing a chili dog on the boardwalk in Santa Cruz.
Whether your interests run to asteroids or arachnids, coastal zones or dino bones, here you’ll find world-class observatories, aquariums, museums, and nature centers that serve up science the way you like it.

Berkeley’s Telegraph Avenue boasts two of the region’s hottest music stores—within one block of each other. Between Rasputin and Amoeba, you’re likely to ferret out even the rarest indie and alternative labels.

If you’re looking for a little balance—some spiritual yin to offset your intellectual yang—you’re more likely to find it here than anywhere. Yoga. Tai chi. Meditation. Massage. For a holistic approach to life, the Bay Area is ground zero.
ADMISSIONS

If you’re excited by the possibility of earning a law degree in the best zip code on the planet—if you want to be part of the nation’s most diverse, dynamic, passionate, and supportive community of law students and scholars—we’d like to hear from you.

You can read more about our admissions guidelines and download an application on our website, http://www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions.

APPLY TO BERKELEY LAW

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Transfer students come from law schools across the country and make a substantial and welcome contribution to the Berkeley Law community. Applicants are considered for the fall term only.

SPECIAL-STATUS STUDENTS
The law school admits a few special-status students who study here for a year but receive their law degrees from their schools of origin. Special-status admission is available to approximately five students who have completed two years of high-quality work at another law school and have demonstrated a compelling need to spend their third year at Berkeley Law.

CONCURRENT DEGREES
An applicant interested in earning concurrent degrees must gain separate admission to Berkeley Law (using the J.D. application) and the other participating school or department. The latter is accomplished by filing a separate application with the Berkeley Graduate Division.

COMBINED DEGREES
An applicant interested in earning combined degrees must gain separate admission to Berkeley Law and the other participating school.

ADVANCED LAW DEGREE PROGRAM
Admissions information for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and the Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) programs is available on our website.

JURISPRUDENCE AND SOCIAL POLICY PROGRAM
Although it is a part of the law school’s academic program, the Jurisprudence and Social Policy (JSP) Program is a separate graduate program with its own admission criteria and procedures. Admissions information is available online.

TUITION, FEES, AND EXPENSES

Estimated 2014-15
Tuition and Fees
California resident $48,066
Nonresident $52,024*

Estimated Nine-Month Academic Year Living Expenses 2014-15
Food & Housing $18,550
Books & Supplies $1,544
Personal $1,480
Transportation $3,002

Estimated Total
Resident $72,652
Nonresident $76,610

* For students who establish California residency during their first year of law school, UC Berkeley offers a notable advantage during years two and three: fees drop from the nonresident rate to the California rate—a two-year savings totaling about $8,000.

TOP SOURCES OF OUR STUDENTS
More than 100 schools are represented in each entering class, most commonly:

UC Berkeley
UCLA
Stanford
Yale
Harvard
UC San Diego
Brown
UC Davis
Brown
Princeton
Columbia
Northwestern
U. Pennsylvania
Georgetown
Cornell
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
USC
U. Chicago
Dartmouth
POLICIES

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION

The submission of false or misleading information of any kind in support of an application for admission to the School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, may result in the permanent cancellation or rescission of admission by the law school. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all information is accurate and complete.

INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT

The State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the university to inform applicants for admission who are asked to supply information about themselves that the principal purpose for requesting information is to process these applications. Maintenance of this information is authorized by university policy. Furnishing information that is not designated voluntary or optional is mandatory. Failure to provide such information will delay or may even prevent completion of the admission process. Information furnished may be used by various university departments for admission and other student-related purposes, such as housing and financial aid. This information will be transmitted to the state and federal governments if required by law. Individuals have the right of access to this record as it pertains to them. The official responsible for maintaining the information is the dean of the UC Berkeley Graduate Division.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The university is required by federal law to report social security numbers and other pertinent information to the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the reporting requirements imposed by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. The university will also use applicants’ social security numbers to verify their identity. Social security number disclosure is mandatory. This notification is provided as required by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974.

ETHNICITY SURVEY

The law school is required to provide reports to various federal and state agencies on the ethnic composition of the applicant population. Therefore, the J.D. Program application form includes an optional question regarding the ethnic identity of applicants. The university treats such information as confidential. The information will not be used for purposes of determining admission to the law school, nor will it be a part of any applicant’s admission file.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The University of California, in accordance with applicable federal and state law and the university’s nondiscrimination policies, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), gender identity, pregnancy/childbirth and medical conditions related thereto, disability, age, medical condition (cancer-related), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran. This nondiscrimination policy covers student admission, access, and treatment in university programs and activities. It also covers faculty (Senate and non-Senate) and staff in their employment. Inquiries may be directed as follows—age discrimination or disability discrimination and access: Derek Coates, 510-642-2795; sex discrimination and sexual harassment: Denise Oldham, 510-643-7985; other inquiries: Equity Standards and Compliance Office, 510-642-2795.

CAMPUS SAFETY

The university maintains a reference guide of safety information and procedures, annual campus crime statistics, and emergency disaster preparedness information. To view or request a copy of the Safety Counts report, visit the website at http://police.berkeley.edu.

STUDENT RECORDS

Each matriculated student is entitled by law and university policy to examine and challenge most of the records maintained by the university on that student. These records are confidential, and in most circumstances may be released to third parties only with the prior consent of the student. Such matters are detailed in the Berkeley Campus Policy Governing Disclosure of Information from Student Records. For a copy, please write to University of California, Berkeley; Office of the Registrar; 119 Sprout Hall; Berkeley, CA 94720-5404.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO MODIFY

The University of California, Berkeley, reserves the right to add, amend, delete, or otherwise modify its policies, information, rules, and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the modification of its degree programs or courses of study; its rules affecting the admission and retention of students, or the granting of credit and degrees; the academic calendar, course offerings or course content; and its fees, tuition, and other charges, whenever it deems such changes desirable or necessary.

DISABILITY-RELATED ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

Inquiries about disability accommodations should be directed to the Disabled Students’ Program at www.dsp.berkeley.edu (510-642-0518; 510-642-6376TTY). The information in this publication can be made available in an alternate format upon request.
To make Berkeley Law truly accessible to everyone, we’ve spent years overhauling our financial aid program. We’ve transformed the way we calculate need-based grants, more than doubling the size of grants for students in need since 2006-07. We’ve also made our loan forgiveness program one of the most generous in the nation.

As a result, we offer one of the best suites of financial aid programs of any top law school in the country. The Berkeley Law Financial Aid Office helps eligible students obtain a wide variety of grants, fellowships, and scholarships on the basis of need and merit, as well as an array of federal and private student loans. With 75 percent of our students receiving some form of financial aid, Berkeley Law is committed to keeping its doors open to every qualified applicant.
NEED-BASED AID

Berkeley Law provides need-based grants to ensure that the school remains financially accessible. This funding is intended to assist students from low-income families. Grants for Berkeley Law students have jumped from an annual maximum of $8,300 just seven years ago to $24,390 this past school year. The bottom line: If we accept you, we’ll make it possible for you to call this your law-school home.

“I ABSOLUTELY LOVED BERKELEY LAW WHEN I VISITED, BUT THERE WERE REAL WORRIES ABOUT HOW I COULD AFFORD IT. I’M BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS GRANT FUNDING THAT MADE COMING HERE POSSIBLE.”

—CRISELDA HARO ’14

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Even if you’re convinced you’ll go directly into a private firm after graduating, Berkeley Law wants to give you a whole summer to reconsider. Our Summer Fellowship Program offers a $4,000 stipend to all first- and second-year students who take on their first approved, unpaid summer internship in public-interest, nonprofit, or government sector law. Our bet is that if we make opportunities available, we’ll turn out more graduates who will choose public-interest law careers. The brainchild of former Dean Christopher Edley, Jr., the innovative grants have an official name few people know. Not surprisingly, though, everyone here calls them “Edley Grants.”

“THE SUMMER STIPEND ENABLED ME TO WORK WITH PUBLIC ADVOCATES, WHICH PROTECTS THE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF CALIFORNIA’S MOST VULNERABLE STUDENTS. IT WAS A WONDERFUL AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE.”

—SEAN DARLING-HAMMOND ’14
I WENT TO LAW SCHOOL TO BECOME A PUBLIC-INTEREST ATTORNEY. THANKS TO LRAP, I DIDN’T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MY DREAM JOB AND MAKING MY MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENTS. WITH LRAP, I CAN DO BOTH.”

—ERIN LIOTTA ’11
STAFF ATTORNEY, NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW, OAKLAND

LOAN FORGIVENESS

Many incoming law students dream of making the world a better, safer, fairer place. Three years later, financial reality often rears its ugly, dream-killing head. Starting salaries for public-sector lawyers simply don’t mesh with easily repaying student loans on time. You don’t need a Ph.D. in Econ to see how daunting it is to dig your way out of that hole.

Before you let go of the dream, there’s one more number to consider: Zero. That’s your student-loan obligation if you take—and stick with—a public-interest law job at a salary of less than $65,000 for 10 years. Graduates earning up to $100,000 in qualifying jobs, and those who work in public interest for fewer than 10 years, receive partial support.

Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) erases law-school debt by zeroing out payments during every six months of public-interest law you practice. Berkeley Law’s $65,000 threshold for 100 percent debt relief compares favorably to other top law schools, most of which reduce their coverage if you earn $50,000 or more. Our Career Development Office has also added public-sector advising resources and offers an online information exchange for alumni working in public-interest positions.
BERKELEY LAW BY THE NUMBERS

ESTIMATED 2014-15 J.D. PROGRAM TUITION AND FEES

$48,066 CALIFORNIA RESIDENT
$52,024 NONRESIDENT (First Year Only)

RANKED A TOP 10 LAW SCHOOL

16 OF THE LAST 20 YEARS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH ALUMNI RESIDE

77

75%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

5,944 VS. 284

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED 1L CLASS (CLASS OF 2016)

EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER

STARTED BY STUDENTS AND IS ALAMEDA COUNTY’S LARGEST PROVIDER OF FREE LEGAL SERVICES

5 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL CLEANTECH

94%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS EMPLOYED NINE MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

5 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED

IP LAW PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM

RANKINGS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

#2 #3 #5

13

NUMBER OF FACULTY WHO HAVE WON UC BERKELEY’S DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

55%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

ALUMNI WHO ARE SEATED JUDGES

493 ALL-TIME AND 357 ACTIVE
15
NUMBER OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

25
AVERAGE AGE
21-41
AGE RANGE

6%
OVER 30

25
FULL-TIME (NON-EMERITI)
LECTURERS IN RESIDENCE

15
STUDENTS ENTERING WITH ADVANCED DEGREES
13%
NUMBER OF PRO-BONO HOURS THAT STUDENTS LOG IN A YEAR

850
J.D. STUDENTS

55
Ph.D. STUDENTS

290
LL.M./J.S.D. STUDENTS

3.78
MEDIAN GRADE POINT AVERAGE

167
MEDIAN LSAT

41%
STUDENTS OF COLOR

10
AMONGST CURRENT STUDENTS

55%
FEMALE

45%
MALE

$18,560
HOUSING AND FOOD

$6,026
BOOKS AND OTHER EXPENSES

11,000
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NUMBER OF PRO-BONO HOURS THAT STUDENTS LOG IN A YEAR

DEGREES OFFERED