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BerkeleyLaw
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WE BELIEVE THAT A BERKELEY LAW DEGREE IS A TOOL FOR CHANGE, BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY, AND THAT WE MUST IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

Our mission as a public law school is important to us. We have a responsibility to use our substantial intellectual capital to help solve real-world problems and to create a more just society through clinics, research, and policy—whether that’s with IP or business law, or through public interest work.

We believe in access. We have a financial aid program that is robust and broad, from scholarships and summer fellowships to loan forgiveness for graduates who pursue public interest careers. We want students to worry more about how they’re going to change the world, and less about how they’re going to pay for it.

We’re looking for the kind of people you’ll want to spend the next three years of your life around—engaged, driven, curious, and collegial classmates who will inspire you to do better. Diverse, independent thinkers who might challenge your view of the world. Students who are centered, not self-centered.

Words alone won’t convince you to consider Berkeley Law. But if this sounds like the kind of place where you might thrive, reach out and pay us a visit in beautiful Berkeley. We’ll show you what we’re all about—and maybe figure out if we can do great things together.

CURRICULUM

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. You can build anything on it.

FIRST YEAR

Civil Procedure
Contracts
Criminal Law
Legal Research and Writing
Property
Torts
Written and Oral Advocacy
Constitutional Law (*strongly encouraged in the first year*)
One or two electives

UPPER DIVISION

The second- and third-year curriculum offers a variety of topics and course styles, including seminars, individual and group research projects, clinical work, and judicial externships. The only required courses are Constitutional Law, if not taken in the first year, a course in Professional Responsibility, and a course in Professional Skills.

COURSES BY SUBJECT

Our curriculum is rich in traditional subjects as well as innovative and specialized courses like the ones listed here. *Course descriptions and requirements may change; not all courses are offered every year.*

BUSINESS, LAW & ECONOMICS

Antitrust
Bankruptcy
Business and Legal Issues in Real Estate Development
Berkeley IP Lab
Business Associations
Business Law Bootcamp
Construction Law
Contracts and Sales for LL.M. Students
Corporate Finance and Law
Corporate Social Responsibility
Employment Law
Essential Principles of Accounting and Finance in Business Litigation
Fundamentals of Leveraged Buyouts
Hedge Funds: Structuring, Advising and Regulating
How Lawyers Use Economics
Insurance Law
International Business Transactions
Introduction to Accounting and Finance
Introduction to Law, Economics and Business
Islamic Finance
Labor Law
Law and Business in Japan
Law and Economics Workshop
Law and Policy of Modern Consumer Payment Systems
Legal Institutions and Global Economic Development
Mergers and Acquisitions
Mortgage and Trustee Transactions and Litigation
Mortgage Lending and Homeownership
New Business Counseling Practicum
New Venture Finance
Partnerships and LLCs

Quantitative Methods
Real Estate Transactions and Litigation
Real World M&A
Regulation of Capital Markets and Financial Institutions
Secured Transactions: Article 9
Securities Regulation
Silicon Valley Antitrust
Small Business Counseling Practicum
Structuring and Negotiating Complex Financial Transactions
Tax Policy Seminar
Topics in Sports Law
Transactional Drafting Seminar
Venture Capital Contracting and IPO Law

CLINICS & FIELD PLACEMENTS

Away Field Placements
Criminal Field Placements
Death Penalty Clinic
Domestic Violence Practicum
East Bay Community Law Center
Community Law Practice
Energy Regulation Practicum
Environmental Field Placements
Environmental Justice Practicum
General Field Placements
International Human Rights Law Clinic
Judicial Externships
Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic
UCDC Field Placements
Veterans' Law Practicum

CRIMINAL LAW

Advanced Topics in Criminal Law
Capital Punishment and the Constitution Seminar
Computer Crime Law

Criminal Field Placement Ethics Seminar
Criminal Justice Reform in California
Criminal Law and the Regulation of Vice
Criminal Law Journal Writing Workshop
Criminal Pretrial Litigation
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Criminal Procedure: Investigations
Criminal Trial Practice
Crimmigration
Death Penalty Clinic
Death Penalty Clinic Seminar
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Practicum
International Criminal Law
Juvenile Justice
Post-Conviction Remedies
Restorative Justice
White Collar Crime

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Biodiversity Law
California Environmental Issues
Climate Change and the Law
Energy and Clean Tech Research Seminar I & II
Energy Law and Policy
Energy Project Development and Finance
Environmental Field Placement Seminar
Environmental Justice
Environmental Law and Policy
Environmental Law Clinic
Environmental Law Colloquium
Environmental Law Writing Seminar
International Environmental Law
Land-Use Law
Law of Hazardous Waste: CERCLA, RCRA and the Common Law Claims
Oceans Law Seminar
Public Lands and Natural Resources
Renewable Energy Law and Policy

Science and Regulatory Policy
Water Law
Workshop on Development of the Environment

FAMILY LAW

California Marital Property
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Practicum
Family Law
Regulating Sex and Sexuality
Reproductive Rights and Justice
Sexual Orientation and the Law
Sustaining Children and Families: 21st Century Challenges

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDIES

Armed Conflict and International Law
Berkeley Journal of International Law Workshop
Business, Social Responsibility, and Human Rights
Chinese Law and Legal Institutions
Colloquium on International Law and Politics
Comparative Law
European Union Law and Policy
International and Foreign Legal Research
International Arbitration Colloquium
International Business Transactions
International Civil Litigation
International Commercial Arbitration
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Human Rights Law Clinic
International Law
International Law, Policy, and Development
International Law Workshop
International Organizations, Networks and Domestic Institutions
International Trade

Islamic Law
Jewish Law in Comparative Perspective
Law and Business in Japan
Oceans Law Seminar
Refugee Law
Transitional Justice
Transnational Intellectual Property

JURISPRUDENCE & SOCIAL POLICY (JSP)

* *open only to students accepted as BELS Fellows*
** *open only to first-year JSP Ph.D. students*
Advanced Interdisciplinary Workshop on Law
Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Seminar*
Constitutionalism Before the Constitution
Courts and Social Policy
Criminal Law and the Regulation of Vice
Empirical Perspectives on Gender Law and Society
Foundation Seminar in the Sociology of Law
Foundations of Legal Philosophy
Foundations of Moral Philosophy
Foundations of Political Philosophy
From Community Control to Mass Incarceration
Future of Reproductive Rights
Implicit Bias
Intermediate Statistics
Interview Methods
Introduction to Law, Economics and Business
Introductory Statistics
JSP Orientation Seminar**
Judicial Decisionmaking
Juvenile Justice
Law and Classical Social Theory
Law and Economics Workshop
Law and History Foundation Seminar
Law and Psychology

CURRICULUM

Legal Institutions
 Ocean Law and Policy
 Psychology of Diversity and
 Discrimination in American Law
 Public Opinion/Survey Research
 Methods
 Qualitative Field and Observational
 Methods
 Reproductive Rights
 Research Design
 Social Movements and the Law
 Teaching Learning in Higher Education
 Topics in Quantitative Methods
 War and Peace
 Workshop in Law, Political Philosophy
 & Political Theory
 Workshop on Citizenship and
 Immigration

LAW & TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Art and Cultural Property Law
 Berkeley IP Lab
 Computer Crime Law
 Computer Law
 Copyright: Advanced Seminar
 Copyright Law
 Economics of Intellectual Property
 Fundamentals of Internet Law
 Information Privacy Law
 Information Privacy Law Topics
 Information Privacy Law Advanced
 Topics: The FTC and Online Privacy
 Intellectual Property Scholarship
 Seminar
 Intellectual Property Tech
 Entrepreneurs
 Introduction to Intellectual Property
 IP Analytics, Strategy and
 Decision-Making
 IP in the Entertainment Industries
 Law and Technology Writing Workshop
 Music Law
 Patent Law

Patent Litigation I
 Patent Litigation II: PTAB and ICC
 Patent Prosecution
 Protection Products of Place
 Samuelson Law, Technology &
 Public Policy Clinic
 Silicon Valley Antitrust
 Telecommunications, Broadcast and
 Internet Law
 Trade Secrets
 Trademark Law
 Transnational Intellectual Property
 Video Game and Social Media Law
 Wine Law

LEGAL ETHICS & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Civil Field Placement Ethics Seminar
 Criminal Field Placement Ethics Seminar
 Domestic Violence Seminar
 Law and Ethics of Lawyering in Civil
 and Criminal Litigation
 Legal Ethics in the Practice of Law
 Legal Profession
 Practical Ethics: A Simulation Approach
 Samuelson Law, Technology &
 Public Policy Clinic Seminar

LEGAL THEORY & HISTORY

African American History
 Feminist Jurisprudence
 Introduction to U.S. Legal and
 Constitutional History
 J.S.D. & LL.M. Legal Scholarship
 Seminar
 Readings in Slavery, History, and Law

LITIGATION & PROCEDURE

Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Appellate Advocacy
 Appellate Competition Intensive
 Civil Trial Practice
 Civil Procedure for LL.M. Students
 Complex Civil Litigation

Conflict of Laws
 Constitutional Litigation
 Criminal Trial Practice
 Depositions
 E-Discovery
 Evidence
 Evidence: Advanced Topics
 Federal Courts
 Forensic Evidence
 How to Ask a Question
 Litigation and Statistics
 McBaine Moot Court Competition
 Mediation
 Negotiations
 Pretrial Civil Litigation
 Pretrial Criminal Litigation
 Remedies

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Courts, Lawyers and Justice in Film
 Critical Race Theory
 Effective and Sustainable Law Practice:
 The Meditative Perspective
 Elegance in Legal Thought and
 Expression
 Fundamentals of U.S. Law
 Introductory and Intermediate Statistics
 Law and Economics Workshop
 Psychology of Diversity and
 Discrimination in American Law
 Sociology of Law and Organizations
 Spanish for Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Advanced Legal Research
 Advanced Legal Writing
 Advanced Trial Practice
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Appellate Advocacy
 Civil Trial Practice
 Criminal Trial Practice
 Depositions
 Drafting and Negotiating Sports Law
 Contracts

International Business Negotiations
 Judicial Externship Seminar
 Junior Attorney: Expectations
 and Realities
 How to Ask a Question
 Lawyering as Problem Solving
 Legal Research and Writing for LL.M.s
 McBaine Moot Court Competition
 Mediation
 Mediation for Litigators
 Negotiations
 Oral Advocacy for LL.M.s
 Persuasion
 Pre-trial Civil Litigation
 Skills of Exceptional Lawyers
 Trial Competition

PUBLIC LAW & POLICY

Administrative Law
 Administrative Law for LL.M. Students
 Advanced Administrative Law
 Advanced Constitutional Law:
 Federalism
 Advanced Constitutional Law:
 Separation of Powers
 Advanced Equal Protection
 California Constitutional Law
 California Supreme Court Seminar
 Constitutional Law
 Constitutional Litigation
 Consumer Protection Law
 Contemporary Issues in
 Constitutional Law
 Education Policy and Law
 Federal Courts First Amendment
 Food, Law and Policy
 Health Law
 Immigration Law
 Law of Democracy
 Law, Public Policy, and Race
 Legislation
 Local Government Law
 Mental Health and the Law
 Policy Advocacy Clinic

Political Economy of Public Law
 Public Law and Policy Workshop
 Race and American Law
 Race, Sexuality, and the Law
 Seminar on the U.S. Supreme Court
 Sex-based Discrimination
 Sexual Orientation and the Law
 Supreme Court Seminar
 Topics in Federal Indian Law
 UCDC Law Program
 Veterans' Law Practicum
 Whistleblower Law

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC INTEREST

Advanced Civil Rights
 Animal Law
 Asian Americans and the Law
 Comparative Equality and
 Anti-discrimination Law
 Constitutional Litigation
 Consumer Protection Law
 Crimmigration
 Criminal Justice Seminar
 Critical Race Theory
 Death Penalty Clinic
 Disability Rights
 Domestic Violence Law
 Domestic Violence Practicum
 East Bay Community Law Center
 Community Law Practice
 Education Policy Project
 Employment Discrimination
 Environmental Law Clinic
 Health and Human Rights
 Immigration Law and Policy
 Implicit Bias
 International Human Rights Law Clinic
 Law and Social Justice
 Law, Public Policy, and Race
 Lawyering and Problem Solving
 Mental Health and the Law
 Mortgage Lending and Homeownership
 Municipal Law Practice

New Racial Studies
 Poverty Law, Policy and Practice
 Psychology of Diversity and
 Discrimination in American Law
 Race and American Law
 Race, Sexuality, and the Law
 Refugee Law
 Representing Low-Wage Workers
 Reproductive Rights and Justice
 Restorative Justice
 Samuelson Law, Technology &
 Public Policy Clinic
 Sex-Based Discrimination
 Sexual and Gender Harassment Law
 Sexual Orientation and the Law
 Social Justice Skills
 Social Justice Workshop:
 Legislative Advocacy
 Social Justice Writing Seminar
 Topics in Indian Law
 Workshop on Citizenship and
 Immigration

TAX, ESTATES & TRUSTS

Corporate Income Tax
 Estates and Trusts
 Income Tax I
 International Tax Law
 Partnership Tax
 Tax Policy and Public Finance
 Tax Policy Seminar

WORK LAW

Employee Benefits Law
 Employment Discrimination
 Employment Law
 Labor and Employment Arbitration
 Labor Law
 Representing Low-wage Workers
 Sexual and Gender Harassment Law



RESEARCH

As a leading public law school, we tackle society's toughest problems within more than a dozen centers and initiatives. Faculty and researchers work to develop business strategies to combat climate change, safeguard intellectual property in the global economy, give children equal access to a quality education—and much more.

BERKELEY CENTER FOR LAW, BUSINESS AND THE ECONOMY

The hub of Berkeley Law's innovative research and teaching on the impact of law on business and the United States' and global economies.

BERKELEY CENTER FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

Promotes the understanding and guides the development of intellectual property and related fields of law and policy as they intersect with business, science, and technology.

CENTER FOR LAW, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Generates interdisciplinary environmental law and policy research and translates that research into pragmatic solutions.

THELTON E. HENDERSON CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Produces and fosters creative scholarship that examines the law through a lens of social justice, and helps prepare students to represent underserved communities.

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN INSTITUTE ON LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY

Delivers research and policy prescriptions on key civil rights, education, criminal justice, family and economic security, immigration, and healthcare issues.

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LAW AND SOCIETY

Fosters empirical research and theoretical analysis concerning legal institutions, processes, change, and the social consequences of law.

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION CENTER

The first and only center at any law school devoted exclusively to studying the constitution and high court of the state of California.

KOREA LAW CENTER

Addresses the development of the Korean legal, constitutional, and political systems by bringing together scholars, judges, and others to foster a robust exchange of ideas and research.

CENTER ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

Strives to broaden the conversation on reproductive rights and choices through legal scholarship, teaching and conferences, and by bolstering law and policy advocacy efforts.

HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

Promotes human rights and international justice worldwide and trains the next generation of human rights researchers and advocates.

BERKELEY INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LAW AND ISRAEL STUDIES

Cultivates research, programming, visiting scholars, colloquia, and classes to bolster academic inquiry and discourse related to Jewish and Israeli topics.

THE INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL RESEARCH

Focuses on constitutional law and history, criminal justice, and environmental law and policy, and houses the Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law and the Law of the Sea Institute.

HONORABLE G. WILLIAM AND ARIADNA MILLER INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE LAW

Supports legally vulnerable populations with a global focus on climate and energy justice, corruption, rule of law, and human rights.

KADISH CENTER FOR MORALITY, LAW AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Seeks to promote research and reflection on moral philosophical issues in law and public life, with special concern for the substantive aspects of criminal law.

STATEWIDE DATABASE

The redistricting database for the State of California is a non-partisan resource on census data, elections and election data, districting on all levels, and voting rights.

THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH CENTER

Seeks to improve the administration of elections, both in the U.S. and internationally, through training, technical assistance, and public outreach.

ROBERT D. BURCH CENTER FOR TAX POLICY & PUBLIC FINANCE

Promotes research in tax policy and public finance, provides it to key stakeholders, and sparks informed discussion of nationally significant tax policies.



EXPERIENCE

Classroom learning is one thing; real-world lawyering is another. Experience matters with employers in the legal marketplace, and we offer several programs that let you roll up your sleeves, work with clients, and put legal theory into human practice.

Clinical Programs

Our clinics are directed by full-time faculty members who are highly regarded experts in their fields. Classroom seminars give you the necessary foundation in relevant law and practice, while hands-on casework for clients builds critical lawyering skills.

DEATH PENALTY CLINIC offers students a rich opportunity for meaningful training; seeks justice for death-row inmates by providing them with top representation; and exposes problems endemic to the administration of capital punishment.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC bolsters our environmental law program by providing critical experience to students and creating synergies with other parts of the law school and campus.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC designs and implements creative solutions to advance the global struggle to protect human rights. Students work on individual cases and broad issues in California and globally.

POLICY ADVOCACY CLINIC provides teams of law and public policy students who pursue innovative and systemic strategies on behalf of underrepresented individuals and groups to advance social justice, equity, and inclusion.

SAMUELSON LAW, TECHNOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY CLINIC gives students an unparalleled opportunity to tackle the complexities of technology-related law. It helps represent individuals, nonprofits, and consumer groups that could not otherwise obtain counsel.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER (EBCLC) the community-based component of our Clinical Programs, provides students with a unique opportunity to learn about the responsibilities of practicing law while reflecting on the lawyer's role and the lawyering process.

There are eight clinical practice groups:

- Clean Slate Clinic
- Community Economic Justice Clinic (CEJ)
- Consumer Justice & General Clinic
- Education Advocacy Clinic
- Health & Welfare Clinic
- Housing Law Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Youth Defender Clinic

Practicums

Practicums are courses that combine a focus on a particular subject area with hands-on work in the same area. Students are usually supervised by Berkeley Law faculty, external practitioners, or a combination thereof.

Berkeley Law has three practicums:

- Veterans Law
- Domestic Violence
- New Business Counseling



Startup Law

STARTUP@BERKELEYLAW is a new collaboration between the Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy and the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology. It's the umbrella for all business startup work across the law school. The program supports students interested in entrepreneurship law and provides legal education and services to the Berkeley startup community.

EXPERIENCE



Field Placement Program

Second- and third-year students can gain experience, academic credit, and key connections in our Field Placement Program. They help supervising lawyers in public interest organizations and government agencies, or serve as judicial externs.

1 CIVIL FIELD PLACEMENTS: These Bay Area placements offer work in many areas, including civil rights, consumer protection, employment, environmental, health, housing, immigration, poverty, and women's rights.

2 JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS: Students work part-time or full-time for local, federal, or state judges, and in chambers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

3 CRIMINAL FIELD PLACEMENTS: Students engage in criminal legal work for nonprofits, district attorney offices, public defender offices, and related area organizations under the supervision of an attorney.

4 AWAY FIELD PLACEMENTS: Students receive up to 12 units of academic credit for legal work with approved nonprofits and government agencies across the country and around the world.

5 UCDC LAW PROGRAM: This full-semester externship in Washington, D.C. connects students with all three federal government branches, regulatory agencies, and advocacy nonprofits.

EXAMPLES OF FIELD PLACEMENTS

- ACLU, Immigrant Rights Project
- Asian Law Caucus
- Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia - Phnom Penh
- International Maritime Organization - London
- Legal Resources Centre - Cape Town
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Pac-12 Conference
- Public Defender Offices (federal and local)
- U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Courts
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

** More examples of Field Placements can be found on our website*

Professional Skills Program

We offer a wide range of pragmatic courses explicitly designed to introduce you to the theory and practice of professional lawyering skills. These skills are taught in multiple ways, but always include experiential learning techniques.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Legal Research and Professional Writing
- Interviewing
- Negotiation
- Counseling
- Litigation
- Mediation
- Transactions
- Legal Drafting
- Legal Problem Solving
- Legislative Drafting and Lobbying
- Other Legal Practice

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COMPETITIONS

The student-run Board of Advocates oversees Berkeley Law's skills competitions. Our teams enjoy tremendous success, winning at regional and national events and consistently out-performing other top law schools. More than 70 students participate annually 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. Students can try out beginning in their first year.



Pro Bono Program

Some schools have a pro bono requirement. Berkeley Law has a pro bono culture. Case in point: our 27 Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects that let you gain client experience beginning as early as your first semester.

Student project leaders identify a legal need, recruit supervising attorneys, and enlist classmates to bring services to underserved communities. Led by upperclassmen and staffed mainly by first-year students, these pro bono projects confront issues such as human trafficking, reproductive justice, refugee assistance, and juvenile outreach. Time spent working on these projects may also be used to meet the minimum 25 hours required for summer fellowships.

MORE THAN 400 EATERIES WITHIN A MILE OF THE SCHOOL. MORE THAN 2,000 ACRES OF HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS JUST UP THE ROAD. MORE THAN 50 LIVE MUSIC VENUES IN BERKELEY. MORE THAN 255 SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR. WAITING FOR YOU. FROM POLITICS TO POETRY, FOOD TO FILM, NATURE TO NIGHTLIFE, BERKELEY HAS IT ALL. CRAVE MORE ACTION? SAN FRANCISCO GLITTERS JUST ACROSS THE BAY.

STUDENT LIFE

SEE AROUND THE WORLD—INSIDE BERKELEY LAW

Students flock here from around the country and around the world, with backgrounds and perspectives that enrich your learning experience. As a public law school, we're committed to social mobility. Students of color make up 38 percent of this year's 1L class, and nearly three-quarters of all students receive some form of financial aid. Our students pursue careers in a dizzying array of specialties, and they're involved in a massive range of student organizations, from the American Constitution Society to the Women of Color Collective.

EXPERIENCE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Ask 100 alums what makes Berkeley Law special, and they'll almost always mention how the camaraderie of our school is like no other. Human warmth is pervasive here, from first-year students to longtime professors. Our grading system encourages students to compete with themselves—not against each other. We don't use traditional letter grades or rank students numerically. Our students are great about openly sharing what they know, and our faculty members are famously approachable and accessible.

JOIN OUR EXTRAORDINARY GLOBAL NETWORK

When you graduate from Berkeley Law, you join a truly worldwide network of 17,000 alumni who live in all 50 states and 84 countries. They are world-renown litigators, CEOs, pathbreakers in their fields, and agents of social change. Many remain active at the school as mentors, trial team coaches, and project supervisors, and they make themselves available for career or other advice. Berkeley Law is truly an intergenerational community of students and graduates who care deeply about their school.

Student-Published Journals

Berkeley Law students edit and publish 13 law journals. Two of them, *Ecology Law Quarterly* and the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, were the first—and are still the best—of their kind.

Our 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. All journals except the *California Law Review* are open to first-year students.

KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND SEE MORE OF WHAT LIFE IS LIKE AS A STUDENT AT #BERKELEYLAW BY FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

A degree from Berkeley Law means you've met rigorous standards, learned from top legal scholars, and acquired skills and real-world experience so you can hit the ground running when you start your career. Employers know that if you can hold your own at Berkeley Law, you can hold your own anywhere.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

- Programs tailored to the needs of our first-year students, offering pragmatic advice on law careers
- Mock interviews conducted by practicing attorneys to help you refine interview skills and build confidence
- Attorney-led workshops discussing opportunities and job-search techniques
- An online data base of current job listings for students and alumni
- Information on judicial clerkships, state and federal agencies, graduate programs and fellowships, public-interest law organizations, and teaching opportunities
- A library containing helpful videos, directories, and periodicals
- Specialized career counselors
- On-campus Interview Program, Early Interview Week, and subject-specific recruitment fairs

CLASS OF 2015

EMPLOYED TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION **93%**
 MEDIAN SALARY **\$145,000**
(90% of salaries reported)

JOB TYPE

Law firm	61%
Judicial clerkship	14%
Government	5%
Public interest	15%
Academic	1%
Business	2%
Military	1%

LAW FIRMS BY SIZE

501+ lawyers		62%
251 to 500		14%
101 to 250		4%
2 to 100		20%
Solo practice		1%

2015 AND FUTURE-TERM CLERKSHIP PLACEMENTS

of the class obtained clerkships

of that group obtained multiple clerkships

U.S. circuit courts	22
U.S. district courts	42
Other federal courts	2
State supreme courts	5
Other state courts	4

WHEREVER YOU GO, A BERKELEY LAW GRADUATE WILL BE NEARBY. THAT'S BECAUSE NEARLY 17,000 ALUMNI LIVE AND WORK IN ALL 50 STATES AND SOME 84 COUNTRIES.

FINANCIAL AID

Berkeley Law provides one of the best financial aid programs among top law schools. The Financial Aid Office helps eligible students obtain grants, fellowships, and scholarships based on need and/or merit, as well as an array of federal and private student loans.

SCHOLARSHIPS + FELLOWSHIPS

Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarships (BLOS) are awarded to select students who are the first in their families to graduate from college and to pursue a professional degree. It provides recipients with full tuition and fees for three years. Deadline to apply is December 15.

Need-Based Grant Program Berkeley Law's Need-Based Grant program provides grants to candidates who demonstrate high financial need. Application and program details are published annually online.

Entering Student Scholarships may be pursued by all applicants based on the materials they submit as part of their law school application.

UC Scholarships are offered by the UC Berkeley Graduate Fellowships Office, which provides several scholarships for graduate students.

Outside Scholarships Berkeley Law maintains a list and network of outside scholarships on its website. Currently there are over 40 scholarships for which students may qualify.

Continuing Student Scholarships provide several supplemental scholarships for current JD students. Application timelines are announced to all current students.

Hyundai-Kia Scholarships are awarded to select students demonstrating academic merit, leadership experience, and an interest in and commitment to the field of Law and Technology.

University of California's President's Public Service Summer Fellowships are administered by the Career Development Office. They provide a stipend in the amount of \$4,00 to \$4,500 to all JD students who are employed in an approved, unpaid judicial externship or legal internship with a non-profit or government agency during the summer after their first or second year. Students must complete 25 hours of pro bono work to be eligible to apply.

LOANS

Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Federal Graduate PLUS Loans, Private Loans, UC Emergency Loans

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP) Berkeley Law's goal is to preserve career choice by removing the student debt barrier. Currently our LRAP is integrated with the federal government's Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) and Income Based Repayment and offers no out of pocket payments for graduates that are working in a public-interest law job at a salary of less than \$65,000. Graduates that are in PSLF qualifying jobs for 10 years and make 120 qualifying payments can apply for loan forgiveness through the federal government's PSLF program.

"The Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship will help me pursue public interest work and human rights research without facing the overwhelming pressure of competing for higher-paid jobs in order to repay student loans."

IRYNA F. '18



APPLYING

THE JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) PROGRAM

FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

The application for each fall term is available online via the LSAC website (www.lsac.org) from September 1 – February 1. As we employ a rolling review process, you are strongly encouraged to submit a completed application as early as possible, ideally before mid-December.

ADVANCED STANDING APPLICANTS

The application period for advanced standing (transfer and visiting students) is April 15 - June 15 and is available online via the LSAC website.

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.

VISITING STUDENTS

The law school admits a few visiting students who study here for a year but receive their law degrees from their schools of origin. Visiting students 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 Berkeley school or department. The latter is accomplished by filing a separate application with the Berkeley Graduate Division.

EXAMPLES: J.D./M.P.P. AT GOLDMAN, J.D./M.B.A. AT HAAS

COMBINED DEGREES

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

EXAMPLE: J.D./M.P.P. AT HARVARD KENNEDY 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 + Expenses

2016-17 Tuition and Fees

California resident	\$48,702
Nonresident	\$52,653*

2016-17 Estimated Nine-Month Academic Year Living Expenses

Food & Housing	\$20,128
Books & Supplies	\$1,526
Personal	\$1,580
Transportation	\$3,146
Health Insurance	\$4,146**

Estimated Total

Resident	\$79,228
Nonresident	\$83,179

* 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 of nearly \$8,000.

** Fee may be waived with proof of existing comparable insurance.

Published fees are estimates and subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT DATES

2016 ▶				2017 ▶								
SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	
01 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST YEAR JD			02 APPLICANT INFO SESSION AT BERKELEY LAW	01 APPLICATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST DEADLINE	01 APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE				01 ADMISSIONS RESPONSE FORM FINAL DEADLINE (5PM PDT)	GET SETTLED, COURSE REGISTRATION		
09 APPLICANT INFO SESSION AT BERKELEY LAW	01 FAFSA OPENS		03 LSAT			01 FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE						
24 LSAT	02 CSS/FINANCIAL AID PROFILE OPENS		DECISION LETTERS BEGIN			TBA Admitted Students Weekend	ALL DECISIONS OUT				16-18 2017-18 Orientation	
	21 APPLICANT INFO SESSION AT BERKELEY LAW		15 BLOS APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE				15 ADMISSIONS RESPONSE FORM FIRST DEADLINE (5PM PDT)				21 Classes Begin	

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BERKELEY LAW

BY THE NUMBERS

5,336



NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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301



1L CLASS (CLASS OF 2019)



EACH OF THE PAST 10 YEARS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

17



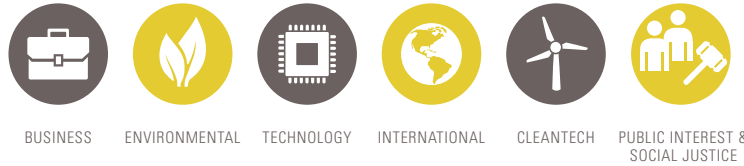
NUMBER OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

MOST COMMON UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS



STUDENT PUBLISHED JOURNALS

6 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED



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STUDENT-INITIATED LEGAL PROJECTS

84



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH ALUMNI RESIDE



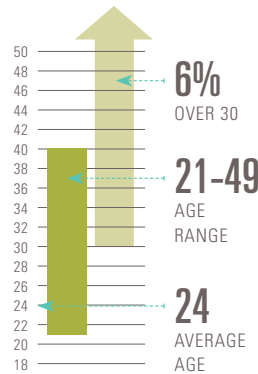
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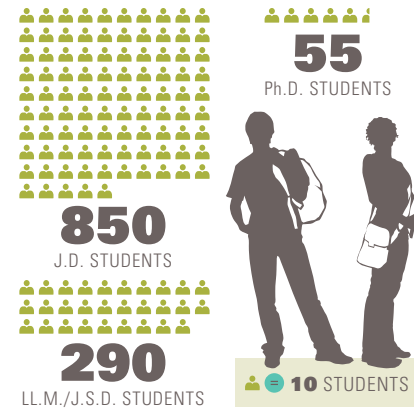
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NUMBER OF PRO-BONO HOURS THAT STUDENTS LOG IN A YEAR

JD CLASS

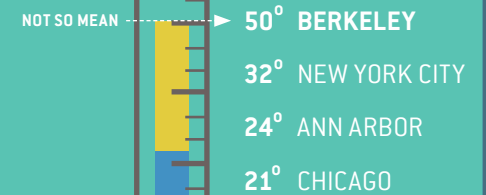


TYPICAL SIZE OF STUDENT BODY



The Cold Truth

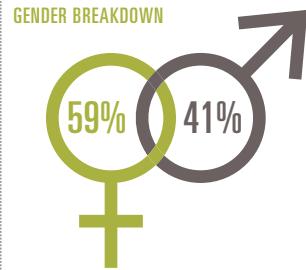
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DEGREES OFFERED
J.D. JURIS DOCTOR
LL.M. MASTER OF LAWS
J.S.D. DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF THE LAW
Ph.D. DOCTORATE IN JURISPRUDENCE OF THE LAW



3.79
 MEDIAN GRADE POINT AVERAGE



GENDER BREAKDOWN

9%



STUDENTS ENTERING WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

ESTIMATED 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR LIVING EXPENSES



\$20,128
 HOUSING AND FOOD



\$6,252
 BOOKS AND OTHER EXPENSES

* **38%** STUDENTS OF COLOR

AND
166
 MEDIAN LSAT



EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER

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



93%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS EMPLOYED NINE MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

BERKELEY by the Numbers

- 1 UC BERKELEY'S RANKING AMONG U.S. PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
- 3 UC BERKELEY'S RANKING AMONG GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES
- 12 PERFORMING ARTS THEATRES
- 47 MILES TO POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE
- 55 PARKS
- 134 ON-CAMPUS GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES OFFERED EACH WEEK BY CAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS
- 2,077 ACRES OF TRAILS, LAKES, AND WOODS IN TILDEN REGIONAL PARK, TWO MILES FROM BERKELEY LAW

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