AT BERKELEY LAW, WE ADMIT PEOPLE, NOT NUMBERS.
We look to admit the kind of people you’ll want to spend the next three years around – engaged, driven, curious, and collegial.

We want students who are diverse in every way and who bring their passions – for justice, for social change, for the law – into the classrooms.

Our COMMITMENT is to do everything we can to prepare our students for the practice of law at the highest levels of the profession.

ERWIN CHEMERINSKY, DEAN & JESSE H. CHOPER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW

A FEW THINGS THAT SET BERKELEY LAW APART:

- You don’t need to wait until your second year to make a difference. Our 30+ Student Initiated Legal Projects (SLPs) let you dig into legal work in your first year - from the Anti-Trafficking Project, to the Veteran’s Assistance Project, and the Karuk-Berkeley Collaborative. You can also join 12 of our 13 journals your first year, or try out for one of our competitive advocacy teams.

- We were among the very first law schools to recognize the need for a First Generation Professionals student organization. This student group offers community, alumni mentorship, social events, and support from faculty who are first-gen themselves.

- Our clerkship program delivers dramatic results. Over 20% of the Class of 2018 obtained current or future term clerkships, many of them prestigious federal clerkships. Specialized advising, a stellar reputation, and a vast network of contacts and resources help our students achieve their goals.

- We believe that law school is tough, but it doesn’t have to be brutal. Our non-traditional grading system means students are focused on doing their best work, not doing better than their classmates. And there is nothing brutal about weather that hovers between 50 and 75 degrees almost year round.
CURRICULUM

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, and satisfaction of the law school's Writing Requirement.

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, but all courses are offered every year.

BUSINESS, LAW & ECONOMICS

Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance: US & Asia
Antitrust
Antitrust Investigations & Litigation
Bankruptcy
Blockchain, CryptoEconomics, & the Future Directions of Technology, Business, & Law
Business Associations
Business in Society
Business Law Bootcamp
Construction Law
Contracts & Sales for L.L.M. Students
Corporate Finance & Law
Corporate Tax
Deal Litigation Bootcamp
Deal Workshop: Mergers & Acquisitions
Drafting & Negotiation Sports Law
Law Contracts
Drafting Business Contracts
Employment Law
Executive Compensation
Federal Income Taxation
Financial Management of Non-Profits
Regulation of Financial Institutions
Fundamentals of Leveraged Buysouts
Governance in Venture Capital
The Dual Fiduciary Problem
Insider Trading
Insurance Law
Advanced Topics in Insurance Law
Interdisciplinary Approach to Land Development & Investment
International Antitrust Law
International Business Transactions
Introduction to Financial Accounting
Introduction to Law, Economics & Business
Investment Banking
Islamic Finance
Labor Law
Law & Economics of Discrimination
Law, Accounting, & Business Workshop
Mergers & Acquisitions
Negotiating Hollywood Contracts
New Business Counseling Practicum
Partnership Taxation
Partnerships & LLCs
Practice 99 - How to Open Your Own Practice
Real Estate Transactions & Litigation
Real World MBA
Representing Professional Athletes
Regulation of Capital Markets
Regulation of New Technologies – FinTech & Social Media

CLINICS & FIELD PLACEMENTS

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

CRIMINAL LAW

Advanced Topics in Criminal Law
Capital Punishment & the Constitution Seminar
Computer Crime Law
Criminal Field Placement Ethics Seminar
Criminal Field Placements
Criminal Justice Seminar
Criminal Procedure - Adjudication
Criminal Procedure - Investigations
Criminal Trial Practice
Death Penalty Clinic
Death Penalty Clinic Seminar
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Practicum
Forensic Evidence in Criminal Trials
International Criminal Law
Juvenile Justice
Police Interrogations & Investigations
Post-Conviction Remedies
Prosecutor as Society’s Agent
Restorative Justice
School to Prison Pipeline
Where Civil & Criminal Laws Collide
White Collar Crime
Youth Law & Policy

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Climate Change & the Law
Energy Law & Policy
Energy Project Development & Finance
Environmental Field Placement Seminar
Environmental Justice
Environmental Law & Policy
Environmental Law Clinic
Environmental Law Colloquium
Environmental Law Writing Seminar
Environmental Transaction Law
International Environmental Law
Land-Use Law
Law of Hazardous Waste: CERCLA, RCRA & the Common Law Claims
Ocean & Coastal Law
Public Lands & Natural Resources
Renewable Energy Law & Policy
Science & Regulatory Policy
Water Law
Workshop on Development of the Environment

FAMILY LAW

California Marital Property
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Practicum
Family Law
Race, Sexuality, & the Law
Reproductive Rights & Justice
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, & the Law

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDIES

Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance: US & Asia
Armed Conflict & International Law
Colloquium on International Human Rights
Comparative Equity & Anti-discrimination Law
Foreign Relations Law
Health & Human Rights
Human Rights Investigation Lab
International & Foreign Legal Research
International Commercial Arbitration
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Human Rights Law Clinic
International Law
International Trade
Islamic Law
Jewish Law
Oceans Law Seminar
Refugee Law & Processes
Transnational Commercial Law
Transnational Intellectual Property
UN Human Rights Practice Course

JURISPRUDENCE & SOCIAL POLICY (JSP)

* open only to first-year JSP Ph.D. students
** open only to students accepted as BELS Fellows

American Federalism Seminar
American Legal History
Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Seminar**
California’s Prison Crisis
Citizenship & Immigration
Comparative Constitutional Law
Constitutional Law & Rational Choice Theory
Constitutionalism Before the Constitution
Courts & Social Policy
Criminal Justice Theory
Criminal Law & the Regulation of Vice
Critical Theory & Social Science Methods
Diversity & Democracy
Empirical Perspectives on Gender Law & Society
Feminist Jurisprudence
Foundation Seminar in Law & 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 & Business
Introductory Statistics
JSP Orientation Seminar**
JSP Teaching Practicum
Jewish Law
Judicial Decisionmaking
Judicial Politics in non-Democracies
Jurisprudence
Juvenile Justice
Law & Classical Social Theory
Law & Economics Workshop
Law & History Foundation Seminar
Law & Order
Law & Organizations: Employment Law & Civil Rights
Law & Psychology
Law & Social Change
Law & Society Colloquium
Law & Society Workshop
Law, War & History
Legal Institutions
Ocean Law & Policy
Privacy Seminar

The foundation is just the base. You can build anything on it.
Berkeley Law hosts 17+ centers and initiatives where faculty and researchers seek interdisciplinary solutions to wide-ranging challenges.

**BERKELEY CENTER FOR CONSUMER LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE**
Works to ensure safe, equal, and fair access to the marketplace, and to cultivate a society where economic security and opportunity are available to all.

**BERKELEY CENTER FOR LAW AND BUSINESS**
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.

**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.

**BERKELEY JUDICIAL INSTITUTE**
Provides education and resources for jurists and helps students better grasp how the judiciary works by probing issues such as judicial integrity, ethics, impartiality, and political influence.

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

**CENTER FOR LAW, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
Generates interdisciplinary environmental law and policy research and translates that research into pragmatic solutions.

**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.

**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.

**CIVIL JUSTICE RESEARCH INITIATIVE**
Examines how the civil justice system can be made more available to everyone seeking relief and potential remedies to help level the judicial playing field for litigants.

**CENTER ON RACE, SEXUALITY & CULTURE / LAW, ECONOMICS, AND POLITICS CENTER (LEAP)**
Coming in 2018-19:

- The Human Rights Investigations Lab is training UC Berkeley students in cutting-edge, open source research methods to tackle specific, well-defined human rights and public health problems. Students carefully selected for the Lab participate in working groups, some focusing on actual legal cases. All of the students are learning how to verify and authenticate hundreds of hours of video footage and photographs of human rights abuses and war crimes from around the world. Students are also using open source methods to gather evidence of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes for national and international criminal courts.

We offer a wide range of pragmatic courses explicitly designed to introduce you to the theory and practice of professional lawyering.

Our programs offer you the opportunity to roll up your sleeves, work with clients, and put legal theory into human practice.
CLINICAL + PRACTICUM PROGRAMS

We currently have 13 live-client clinics and 2 practicums. Designed to provide hands-on experience and first-rate legal services, our clinical and practicum programs are directed by faculty members who are highly regarded experts in their fields.

You’ll learn the foundational law by participating in a companion seminar, and receive intensive one-on-one supervision throughout.

Examples of our practicums include Veterans Law and New Business Development, while the following provides more in-depth descriptions of our various clinics.

DEATH PENALTY CLINIC offers students a rich opportunity for meaningful training; seeks justice for individuals facing the death penalty by providing them with high-quality representation, and exposes problems endemic to the administration of capital punishment.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC bolsters our environmental law program by providing live-client experience to students in litigation, administrative agency practice, legislation, and policy analysis.

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 uses teams of law and public policy students who pursue non-litigation strategies to address systemic racial, economic, and social injustice.

SAMUELSON LAW, TECHNOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY CLINIC gives students an opportunity to tackle the complexities of technology-related law. The Clinic’s mission is to support the public interest in technology law and policy and to teach students through work with real clients.

PRO BONO PROGRAM

Some schools have a pro bono requirement. Berkeley Law has a pro bono culture. Case in point: our 30+ Student Initiated Legal Services Projects that let you gain client experience beginning as early as your first semester.

These projects are initiated and led by students who have identified a legal need, recruited supervising attorneys, and enlisted classmates to help meet that need in an underserved community. The projects address issues such as human trafficking, reproductive justice, housing and employment law, refugee assistance and other immigration issues, and criminal justice.

Want to pursue pro bono work outside of the Bay Area? Try BLAST! Our Berkeley Law Alternative Service Trips allow students to spend their Spring Break serving clients in different regions of the country. This year, Berkeley Law students will be BLASTing off to Mississippi, South Texas, Los Angeles, Kentucky, and the Central Valley of California. Students will engage in a short but intensive week of service on issues ranging from homelessness to the provision of due process in juvenile court.

2017-2018 SLPs:

- Berkeley Immigration Group: Detention Project
- Berkeley Law Anti-Trafficking Project
- Berkeley Law And Organizing Collective
- Berkeley Police Review Project
- California Asylum Representation Project
- Community Restorative Justice Project
- Consumer Rights Workshop
- Contra Costa Reentry Project
- East Bay Dreamer Project
- Environmental Conservation Outreach
- Food Justice Project
- Foster Education Project
- Gun Violence Prevention Project
- Homelessness Service Project
- International Human Rights Workshop
- International Refugee Assistance Project
- Juvenile Hall Outreach
- Karuk-Berkeley Collaborative Legal
- La Raza Workers’ and Tenants’ Rights Clinic
- Name and Gender Change Workshop
- Political and Election Empowerment Project
- Post-Conviction Advocacy Project
- Prisoner Advocacy Network
- Reentry Advocacy Project
- Reproductive Justice Project
- Startup Law Initiative
- Survivor Advocacy Project
- Tenants’ Rights Workshop
- Wage Justice Clinic
- Workers’ Rights Clinic
- Workers’ Rights Disability Law Clinic
- Youth Advocacy Project

EBCLC is the community-based component of our Clinical Programs, and trains students to provide legal services and policy advocacy that are at once innovative and responsive to the needs of low-income communities.

There are eight clinical practice groups:

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

STUDENT PARTICIPATION HELPED …
FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Second- and third-year students gain experience, academic credit, and key connections in our Field Placement Program. Students work with supervising attorneys in public interest organizations, government agencies, and judicial chambers. Going global? Away Field Placements offer international opportunities in addition to ones across the U.S.

CIVIL FIELD PLACEMENTS: These placements offer work in many areas, including civil rights, consumer protection, domestic violence, employment, environmental, health, housing, immigration, poverty, and women’s rights.

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

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

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.

UCDC LAW PROGRAM. This full semester externship in Washington, D.C. allow students the opportunity to connect all three federal government branches, regulatory agencies, and advocacy nonprofits.

DOMESTIC EXAMPLES
- ACLU
- Federal & local district attorney & public defender offices
- Federal Trade Commission
- Legal Aid at Work
- ABA-ET Conference
- Sierra Club Environmental Law Program
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, NDCA
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission

INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES
- Chinese International Economic/Trade Arbitration Commission - CHINA
- Constitutional Court of Korea - KOREA
- Earth Rights International - PERU
- Financial Advisor Task Force - FRANCE
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - ITALY
- Human Rights Now - JAPAN
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda - TANZANIA
- New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties - AUSTRALIA
- UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, THE HAGUE
- UNAIDS Pacific Office - THAILAND

More examples can be found online: www.law.berkeley.edu/experiential/field-placement-program/away-field-placement/

ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS

Students can strengthen their professional skills by participating in a wide variety of advocacy competitions beginning in their first year. The student-run Board of Advocates supports Berkeley Law teams competing against other schools in alternative dispute resolution, trial, appellate, and international competitions. Our teams receive extensive coaching from professors, practitioners, and fellow students and are tremendously successful, placing at regional, national, and international events and consistently out-performing other top law schools. A robust offering of internal mock trial, moot court, negotiations, and business law competitions provides students even more opportunities to hone their skills.

STARTUP LAW

STARTUP@BERKELEYLAW is a collaboration between the Berkeley Center for Law and Business and the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology. It’s the umbrella for all startup work across the law school. The program supports students interested in entrepreneurship law and provides legal education and services to the startup community at UC Berkeley and to underrepresented founders throughout the United States (through the Access to Entrepreneurship initiative). Law students can participate in Startup@BerkeleyLaw through courses, student groups, and other extracurricular activities.

YOU WILL DEVELOP:
- legal research and professional writing skills
- counseling skills
- interviewing skills
- litigation skills
- transactional skills
- negotiation skills
- mediation skills
- legal drafting skills
- legal problem solving skills
- legislative drafting & lobbying skills
- other legal practice skills

Our experiential education programs are designed for effective, responsible and reflective participation in the legal profession. The skills you’ll gain are taught within simulated and/or live-client courses and scenarios.
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.

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.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

• 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 database of current job listings for students and alumni
• Specialized career counselors, two of which are dedicated to the public interest sector
• 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
• On-campus Interview Program, Early Interview Week, and subject-specific recruitment fairs

CLASS OF 2017

EMPLOYED TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION: 98%
MEDIAN SALARY: $180,000 (90% of salaries reported)

JOB TYPE
- Law firm: 66%
- Judicial clerkship: 12%
- Government: 5%
- Public interest: 12%
- Academic: 3%
- Business: 1%
- Military: 1%

LAW FIRMS BY SIZE
- 501+ lawyers: 76%
- 251 to 500: 10%
- 101 to 250: 4%
- 2 to 100: 10%
- Solo practice: 0%

OVERALL BAR PASS RATE FOR 1ST TIME TAKERS: 91%

OVERVIEW OF 2017 BAR

CLERKSHIPS
- 100 grads obtained clerkships in the 2018 term
- 64 Class of 2018 grads landed federal and state judicial clerkships
- 32 different states where grads will be clerking

 resources supporting public interest careers

GIFT AID
- Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarships (BLOS) are awarded to select students who are the first in their families earn a B.A. or the equivalent. It provides recipients with full tuition and fees for three years. Deadline to apply is December 17, and you must have taken the LSAT by November 2018. Additional essay required.
- 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. Additional essay required.
- Gift Aid is awarded after admittance and is based on financial need, or merit, or a combination of need and merit. To be considered for gift aid based on financial need, a supplemental application will be required after admission. Consideration of gift aid based on merit will involve a comprehensive, holistic review of all the materials in an original application for admission; all admitted students are considered. Gift aid, in any category, is almost always made as a renewable, three-year award to help admitted students make informed decisions about cost and enrollment. Gift aid notification usually begins after January 1.

CENTER SCHOLARS PROGRAMS
- The Admissions and Financial Aid Office partnered with the Berkeley Center for Law and Business and the Henderson Center for Social Justice to create the BCLB Scholars and Henderson Scholars programs. Up to ten entering students are selected each year, for each program. They will receive $10,000 per year in gift aid, be recognized a Center Scholars, and will be provided faculty and alumni mentorship, support, and programming. No separate application for the Center Scholars program; recipients are selected based on their original application for admission.

UC SCHOLARSHIPS
- UC President’s Public Service Summer Fellowships are administered by the Career Development Office. They provide a stipend in the amount of $4,000 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. Other summer funding opportunities may be available.

PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS

PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS
- Berkeley Law’s goal is to help graduates who want to pursue public interest work to be able to do so. Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program is the cornerstone of this effort, providing eligible participants with assistance repaying their loans. Currently, our LRAP is integrated with the federal government’s public service loan forgiveness program (PSLF), and Income Driven Repayment (IDR).

UC President’s Public Service Summer Fellowships
- Bridge Fellowship Program
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POST-GRADUATE PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS
- Berkeley Law maintains a list of outside scholarships on its website. Currently there are over 40 scholarships for which students may qualify.

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

Veteran’s Educational Benefits
- Veterans and their dependents may qualify for tuition waivers. We also participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

FINANCIAL AID

OVERVIEW OF 2017 BAR

91% PASS RATE

98% PASS FOR OVERALL BAR

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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 96 COUNTRIES.

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS: www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions/jd/financial-aid
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.

BINDING EARLY DECISION PROGRAM (BED)
If you have determined that Berkeley Law is your first choice law school, you may apply through the binding early decision program. A different application timeline and deadline apply for those applying to our binding early decision program. A different application fee to apply to BED. If you are not admitted through BED, your application will be rolled over into Regular Decision. All BED applicants will receive a decision in December, and if admitted, are automatically awarded $75,000 in gift aid [distributed as $25,000 per year for three years].

TRANSPARENT 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 at another law school and have demonstrated a compelling need to spend their third year at Berkeley Law.

CONCURRENT DEGREES/COMBINED 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 filling a separate application with the Berkeley Graduate Division.

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

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

2018-19 Tuition and Fees
CAlIFORNIA RESIDENT $49,325
NONRESIDENT $53,276*

2018-19 Estimated Nine-Month Academic Year Living Expenses
FOOD & HOUSING $24,160
BOOKS & SUPPLIES $1,496
PERSONAL $2,586
TRANSPORTATION $3,002
HEALTH INSURANCE $4,746**

Estimated Total
RESIDENT $85,315
NONRESIDENT $89,266*

* 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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES AND DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION: www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions/jd/
**1L APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Application submitted online via LSAC.org
- $75 non-refundable application fee or possession of an application fee waiver
- 2 to 4 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement (2-4 double-spaced pages)
- Resume (no page limit)
- Optional supplemental essays
  - Diversity statement
  - "Why Berkeley" essay
  - LSAT addendum (with SAT/ACT scores)
  - Scholarship essays
- Other addenda as required (e.g., character & fitness explanation)
- LSAT score taken within the last 5 years and no later than the January 2019 test
- Credential assembly service (CAS) report (i.e., your transcript summary) from LSAC
- If applying binding early decision, a signed binding early decision agreement

**TRANSFER APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Application submitted online via LSAC.org (fee waived)
- 2 letters of recommendation from law professors
- Personal statement (2-4 double-spaced pages)
- Resume, including summer employment plans (no page limit)
- Letter of good standing from your home law school
- First-year law school transcript with both fall and spring grades
- Credential assembly service (CAS) report (i.e., your transcript summary) from LSAC
- Other addenda as required (e.g., character & fitness explanation)

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**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**HISTORY**

**ECONOMICS**

**ENGLISH**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

6,039 vs. 314

**1L CLASS (CLASS OF 2020)**

**NUMBER OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS**

21

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

11,000

**CA BAR PASSAGE RATE**

89% (JULY 2017)

**NY BAR PASSAGE RATE**

100%

**MEDIAN GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

3.80

**MEDIAN LSAT**

168

**STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO**

5.2:1

**FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO RECEIVE A COLLEGE DEGREE**

8%

**STUDENTS ENTERING WITH ADVANCED DEGREES**

14%

**EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER**

 Started by students and is Alameda County’s largest provider of free legal services

**STUDENTS EMPLOYED TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION**

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