AT BERKELEY LAW, WE ADMIT PEOPLE, NOT NUMBERS.
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 let you dig into legal work in your first year—from the Consumer Rights Workshop, to Homelessness Service Project, to the Startup Law Initiative. You can also join 12 of our 13 journals during 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 group offers community, alumni mentorship, social events, and support from faculty who are first-gen themselves.

• Our judicial clerkship program delivers dramatic results. Over 20% of the Class of 2018 obtained current or future term clerkships, most of them coveted positions with federal judges. Specialized advising, a stellar reputation, and a vast network of contacts and resources help our students achieve their clerkship 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.
Berkeley Law offers a rock-solid academic 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.

CURRICULUM

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
Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance: US & Asia
Antitrust Investigations & Litigation
Bankruptcy
Blockchain, CryptoEconomics, & the Future Directions of Technology, Business, & Law
Business Associations
Business in Society
Construction Law
Contracts for LL.M. Students
Corporate Finance & Law
Corporate Tax
Deal Litigation Bootcamp
Deal Workshop: Mergers & Acquisitions
Drafting & Negotiation Sports Law Contracts
Drafting Business Contracts
Employment Law
Executive Compensation
Federal Income Taxation
Financial Management of Non-Profits
Regulation of Financial Institutions
Fundamentals of Leveraged Buyouts

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 Labor Law
Law & Economics of Discrimination
Law, Accounting, & Business Workshop
Mergers & Acquisitions
Negotiating Hollywood Contracts
New Business Community Law Bootcamp
New Business Community Law Practicum
Partnership Taxation
Partnerships & LLCs
Practice 99 - How to Open Your Own Practice
Real Estate Transactions & Litigation
Representing Professional Athletes
Regulation of Capital Markets
Regulation of New Technologies – FinTech & Social Media
The Role of the Lawyer in Advancing Corporate Social Responsibility
Secured Transactions: Article 9
Selected Topics in Venture Capital
Securities Regulation
Silicon Valley Antitrust
Social Enterprise Law

Structuring & Negotiating Complex Financial Transactions
Tax Policy Seminar
Topics in Sports Law
Transactional Drafting
Venture Capital Finance
Venture Funds: Structuring, Advising & Regulating
Venture Capital Deal Bootcamp

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

First Year (1L)
CIVIL PROCEDURE
CONTRACTS
CRIMINAL LAW
LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING
PROPERTY
TORTS
WRITTEN & ORAL ADVOCACY
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
(Strongly encouraged in the first year)
One or Two Electives

Upper Division (2L/3L)
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, a course in Professional Skills, and satisfaction of the law school’s Writing Requirement.
Berkeley Law is committed to fostering an academic environment where all students can thrive. Our Academic Skills Program (ASP) – offering individual advising, small group workshops led by upperclass fellows, and skills-focused courses – helps students build the skills critical to success in law school and in practice. ASP is open to everyone.

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Foreign Relations Law
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Human Rights Investigation Lab
International & Foreign Legal Research
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Human Rights Law Clinic
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International Trade
Islamic Law
Jewish Law
Oceans & Coastal Law
Refugee Law & Processes
Theories of International Law
Transnational Commercial Law
Transnational Intellectual Property
UN Human Rights Practice Course

JURISPRUDENCE & SOCIAL POLICY (JSP)

Advanced Interdisciplinary Workshop on Law
Advanced Topics in Jurisprudence: Civil Rights in American History
African American Legal History
American Federalism Seminar
American Legal History
Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Seminar
California’s Prison Crisis
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# Political Theory
- Interdisciplinary Study of Law

# LAW & TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- Art & Cultural Property Law
- Berkeley IP Practicum Clinic
- The Business of Intellectual Property
- Computer Law
- Copyright: Advanced Seminar
- Copyright Law
- Cybercrime
- Cybersecurity
- Entertainment Law: TV & Film
- Information Privacy Law
- Topics in Information Privacy Law & Security
- Intellectual Property & Social Justice Seminar
- Intellectual Property Scholarship Seminar
- Intellectual Property Law
- IP & Entrepreneurship
- IP in the Music Industry
- Patent Law
- Patent Litigation I
- Patent Litigation II: PTAB & ITC
- Patent Prosecution
- Privacy Law for Technologists
- Privacy Litigation
- Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic & Seminar
- Secrecy: The Use and Abuse of Information in the Courts
- Silicon Valley Antitrust
- Surveillance Law & Technology
- Technology for Lawyers
- Tech Industry Contracts
- Telecommunications, Broadcast & Internet Law
- Topics in Trade Secrets
- Trademark Law
- Transnational Intellectual Property
- Video Game & Social Media Law
- Wine Law

# LEGAL THEORY & HISTORY
- Advanced Topics in Jurisprudence:
  - Civil Rights in American Legal History
  - History of Political Economy
  - J.S.D. & LL.M. Legal Scholarship Seminar
- Readings in Slavery, History, & Law
- Theories of International Law

# LITIGATION & PROCEDURE
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Appellate Advocacy
- Antitrust Investigations & Litigation
- Anti-Discrimination Law
- Appellate Competition Intensive
- Civil Trial Practice
- Civil Procedure for LL.M. Students
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Depositions
- Evidence
- Evidence: Advanced Topics
- Federal Courts
- Federal District Court Practice
- Forensic Evidence in Criminal Trials
- McBaine Moot Court Competition
- Mediation
- Multi-District Litigation: Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Negotiations
- Patent Litigation I
- Patent Litigation II: PTAB & ITC
- Pretrial Civil Litigation
- Privacy Litigation
- Real Estate Transactions & Litigation
- Remedies
- Trial Competition
- 9th Circuit Practicum & Seminar

# MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
- Colloquium on Law & Psychology
- Courts, Lawyers & Justice in Film
- Critical Race Theory
- Mindfulness for Lawyers
- Fundamentals of U.S. Law
- Implicit Bias
- Law & Economics Workshop
- Sociology of Law & Organizations

# SIMULATION COURSES
- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Legal Research-Pathfinder
- Advanced Legal Writing
- Appellate Advocacy
- Appellate Competition Intensive
- Civil Trial Practice
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Depositions
- Drafting & Negotiating Sports Law Contracts
- Drafting Business Contracts
- International Business Negotiations
- Judicial Externship Seminar
- Lawyering as Problem Solving
- Legal Research & Writing for LL.M.s
- McBaine Moot Court Competition
- Mediation
- Negotiations
- Negotiations Competition Intensive
- Oral Advocacy for LL.M.s
- Persuasion
- Practical Ethics: A Simulation Approach
- Practice 99: How to Open Your Own Practice
- Pre-trial Civil Litigation
- Skills of Exceptional Lawyers
- Structural Change in Public Education Seminar and Simulation Course
- Transactional Drafting for LL.M. Students
- Transactional Drafting
- Trial Competition

# PUBLIC LAW & POLICY
- Administrative Law
- Administrative Law for LL.M. Students
- Administrative State and Inequality
- Advanced Administrative Law
- Advanced Constitutional Law: Federalism
- Advanced Constitutional Law: Separation of Powers
- Anti-Discrimination Law
- California Constitutional Law
- California Supreme Court Seminar
- Civil Rights & Discrimination Law
- Colloquium on Law & Psychology
- The Constitution in the Early Republic
- The Constitution in War Time
- Constitutional Law
- Constitutional Litigation
- Consumer Protection Law
- Contemporary Issues in Constitutional Law
- Courts in a Democracy
- Current Topics in Media Law
- Education & the Law
- Election Law
- Federal Courts
- Federal Indian Law
- First Amendment
- Food, Law & Policy
- Health Law
- Immigration Law
- Law & the Social Safety Net
- Law of War
- Legislation & Statutory Interpretation
- Local Government Law
- Marijuana Law & Policy
- Mental Health & the Law
- Policy Advocacy Clinic
- Political Economy of Public Law
- Positive Constitutional Rights on the Ground
- Principles of Administrative Law for LL.M.s
- Public Law & Policy Workshop
- Race & American Law

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Race, Sexuality, & the Law
Secrecy: The Use and Abuse of Information in the Court
Seminar on the U.S. Supreme Court
Sexual Orientation & the Law
Statutory Implementation: Rulemaking in the Student Loan Industry
Strategic Constitution Litigation in Property Rights and Economic Liberty Practicum & Seminar
Supreme Court Seminar
UCDC Law Program
Veterans’ Law Practicum
Where Capitalism Meets Democracy: Election Finance
Whistleblower Law
Workshop on Borders & Belonging

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC INTEREST
Access to Justice
Advanced Civil Rights
Advanced Topics in Jurisprudence: Civil Rights in American History
Animal Law
Anti-Discrimination Law
Asian Americans & the Law
Business & Human Rights
Business in Society
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Comparative Equality & Anti-discrimination Law
Constitutional Law
Consumer Bankruptcy Law
Consumer Litigation
Consumer Protection Law
Credit Reporting in the Modern Economy
Crimmigration
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Critical Race Theory
Death Penalty Clinic
Debt, Discrimination, & Inequality
Disability Rights
Domestic Violence

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East Bay Community Law Center
Community Law Practice
Education & the Law
Education Law & Policy Practicum Clinic
Elective Law
Employment Discrimination
Environmental Law Clinic
Environmental Justice
Financial Management of Non-Profits
First Amendment
Health & Human Rights
How Contracts Really Work
Human Rights Investigations Lab
Immigration Law
Latinos and the Law
Topics in Immigration Law
Implicit Bias
Intellectual Property & Social Justice Seminar
International Human Rights Law Clinic
Intersectionality, Law, & Popular Culture
Labor & Employment Arbitration
Labor Law
Law & Classical Social Theory
Lawyering as Problem Solving
Mental Health & the Law
Mindfulness for Lawyers
Negotiating Emotions and Trauma
New Racial Studies
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Race Through Narrative and Storytelling
Race, Sexuality, & the Law
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Representing Low-Wage Workers
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WORK LAW
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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 delve into topics they’re interested in, 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.

ENHANCE YOUR WRITING & RESEARCH SKILLS
Berkeley Law hosts 21+ 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 & 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 & THE ENVIRONMENT**
Generates interdisciplinary environmental law and policy research and translates that research into pragmatic solutions.

**CENTER ON RACE, SEXUALITY & CULTURE**
Examines identity and discrimination through intersectionality, probing how race, gender, and sexual orientation overlap to produce distinct experiences of vulnerability and resilience.

**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 & 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.

**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.

**HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER**
Promotes human rights and international justice worldwide and trains the next generation of human rights researchers and advocates.

**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.

**KADISH CENTER FOR MORALITY, LAW & 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.

**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.

**LAW, ECONOMICS, & POLITICS CENTER**
Supports research and helps students and faculty learn about the intersections of law, economics, and politics, often through the use of quantitative or mathematical methods.

**ROBBINS COLLECTION**
Promotes and sponsors comparative research and study in religious and civil law, including Jewish and Islamic law and the various Christian traditions.

**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.

**STATEWIDE DATABASE**
Serves as the Redistricting database for California and as a non-partisan resource on census data, elections and election data, districting on all levels, and voting rights.

**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.

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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 PROGRAMS

We currently have 14 live-client clinics and a variety of practicums in areas such as veterans law, intellectual property, and domestic violence. 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.

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.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION HELPED...

...the clinic successfully litigate to obtain documents revealing that death penalty charging decisions in a major California county were illegally made on the basis of race and ethnicity for at least 15 years.

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

...win a legal ruling that forced a California agency to release guidelines on the risks of cell phone radiation and ways to mitigate exposure, and helped a Bay Area city draft an ordinance to keep toxic chemicals out of the compost stream.

NEW BUSINESS COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC connects students with business start-ups and low-income entrepreneurs who cannot afford legal consultation, offering students the chance to develop skills in transactional law.

...address poverty in rural communities in the Central Valley by offering free legal services to new business owners during twice monthly visits.

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.

...organize a hearing about migrants’ deaths in the US before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, investigate violence against human rights defenders, and strengthen the UN’s response to the arbitrary detention of human rights activists.

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

...lead a successful multi-year effort to repeal regressive and racially discriminatory fees charged to families with youth in California’s juvenile justice system.

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.

...produce a report on juvenile electronic monitoring programs across California that impose significant burdens on families.
EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER (EBCLC) is the community-based component of our Clinical Program, 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

PRO BONO PROGRAM

Some schools have a pro bono requirement. Berkeley Law has a pro bono culture. Case in point: our 35+ 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, secured 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 Atlanta, Central Valley, Hawaii, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Texas, and Tijuana. Students will engage in a short but intensive week of service on issues ranging from immigrants rights to environmental justice.

2019-2020 SLPS:

• Animal Law and Advocacy Project
• 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
• Digital Rights Project
• Disability Rights 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
• La Raza Workers’ and Tenants’ Rights Clinic
• Legal Automation Workshop
• Name and Gender Change Workshop
• Native American Legal Assistance Project
• 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

PRACTICUMS:

• Domestic Violence Law Practicum
• IP Practicum
• Veterans Law Practicum
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
• California State Courts - CA Supreme Court, CA Court of Appeal and county Superior Courts
• Federal, state and local government offices - U.S. Attorney, CA Attorney General, County Counsel/City Attorney Offices
• Federal, state and local criminal law offices - Prosecutors and Public Defenders
• Federal Trade Commission
• Legal Aid at Work
• Pac-12 Conference
• Sierra Club Environmental Law Program
• U.S. Department of Justice
• U.S. Federal Courts - U.S. Courts of Appeals, Ninth Circuit and U.S. District Court, NDCA
• U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission

INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES
• Centro de los Derechos del Migrante - MEXICO
• Chinese International Economic/Trade Arbitration Commission - CHINA
• Constitutional Court of Korea - KOREA
• Earth Rights International - PERU
• Financial Advisor Task Force - FRANCE
• Human Rights Now - JAPAN
• Iniciativa de Sostenibilidad Legal Corporativa - CHILE
• Legal Resources Centre - SOUTH AFRICA and GHANA
• New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties - AUSTRALIA
• Toronto International Film Festival - CANADA
• UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunal, THE HAGUE
• UNHR - SWITZERLAND

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.

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.

KEY SKILLS YOU WILL DEVELOP:
- Legal Research and Professional Writing
- Counseling
- Interviewing
- Litigation
- Transactional
- Negotiation
- Mediation
- Legal Drafting
- Legal Problem Solving
- Legislative Drafting & Lobbying
- Other Legal Practice
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.

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**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

- 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 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
- On-campus Interview Program, Early Interview Week, and subject-specific recruitment fairs

**CLASS OF 2018**

**EMPLOYED TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION** ///////////////// 97%

**MEDIAN SALARY** ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////$180,000

(86% of salaries reported)

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**91% PASS RATE**

**OVERALL BAR PASSAGE FOR 1ST TIME TAKERS**

**CLERKSHIPS**

- 3 clerks at U.S. Supreme Court
- 32 different states where grads will be clerking
- 73 Class of 2018 grads landed federal and state judicial clerkships
- 106 grads obtained clerkships in the 2018 term

**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.**
FINANCIAL AID

**GIFT AID**

**Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarships (BLOS)** are awarded to select students who are the first in their families to earn a B.A. or the equivalent. It provides recipients with full tuition and fees for three years. Deadline to apply is December 15, and you must have taken the LSAT by November 2019. 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.

**Center Scholars** will receive $10,000 per year in gift aid, be recognized as Center Scholars, and will be provided faculty and alumni mentorship, support, and programming. There is no separate application for the Center Scholars programs; recipients are selected based on their original application for admission.

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

**Outside Scholarships** We maintain a list of private scholarships for law students. 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. Award amounts vary.

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

**LOANS**

**Federal Unsubsidized Loans, Federal Graduate PLUS Loans, Private Loans, UC Emergency Loans** Students eligible to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to do so.

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**Tuition, Fees + Expenses**

**2019-20 Tuition and Fees**

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* 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 $7,000.

** **Fee may be waived with proof of existing comparable insurance. Published fees are estimates and subject to change without notice.

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**RESOURCES SUPPORTING PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS**

**LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)** LRAP provides eligible participants with assistance repaying their loans. LRAP is integrated with the federal government’s Public Service Loan Forgiveness program (PSLF), and Income Driven Repayment (IDR). Through LRAP, a graduate working in a public interest position earning less than $70,000 per year could have no out-of-pocket loan payments, and after 10 years, could have their remaining loan balance fully forgiven through PSLF.

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS**

**UC President’s Public Service Summer Fellowships** provide a stipend in the amount of $5,000 to $5,500 to all JD students who are employed in a qualifying position during the summer after their first or second year. Students must complete 25 hours of pro bono work to be eligible to apply.

**POST-GRADUATE PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS**

**Bridge Fellowship Program** provides short-term financial support while the graduate is searching for permanent public interest positions after taking the bar exam. **Public Interest Fellowship (PIF) Program** PIF participants work in an apprentice role for a full year, during which they are committed to staying in their placement.

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FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS: [www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions/jd/financial-aid](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions/jd/financial-aid)
LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES AND DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION:
www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions/jd/

FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS
The application for each fall term is available online via the LSAC website (www.lsac.org) from September 1 – February 15. 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 BED program, and a signed Binding Early Decision Agreement acknowledging all terms and conditions is required with your application for admission. An interview may also be required. If you are admitted, you must enroll at Berkeley Law the following fall. No deposit will be required, but you must withdraw all other law school applications and may not initiate any new applications. There is no 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).

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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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 filing a separate application with the Berkeley Graduate Division.

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

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

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.

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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.”

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

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**BERKELEY LAW BY THE NUMBERS**

- **5,870** NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
- **326** VS. 1L CLASS (CLASS OF 2022)
- **13** STUDENT-PUBLISHED JOURNALS
- **8 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED**
  - BUSINESS
  - ENVIRONMENTAL
  - TECHNOLOGY
  - INTERNATIONAL
  - CLEANTECH
  - PUBLIC INTEREST & SOCIAL JUSTICE
  - REAL ESTATE
  - RACE & LAW
- **#1 INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM**
- **#3 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM**
- **2020 RANKINGS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT**
- **20,005** NUMBER OF PRO-BONO HOURS THAT STUDENTS LOGGED LAST YEAR
- **25** AVERAGE AGE
  - 7% OVER 30
  - 20-47 AGE RANGE
- **11%** FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO RECEIVE A COLLEGE DEGREE
- **13%** STUDENTS ENTERING WITH ADVANCED DEGREES
- **CA BAR PASSAGE RATE** 87%
- **NY BAR PASSAGE RATE** 100%
- **13%** EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER
  - STARTED BY STUDENTS AND IS ALAMEDA COUNTY’S LARGEST PROVIDER OF FREE LEGAL SERVICES—OVER 5,000 CLIENTS SERVED EACH YEAR.
- **49%** STUDENTS OF COLOR
- **3.81** MEDIAN GRADE POINT AVERAGE
- **168** MEDIAN LSAT

*NUMBERS REFLECTIVE OF 2019-20 ENTERING CLASS AS OF 8.16.2019*
5 MOST COMMON UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AMONGST INCOMING 1LS

- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- HISTORY
- ECONOMICS
- ENGLISH
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

JD GRADUATES EMPLOYED TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

UC Berkeley School of Law saved the following resources by using New Leaf Paper:
- 38 FULLY GROWN TREES
- 17,849 GALLONS WATER
- 17 MILLION BTU’S ENERGY
- 3,182 POUNDS SOLID WASTE
- 3,291 POUNDS OF GREENHOUSE GASES

5 MOST COMMON UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AMONGST INCOMING 1LS

- ECONOMICS
- ENGLISH
- HISTORY
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- POLITICAL SCIENCE

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH ALUMNI RESIDE

107

STUDENT-INITIATED LEGAL PROJECTS

35

TYPICAL SIZE OF STUDENT BODY

- 937 J.D. STUDENTS
- 268 LL.M./J.S.D. STUDENTS
- 51 Ph.D. STUDENTS

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

5.8:1

2020 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
The standard calculation is based on the ratio of students to law faculty (full time and partially-weighted part-time)

JD GRADUATES EMPLOYED TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

97%

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 2020 TEST
- CREDENTIAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE (CAS) REPORT (I.E., YOUR TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY) FROM LSAC
- IF APPLYING BINDING EARLY DECISION, A SIGNED BED 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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