

Berkeley Center Profile



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ELS Language Centers
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Center Hours
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)
 Closed on weekends and holidays

- Key Location Features**
- University of California Berkeley campus
 - Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
 - Dormitories shared with UC Berkeley students
 - Year-round mild weather
 - UC Berkeley Extension business certificate program
 - Free access to recreational facilities
 - Easy access to San Francisco
 - TOEFL® iBT testing center

- Area Attractions**
- UC Berkeley campus, events, theaters and museums
 - Main Telegraph Avenue's cafes, restaurants and shops
 - San Francisco, Monterey/Carmel, Los Angeles, Las Vegas
 - Outlet shopping centers, Napa & Sonoma Wine country, Muir Woods (redwood forests)
 - Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe

Climate
 Berkeley offers one of the most moderate climates in the USA, with a daytime temperature that varies little above or below the median 20C. Breezes from the San Francisco Bay keep summers mild. Summers, autumn and spring are mostly sunny and pleasant. Winter months bring some rain and slightly cooler temperatures so jackets and sweaters are recommended.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	7	14
Spring	9	18
Summer	13	21
Autumn	12	21

UC Berkeley Extension International Diploma Programs & Partner Colleges

Visit www.unex.berkeley.edu/diploma to learn about the UC Berkeley business certificate program/OPT/ internship. Visit www.usauniversityguide.org to learn about other local colleges & universities that accept ELS completion in place of the TOEFL®.

Surrounding Area Information
 Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
Student Residences:	1 to 7	By foot
Homestays:	30 to 50	By bus

Local Places

Airport (SFO):	50	By shuttle
Bank:	5	By foot
Downtown:	20	By foot
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	30	By bus
Sports Center:	15	By foot
Supermarket:	10	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

Nearby City

San Francisco	20 to 30	By BART train
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Local Transportation
 Berkeley has an excellent transportation system of bus, BART train, and campus shuttle all available day, evening, and weekends. The local bus fare is \$2. Safest city of its size for bicyclists and pedestrians with Bicycle Boulevards.

California Driver License
 ELS Students are eligible to obtain a California Drivers License. You must pass a written test, a vision test and driving test. You must provide the DMV with your passport, I-94, I-20, proof of residency in Berkeley, student ID card, and proof of car insurance. You must provide your own car for the test.

Smoking Policy
 Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or in Residence halls, but students may smoke outdoors.

Housing Check-in and Departure
 Students with confirmed ELS housing reservations should go directly to their assigned housing upon arrival (not to the ELS Center) on the Sunday before their course begins. Checkout is the Saturday after

the program ends. Arrivals and departures on dates/times other than those listed require special approval.

Please see "Check-in" instructions in the following sections for exact arrival details and times.

Student Residence / Dorm

**2425 Prospect Street / 2731 Durant Street
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Coed dormitory with American (UC Berkeley) students living in the same dorm and floor. Males & Females on the same floor but in separated rooms and bathrooms.

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person)

Shared typical dorm rooms with shared hallway bathrooms. Linens, blankets, pillows, and towels are included. Students clean their own rooms during stay. All the rooms have Wireless access. A common student lounge with cable TV, DVD, pool table, and ping-pong table is available as well as a porch with BBQ area for students to use.

Rooms (other): Triples (3 person); Quads (4 per.)

Triple and quadruple occupancy rooms also used at reduced rates. Rooms for **Married Couples** may be possible (with advanced notice) in a different dorm. Different rates may apply for Married Couple rooms.

Meals Included: **19 per week** (breakfast, lunch, dinner daily) in the Student Residence building.

Age Minimum: **17+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service coin-operated machines in the residence hall building.

Security/Resident Advisors: Entry only with security access code and Resident Advisors live in the building.

Check-In: 10 am – 10 pm (Sunday) check-in

Students with confirmed reservations check in at Hillside Hall, 2425 Prospect Street or go directly to the confirmed dorm. Sign a contract and receive keys from Residence Advisors (RA). Early and late arrivers will have to wait until the RA is available, or stay at a hotel.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$200 by credit card, cash, or check in the order of the easiest refund method.

Checkout Time: 11 am (Saturday)

Homestays

Rooms: **Most rooms are singles but students may be placed in doubles.**

Meals Included: **14 per week** (daily continental breakfasts/dinners. Brunch & dinner on weekends)

Age Minimum: **15+ years old**

Flight Information: Homestay students should notify their Host Family or ELS of their arrival times so that families will know to be home when they arrive.

Transportation to ELS: Students are responsible for taking public transportation to the Center (bus/BART).

Check-In: 9 am – 10 pm (Sunday) check-in

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 12 noon (Saturday)

Recommended Hotels

If hotel accommodations are needed before the housing check-in date, we recommend the following hotels. Advance reservations are recommended. Prices (hotel tax included) are subject to change.

Hotel Durant \$120 - \$150 per night
2600 Durant Avenue Tel: 1(510) 845-8951

The French Hotel \$100 per night
1538 Shattuck Avenue Tel: 1(510) 548-9930

The Bancroft Hotel \$130 - \$140 per night
2680 Bancroft Way Tel: 1(510) 549-1000

→ Airport Arrival Information

ELS Language Centers recommends that students choose the ELS Airport Pickup Service for arrivals (booked through ELS Central Admissions), however other transportation options are also available.

Area Airports: San Francisco International (SFO)
Oakland International (OAK)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

OEC International Travelers
Tel: 1 (888) 863-2482 toll free/1(415) 459-7632
Fax: 1(415) 453-9603

The driver will hold a sign with the student's name on it. Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows (by arrival type):

INTERNATIONAL - Customs Exit
DOMESTIC - Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis available at all times from San Francisco Int'l airport will cost about \$65, with a travel time of about 45 minutes.

BayPorter Express, a shared van service is also available for \$35 plus tip. The service operates 6AM-10PM from the airport. You may call the toll free number on arrival 1-877-467-1800 or ask for the pick up location at the information desk as reservations are not required. On line reservations may be made 48 hours in advance.

BART train can also be taken from the airport to Berkeley.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

Call the ELS Berkeley center toll free number (1-866-343-3105) for Arrival Weekend emergencies. For other emergencies requiring immediate attention outside of business hours, call the ELS Help Line 1(800-435-7357 (1-800-HELP-ELS).

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Berkeley Center at **8:15 am on the first Monday** of their program for registration, the ELS placement test and orientation. New students need to bring the following:

- Passport (plus I-94 card & I-20 form - if applicable)
- Funds to pay tuition and housing and other relevant fees (or receipt showing pre-payment)
- Proof of medical insurance (or funds to purchase ELS insurance)
- Materials contained in the acceptance package