

A person with short brown hair, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt, is seen from behind, sitting on a stone ledge. They are looking out over a vast cityscape under a hazy, golden sky. In the middle ground, a tall, light-colored clock tower with a pointed roof stands out among other buildings. The city is densely packed with various structures, and the foreground is filled with green trees. A teal-colored graphic overlay is positioned in the upper right corner, containing white text.

# LL.M.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

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**BerkeleyLaw**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



*“The Berkeley culture is exceptionally collegial. The LL.M. program at Berkeley Law gave direction to my career and I am confident that the program will take every incoming student on a path towards fulfilling their goals and aspirations.”*

VARTIKA JAIN '16 -India //////////////////////////////////////

A Berkeley Law LL.M. means studying law at one of the top law schools in the United States, a public institution committed to academic excellence, social engagement, and intellectual and cultural diversity. It means coming to a place where we've been teaching LL.M. students for over 60 years; J.D. students, more than 100. It means learning from and engaging with internationally renowned faculty and distinguished scholars. It means creating long-lasting relationships with legal professionals from around the globe. And it means living in the San Francisco Bay Area, one of the world's most culturally and intellectually stimulating regions on the planet.

# ONE LL.M. PROGRAM / SEVERAL PATHS

Berkeley Law’s LL.M. is a general degree program. Our LL.M. curriculum, taught by Berkeley Law’s world class faculty, is designed to provide a strong basis in the fundamentals of U.S. law, while allowing for customization based on individual interests and goals. Students have the option to earn certificates of specialization in several areas of law, pursue eligibility to register for a U.S. Bar Exam, or complete a thesis.

Berkeley Law provides several paths to the general LL.M. degree:

- 1 PROFESSIONAL TRACK
- 2 TRADITIONAL TRACK
- 3 THESIS TRACK
- 4 HYBRID OPTION

## COMPARISON CHART

	PROFESSIONAL TRACK	TRADITIONAL TRACK	THESIS TRACK
Academic Schedule	MAY-AUG 2 consecutive summers 10-13 weeks per summer	AUG-MAY 1 academic year 28 week academic year	AUG-MAY 1 academic year 28 week academic year
Format	Modular system (3 WEEK QUARTERS, 1-2 COURSES PER QUARTER)	Semester system (14 WEEK SEMESTERS, 3-4 COURSES PER SEMESTER)	Semester system (14 WEEK SEMESTERS, 3-4 COURSES PER SEMESTER)
Degree Requirements	21 units	21 units	21 units
Elective Units (minimum)	16	16	8
Class Composition	LL.M. students only (SMALLER CLASSES)	LL.M. & J.D. students (LARGER CLASSES)	LL.M. & J.D. students (LARGER CLASSES)
Thesis Opportunity			X
Certificates of Specialization			
Business Law	X	X	X
Law & Technology	X	X	X
Public Law & Regulation	X		
Environmental Law		X	X
Energy & Environmental Law	X		
Energy & Clean Technology		X	X
International Law		X	X
Public Interest & Social Justice		X	
Bar Eligibility*	CA	CA, NY	CA

*\* Bar eligibility is determined by the relevant state bar and not Berkeley Law. Berkeley Law offers the requisite courses to become eligible if the state bar determines coursework and LL.M. degree is necessary. Students may be eligible for additional state bar exams not listed.*

# 1 PROFESSIONAL TRACK

LL.M. Professional Track: The professional track’s flexible format is specifically designed for lawyers educated outside the U.S. who want an internationally renowned Berkeley Law degree but choose to complete their degree over two consecutive summer sessions rather than a full standard academic year. Students participate exclusively with other LL.M. students in smaller classes and professional development activities that are tailored specifically for the LL.M. professional track program. The professional track’s format lends itself to creating close bonds with fellow students who become an invaluable global professional network.

**COURSEWORK:**

Students in our professional track complete courses from May through August, over two consecutive summers. Students complete mandatory courses in Fundamentals of U.S. Law and Legal Research and Writing, and then may customize their studies by choosing from a curated subset of Berkeley Law’s most popular courses. Courses in the professional track are intensive, each 1-3 weeks in duration, followed immediately by a final exam. Because of the intensive format, students complete 1-2 courses every 3 weeks. Students may focus their studies to earn a Certificate of Specialization and/or to meet the requirements to become eligible to register for the California Bar Examination.



*“Wonderful classmates, excellent professors and perfect weather.”*

RALPH WANG '15 -Hong Kong //////////////////////////////////////

The professional track offers a thoughtfully curated curriculum that represents Berkeley Law’s most popular courses.

## CURRICULUM

**CORE U.S. LAW**

- Civil Procedure
- Contracts
- Evidence
- Fundamentals of US Law
- Torts

**COURSES BY SUBJECT**

**BUSINESS LAW**

- Antitrust Law
- Business Associations
- Corporate Finance
- Entertainment Law
- International Arbitration
- International Business Negotiations
- International Business Transactions
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mini MBA
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital
- Video Game Law

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- Copyright Law
- Cybersecurity
- Information Privacy Law

- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**

- International Arbitration
- International Business Negotiations
- International Business Transactions
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights

**PUBLIC LAW**

- Administrative Law
- Anticorruption Law
- Constitutional Law
- Energy Law
- Foundations of Environmental Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights
- Policy, Politics & Problem Solving
- Renewable Energy Law

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- Client Communications
- Legal Ethics
- Legal Research & Writing
- Negotiations
- Public Speaking
- Understanding & Drafting Transactional Documents

## 2 TRADITIONAL TRACK

The traditional track is aptly named - it's what you traditionally think of as an LL.M. program. Our traditional track spans a full academic year and is designed to integrate LL.M. students with those pursuing the J.D. degree. Traditional track LL.M. students also have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities that take place during the standard academic year, such as Berkeley Law Centers, student groups, Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects, journals, and field placements.

### COURSEWORK:

The traditional track takes place August through May, one standard academic year with two semesters. Each student completes mandatory courses in Fundamentals of U.S. Law and Legal Research and Writing, and then may customize their studies by choosing from the full range of law school offerings. Students take approximately 3-4 courses each semester. Students may focus their studies to earn Certificates of Specialization and/or to meet the requirements to become eligible to register for the California or New York Bar Examination.



**CURRENT COURSE LISTINGS** [www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/courses/courseSearch.php](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/courses/courseSearch.php)

*Subject to change.*

## 3 THESIS TRACK

Simply put, the LL.M. thesis track is our traditional track with a twist - of research. Thesis track is designed for those who want the LL.M. degree but know they want to devote a substantial portion of their time and units to a research and writing project - a thesis - supervised by a tenured faculty member. It is appropriate for students considering academic or government careers in their home countries, those interested in researching a particular subject in depth, and/or those who'd like to work closely with a particular faculty member.

### COURSEWORK:

The thesis track takes place over one standard academic year, August through May. For thesis track students, 8 of the 21 units required to graduate are devoted to independent study units and represent the work they complete on their thesis. Students also complete mandatory courses in Fundamentals of U.S. Law and Legal Research and Writing. With the remaining 8 elective units, thesis students can choose courses that complement their research interests from the full range of law school offerings. With careful planning, students *may* focus their studies to earn a Certificate of Specialization and/or to meet the requirements to become eligible to sit for the California Bar Exam. Due to the limited elective units in thesis track, students are unlikely to meet the requirements to become eligible to register for the New York Bar Examination.

♥ MY FAVORITE  
BERKELEY MEMORY

*"If I have to choose one particular memory, it is all the great and diverse people I have met from all over the world and the many knowledgeable and fun experiences we have had together."*

ANDREAS STAUR '16 -Denmark //////////////////////////////////////

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# OUR TOP-RANKED PROGRAMS

## Engage Your Brain

Berkeley Law's program is as rigorous as you'll find anywhere. Many of our full-time and adjunct faculty are the top scholars in their fields. Some literally "wrote the book" in their area of expertise. Others are nationally renowned practitioners. That means you'll get to learn from the masters.



### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Berkeley Law is a pioneer in intellectual property, one of the law's most exciting frontiers. Our program has ranked first in the nation for 16 of the last 18 years, and we published America's first IP law journal. That figures: The Bay Area is the hub of California's knowledge-based economy. Our courses expose students to all facets of IP law. Our technology clinic and journal offer invaluable immersion experiences. And our seminars bring in scores of prominent outside speakers every year. Whether your interests run to patent protection, gene therapies, social media, information technology, or the creative arts, our program will help you master IP's complex legal machinery.

### BUSINESS LAW

Berkeley Law offers a superb education in both established and emerging fields of business law. Internationally recognized experts such as Bob Berring and Steven Davidoff Solomon teach LL.M. students, and the Berkeley Center for Law, Business, and the Economy offers year-round academic programming. Berkeley's business law program is internationally recognized both for the depth of its faculty and the breadth of its interdisciplinary approach.

### INTERNATIONAL LAW

As technology-driven globalization increasingly blurs geopolitical boundaries, it creates new and challenging legal issues. Transactions with Asia, Europe, and South America are soaring, and so is the need for attorneys who can get their minds around a multiplicity of legal systems. Complex issues—climate change, international war crimes, global copyright protection, ocean drilling—also span borders. Perennially ranked in the Top 10 nationally, our international law program, with links to superb resources in political science, economics, and human rights, offers unique depth. Some students focus on specific topics, such as maritime law; others on an individual region, such as the burgeoning Pacific Rim.

### ENERGY & CLEAN TECHNOLOGY LAW

Transitioning to a sustainable energy and environmental path represents one of the greatest challenges in human history, and also creates myriad opportunities for professionals who are trained to take advantage of them. Berkeley Law's Energy and Clean Technology Law Program prepares the next generation of leaders to face this monumental task by providing interdisciplinary perspectives and an ever-evolving set of tools. The Energy and CleanTech Program is uniquely situated to leverage excellence across many disciplines and combines the efforts of the school's leading programs in the fields of Energy and the Environment, Law and Technology, and Business and the Economy.

### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

California leads the nation in environmental policy, and Berkeley Law—home to an extraordinary environmental law curriculum and the top environmental law journal—is at the forefront. Ranked third among all U.S. law schools, our program maintains strong ties with UC Berkeley's renowned science and economics departments. Our Center for Law, Energy & the Environment is a crossroads for some of the field's most influential scholars and policy leaders, and our certificate program—one of a handful in the nation—provides a solid career foundation. Field placements offer experience in areas such as animal protection, water rights, and land-use law.



# CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION

Berkeley Law's rich curriculum gives students the optional opportunity to focus on particular areas of law and earn certificates of specialization to demonstrate that expertise.

## BUSINESS LAW [ALL TRACKS]

The Business Law LL.M. Certificate Program allows LL.M. students to receive recognition for successful completion of a course of study to prepare for professional practice as legal advisors to businesses, to business-oriented NGOs, and to government entities. Offered in conjunction with the Berkeley Center for Business, Law and the Economy, the curricular program allows students to develop a background in fundamental areas of business law - both theoretical understandings and concrete foundations in the organization, operation, financing and governance of business enterprises and the economy in which they operate.



## LAW & TECHNOLOGY [ALL TRACKS]

The Berkeley Center for Law & Technology offers the nation's leading program in law and technology for current Berkeley Law students interested in concentrating their studies in this area. The Law & Technology Certificate recognizes successful completion of a specialized course of study focused on technology law. The curricular requirements emphasize depth and breadth of coverage and afford students substantial flexibility in adapting their course of study toward a range of career paths at the growing intersection of law and technology.



## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [TRADITIONAL & THESIS TRACK]

Students may undertake a specialization in environmental law. The specialized curricular program ensures that students develop a broad background in fundamental areas of law while receiving advanced training in environmental law.



## ENERGY & CLEAN TECHNOLOGY LAW [TRADITIONAL & THESIS TRACK]

The Certificate of Specialization in Energy and Clean Technology Law encourages students to develop a broad background in fundamental areas of the law while receiving advanced training in environmental, energy, intellectual property, and finance law.



## INTERNATIONAL LAW [TRADITIONAL & THESIS TRACK]

Berkeley Law students may undertake a specialization in international law. The specialized curricular program ensures students develop a broad background in fundamental areas of law while receiving advanced training in international law.



## PUBLIC INTEREST & SOCIAL JUSTICE [TRADITIONAL TRACK]

The Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at Berkeley Law administers a specialized certificate program that recognizes successful completion of a course of study focused on public interest and social justice.



## PUBLIC LAW & REGULATION [PROFESSIONAL TRACK]

The Public Law & Regulation Certificate is designed for students and attorneys focusing on issues of governance, comparative law and public interest. Working across a broad spectrum of legal and policy issues, the students in this specialization will be prepared to contribute to the public sphere wherever they go.



## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [PROFESSIONAL TRACK, HYBRID OPTION]

Berkeley Law now offers a Certificate of Specialization in Energy & Environmental Law uniquely designed for professional track LL.M. students interested in administrative, energy and environmental law.



## BERKELEY LAW BY THE NUMBERS

OVER 100



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH ALUMNI RESIDE



EACH OF THE PAST 11 YEARS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

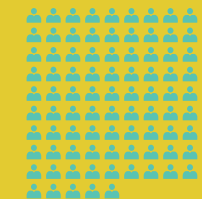


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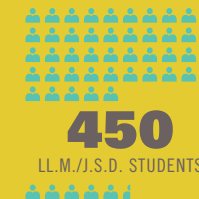
### TYPICAL SIZE OF STUDENT BODY ANNUALLY



10 STUDENTS



850 J.D. STUDENTS



450 LL.M./J.S.D. STUDENTS  
55 Ph.D. STUDENTS

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 AND SOCIAL POLICY



RANKING AMONG GLOBAL PUBLIC LAW SCHOOLS

### 8 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED



BUSINESS



ENVIRONMENTAL



PUBLIC



INTERNATIONAL



ENERGY & CLEANTECH



ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL



TECHNOLOGY



PUBLIC INTEREST & SOCIAL JUSTICE

## 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

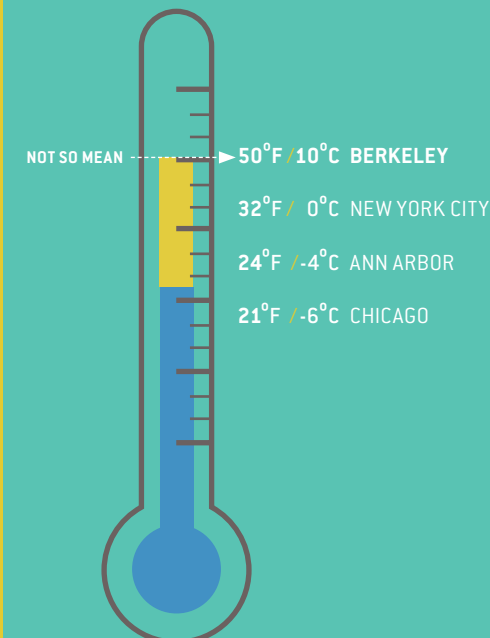
55 PARKS

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

## The Cold Truth

JANUARY'S MEAN TEMPERATURE



# EXPERIENCE

Classroom learning is one thing; real-world lawyering is another. Experience matters with employers in the global legal marketplace. Berkeley Law offers a wide range of programs, courses, and activities that let you roll up your sleeves, engage with clients and each other, and put legal theory into human practice.

1

**CLINICAL PROGRAMS:** Our clinics are directed by full time faculty members that are 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.

2

**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.

3

**FIELD PLACEMENTS:** Students may gain valuable experience, academic credit, and key connections in our Field Placement Program. Students help supervising lawyers in public interest organization and government agencies, or serve as judicial externs, in domestic and international placements.

4

**STUDENT INITIATED LEGAL SERVICES PROJECTS:** Some schools have a pro bono requirement. Berkeley Law has a pro bono culture. Case in point: our 22 Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects that let you gain client experience.

5

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION:** We offer a wide range of events, pragmatic courses and competitions explicitly designed to introduce you to the theory and practice of professional lawyering skills - and help you refine and build upon the skills you have.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

An LL.M. degree from Berkeley Law means you've met rigorous standards, learned from top legal scholars, and acquired skills and a global professional network to move you forward in your career.

*"Now, I have friends all over the world who are talented attorneys that I know I can trust. If I need to know about compliance with the laws in Japan, instead of spending time researching myself, I can call my friend from Japan and he will talk me through it."*

MARCO PORTILLO, '15 - Mexico

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

- Individual advising with specialized attorney-counselors dedicated to the professional development needs of LL.M. students
- Programs and workshops tailored for LL.M. students, including resume writing, interviewing skills, business etiquette and networking, and legal practice areas
- Networking events to help LL.M. students build and cultivate professional networks
- International and domestic job search advising
- F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT) \*Traditional and thesis track only



# APPLYING

## THE LL.M. DEGREE PROGRAM

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The admissions requirements for all tracks are largely the same, with some differences in admissions process.

A complete LL.M. application should include:\*

- an application form submitted online via LSAC
- an application fee
- a personal statement
- a curriculum vitae
- official academic records
- two letters of recommendation
- a TOEFL score of 100 or IELTS score of 7.0

*\*and for thesis track, a Thesis Proposal Summary*

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** applications available in August. Deadline for submission for the hybrid option is **NOVEMBER 15**. Deadline for submission for all other tracks is **JANUARY 10**. The timeline for admissions decisions is slightly different between tracks.

**DECISIONS FOR LL.M. PROFESSIONAL TRACK AND HYBRID OPTION:** applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, with decisions announced within 3 weeks of submission of a complete application.

**FOR LL.M. TRADITIONAL TRACK AND THESIS TRACK:** applications are reviewed beginning in March, with decisions announced in March and April. A waitlist will remain open until the class is filled, which may extend to August.

[www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/application-admission/](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/application-admission/)

## ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

BEGIN	PROFESSIONAL TRACK, HYBRID	TRADITIONAL, THESIS TRACKS
AUG	APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON LSAC FOR ALL TRACKS	
SEPT	DECISION LETTERS BEGIN ROLLING ADMISSIONS	
OCT		
NOV	15   APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE HYBRID OPTION	
DEC		
JAN	10   APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR PROFESSIONAL, THESIS, TRADITIONAL TRACKS	
FEB		
MAR		DECISION LETTERS BEGIN
APR		DECISION LETTERS COMPLETE
MAY	Orientation: professional, hybrid in-residence summer Classes begin: professional, hybrid	
JUNE	Orientation 2 - professional track Classes begin - professional track	
JULY		
AUG		Orientation - traditional & thesis track Classes begin - traditional & thesis track

### CURRENT PROFESSIONAL TRACK ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

[www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/professional-llm/current-academic-calendars/](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/professional-llm/current-academic-calendars/)

### CURRENT HYBRID OPTION ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

[www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/hybrid-llm/academic-calendar/](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/hybrid-llm/academic-calendar/)

### CURRENT TRADITIONAL AND THESIS TRACK ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

[www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/courses/academic\\_calendars.php](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/courses/academic_calendars.php)



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PHOTO: PAUL JONES

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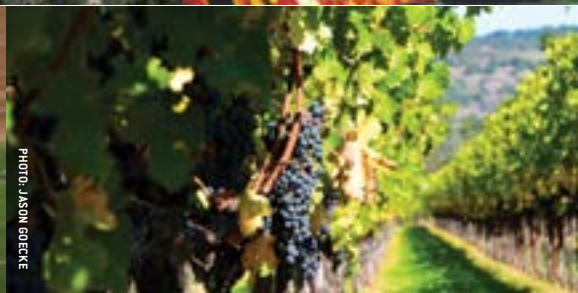
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# THE BAY AREA EXPERIENCE

As an iconic college town surrounding the world’s premier public university, Berkeley has a reputation as the epicenter of liberalism. But the real story of Berkeley is more complicated (and interesting). Sitting at the crossroads of the Pacific Rim, Silicon Valley, and San Francisco, Berkeley’s true identity lies in its intellectual dynamism, cultural tolerance, political awareness, and natural beauty.

While Berkeley may be your home base, it’s also the perfect launchpad for other Bay Area adventures. San Francisco—with its trendy neighborhoods, museums, music venues, and famous Golden Gate Park—is just 20 minutes away by transit. Down the road, Oakland is emerging as the one of the fastest growing hot spots, with new restaurants and bars opening weekly and a burgeoning arts scene. Want a respite from the urban hustle and bustle? A vast network of hiking and biking trails—with take-your-breath-away views of the Bay—lies mere minutes away in the East Bay hills.

*“Berkeley is where bright minds pass through and sometimes settle down,” a local journalist wrote recently. “It’s never dull, never anything less than stimulating.”*



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