



Berkeley Law, University of California (United States of America)

Study Guide

1 Overall impression

Studying in a foreign country governed by a totally different legal system and alongside most qualified persons from all over the world is a very enriching experience and cannot be recommended more than enough!

2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

Not very easy, you have to stay in contact with a number of parties simultaneously and information tends to be scattered or not relayed in a comprehensible manner.

3 Contacts/Responsibilities

(e.g. important contact persons at the Partner University and Faculty)

There are designated contact persons that one can get in touch with at any time.

4 Housing

Housing is very expensive. In any case I recommend finding something privately (e.g. AirBnB) and not university housing.

5 Arrival

Relatively easy, as there is a direct flight from Zurich to San Francisco and a direct train connection to Berkeley, from where one can take the bus or an Uber to one's accommodation.

6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

I recommend getting an e-sim from any carrier, usually there are plans for 3 months that do not extend automatically. For 3 months, I paid about 100\$. Otherwise there is WiFi on campus / at the law school.

7 Bank account

I did not have a US bank account and got by just fine. I used my credit card, Revolut (Apple Pay is accepted almost everywhere) or simply cash.

8 Transport

Relatively easy, as there is a direct flight from Zurich to San Francisco and a direct train connection to Berkeley, from where one can take the bus or an Uber to one's accommodation. Getting around in Berkeley is not hard (by foot, electric bikes available for rent, bus, BART).

9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

Nice location and infrastructure, very qualified and engaged professors who are focused on your learning outcome. Lots to do in Berkeley and in San Francisco.

10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

(e.g. program structure, methodology, exams, etc.)

Professors are very involved and motivated, diverse styles of teaching (e.g. some use the socratic method, other don't) and examining (exams are online and can be written and uploaded within a certain time period).

11 City

(e.g. cultural activities, sports, discounts, nightlife, must-sees, short trips, etc.)

Plenty of recreational sports facilities, some stores and restaurants offer student discounts, a few bars in Berkeley (more in SF), lots of weekend trips to do (Lake Tahoe, flights to LA / Las Vegas / San Diego are pretty affordable too, national parks etc.)

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