



ELS Language Centers
2425 Prospect Street
Berkeley, California 94704

Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)
 Closed on weekends and holidays

Key Location Features

- 4 blocks away from UC Berkeley campus
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Dormitories shared with UC Berkeley students
- Year-round mild weather
- Free access to many campus and area recreational facilities
- Easy access to San Francisco and other Bay area cities using the outstanding BART train and bus public transportation systems
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Area Attractions

- University of California-Berkeley campus & events
- Telegraph Avenue’s cafes, restaurants and shops
- San Francisco downtown and attractions are less than 1 hour away by public transportation
- Muir Woods (redwood forests)
- Napa & Sonoma Wine country

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	6	13
Spring	9	17
Summer	12	21
Autumn	11	21

UC Berkeley Extension International Diploma Programs & Partner Colleges

Learn about the University of California Berkeley Extension International Diploma Programs at www.unex.berkeley.edu/diploma. Also visit the ELS College directory www.collegedirectory.els.edu 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:	10	By foot
Downtown:	20	By foot
Post Office:	10	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	30	By bus
Sports Center:	15	By foot
Supermarket:	15	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	10	By foot

Nearby City

San Francisco	20 to 30	By BART train
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Local Transportation

Berkeley has outstanding public transportation in the form of buses and the BART train system. ELS is within walking-distance to the most popular Berkeley attractions and BART and bus stations

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 at the ELS Center or in Residence halls. Students can 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.

HOUSING & ARRIVAL DETAILS - BERKELEY

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 double occupancy rooms in Hillside Hall, which is the same building as the Center. Shared hallway bathrooms. Linens are included. Students clean their own rooms during stay.

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: There are laundry facilities in the residence hall building.

Security/Resident Assistant: The building is secure.

Check-In: 10 am – 11 pm (Sunday) check-in

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

Damage/Key Deposit: Damage deposit of \$200.

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 with lunches added 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: 8 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 from San Francisco Int'l airport will cost about \$60, with a travel time of about 35-40 minutes.

A SuperShuttle shared van service is also available for about \$40. To use SuperShuttle, students should go to the upper level of the airport to the "Courtesy Transit Vehicle Only" signs. SuperShuttle service takes approximately 35-40 minutes to Berkeley.

BART service 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