

USA Programme at OISE San Francisco



Address

University of
California
Berkeley
California
USA

Ages 14 – 17 years

Programme

17.5 hours per week + 5 hours "Cultural Workshop", maximum class size of 8 students

Every morning the students develop their accuracy in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Afternoon oral and communications skills workshops are designed to encourage fluency and build confidence in speaking the language. Each week day, 1 hour will be dedicated to a "Cultural Workshop", allowing students to practice their English whilst learning more about the vibrant city that surrounds them.

The University of California in Berkeley is situated just a short journey away from the heart of San Francisco. The campus itself is green and spacious, with ancient fir trees, stunning architecture and a truly vibrant atmosphere. World famous, the University can count 20 Nobel Prize winners amongst its alumni whose discoveries have changed modern life.

The course has 17.5 hours of intensive English lessons per week as well as 5 hours of "Cultural Workshop" lessons. This is complimented by a full programme of afternoon and evening activities which can include games and sports, art, drama and visits to local attractions in Berkeley and in San Francisco itself. These activities allow the students to consolidate the language skills that they have learnt in class that morning.

Students are looked after in a safe and secure environment with a high staff to student ratio and a maximum class size of 8 students.

Accommodation

- Accommodation is in Foothill Dorm in twin rooms, with a bathroom for every 4 students, giving them the opportunity to experience life on an American university campus.
- 21 meals are provided per week on campus, and on Sunday students will dine off-campus accompanied by staff.



Included in the course price:

- Lessons and communication workshops: guaranteed maximum of 8 students per teacher
- Loan of all teaching materials
- Workbook and course certificate
- College accommodation: full board
- Leisure activities
- Full day excursions on Saturdays
- Return standard airport transfers

A typical day in San Francisco

Morning

- 09.00 Accuracy of grammar and lexis
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Comprehension and written expression
- 12.30 Lunch

Afternoon

- 13.30 Oral expression.
- 14.00 Cultural Workshop
- 15.00 Break
- 15.30 Afternoon games include sports such as swimming, basketball and tennis, as well as dance lessons, fashion design, decorative painting and city orientation amongst other activities are also offered.

Evening

- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.00 Supervised homework
- 20.00 Evening leisure programme. Typical activities include local excursions, movie night, disco, casino night, talent show and fashion show..
- 22.00 Bedtime

The school day is for illustrative purposes and may be subject to change.

Excursions

Every Saturday, there is a full day excursion either to San Francisco with its many attractions such as the Golden Gate bridge, Union Square and Chinatown, or to Fisherman's Wharf.

Sundays are filled with local excursions or activities on campus.

Need to know

Airport transfers

Standard transfer times
San Francisco (SFO) – 1.5 hours

Clothes/Sports equipment

Students are recommended to prepare for mainly good weather, but to bring some warm clothes as well. The climate is generally warm and sunny in Berkeley but weather in the Bay Area can be unpredictable so it is best to be prepared!

Students should bring suitable sportswear, white-soled footwear for sports halls, swimwear, towel and a sports bag.



Start dates for 2012 courses

01.07 2, 3 or 4 weeks

08.07 2 or 3 weeks

15.07 2 weeks