The Department of Anthropology strongly encourages its students to participate in the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). Anthropology is the study of human-kind in the broadest sense, considering the diversity of peoples and cultures in the present and the past. By going abroad and studying at a foreign institution, students can see and experience other cultures first-hand, deepening their cross-cultural understanding in ways that reading about other cultures in textbooks never could. Since all courses taken through UCEAP are accepted as UC courses, with careful planning students can spend a year of study in a foreign locale with no loss of progress towards meeting degree requirements for graduation.

**Why study abroad?**

For the anthropology major, studying abroad gives you a wonderful opportunity to study in greater depth a particular country or culture that you might have read about in a class. You can visit the pyramids and temples that you read about in your anthropology course on ancient Egyptian religion, or see gorillas in their natural surroundings as you may have learned about in your primate behavior course. It also gives you the chance to learn and develop your skills in a foreign language, which is particularly important for those students who are seriously considering graduate school. (Note that it is possible to fulfill the College of Letters and Science language requirement via UCEAP with consultation with your college advisors.)

So don’t just read about the peoples and cultures of other countries—go and immerse yourself in them. As the world moves further into the 21st century, it is becoming a smaller place. What happens in one part of the world can have a profound impact on another. The UCEAP experience can be a challenging and life-altering experience, having a uniquely valuable impact on your path through life. The Department of Anthropology encourages you to consider spending part of your undergraduate career at one of the many UCEAP locations around the world.

Become engaged in your world through UCEAP!

**When should I study abroad?**

Typically, most anthropology majors study abroad during their junior year, although some go during their senior year. Studying abroad during your junior year allows you the flexibility of completing a significant portion of your major requirements while at UCSB, and completing any remaining requirements at UCSB during your senior year.

If you choose to travel as a senior, you should have completed most of your major requirements. With careful planning, it is possible to graduate while abroad, but close consultation with the department undergraduate advisor and with the College of Letters and Science is essential.

Transfer students are eligible to participate as early as their first quarter at UCSB. Most, however, go during their second year at UCSB.

**Where should I study abroad?**

You should choose a UCEAP program in a country that engages your interest. It can even be in a country that you have not studied in your undergraduate years.

**Financing UCEAP**

Studying abroad through UCEAP can be comparable to the cost of study at UCSB. In some cases, the cost is even less! UCEAP participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. UCEAP students are also eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.
classes here at UCSB, but one that attracts you. The classes that you take abroad will enhance your anthropology studies by enabling you to take courses not available at UCSB. You can take anthropology courses in over 28 UCEAP partner countries around the world. You can go to South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

What classes should I take?

In general, the anthropology department will accept courses for the major if they are from anthropology or archaeology departments. By searching the UCEAP Course Catalog, you will get an idea of the incredible number of anthropology and archeology courses UC students have taken around the world. Where content is appropriate, the department also accepts a limited number of courses taken in other departments while abroad to fulfill the elective requirement of the major. You need to contact the undergraduate major advisor to see which major requirements can be fulfilled by specific courses. Please note that the department tries to be as flexible as possible. While you must fulfill at least half of your upper-division major unit requirements (20 units) at UCSB, you may use UCEAP courses to fulfill your remaining requirements for the upper division major.

UC students have taken a wide range of anthropology courses on UCEAP, including:

- Hieroglyphics in Egypt
- Rural Anthropology in Chile
- The Meaning of Life in Hong Kong
- Words, Deeds, Bones and Things in South Africa
- Anthropology of Museums in the UK

Keep in mind that at least 20 units of upper-division major coursework (or 12 upper-division minor units) must be completed in residence at UCSB along with other residence requirements. Consult an advisor in the College of Letters & Science for more information.

The Anthropology Department encourages students to get involved in any kind of independent studies, fieldwork, or research that might be offered at their UCEAP program.

How do I get started?

Begin by identifying your goals for study abroad and then consult the UCEAP web pages to identify appropriate UCEAP programs. Navigate to host universities’ web sites on the available links to learn more about the schools and their departments.

Come by the UCSB EAP office at 2431 South Hall. Peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad as well as staff advisors are eager to answer your questions.

Go see your Undergraduate Advisor in the department office. Additionally, you may want to meet with an advisor in the College of Letters & Science to discuss general education, residence and other requirements.

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