The Department of Art encourages students to further their research and study through the UC Education Abroad Program. Study abroad offers art majors opportunities to broaden their understanding of art and culture while exposing them to international education. All courses taken through UCEAP are accepted for UC credit so with some careful planning, you can study abroad and still graduate in four years. Opportunities to receive independent study credit for creative projects abroad are also an option for art majors, and should be discussed in advance with the appropriate department faculty.

**Why study abroad?**

Studying abroad is an exciting and valuable experience for students and provides a particularly relevant role to the study of art. The vast art history, museums, galleries and cultural environments available through UCEAP provide an excellent context and opportunity for intensive firsthand study of your chosen field.

Living and studying abroad provides students a deeper understanding of a country’s history, social customs, and everyday life. UCEAP advisors and the department advisors can help you plan a program of study that best suits your interests and department’s curriculum.

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- Hong Kong
- Israel
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- United Kingdom

**Foreign Language:**
- Brazil
- Chile
- France
- Italy
- Mexico
- Spain

You should also refer to this UCEAP website.

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Students interested in fulfilling major preparation or General Education requirements can participate as early as their sophomore year.

What classes should I take?

The easiest department requirement to fulfill on UCEAP is probably the 4 units of art history. By searching Gaucho Credit Abroad and the UCEAP Course Catalog, you will get an idea of the types of art courses UC students have taken around the world.

Some examples of upper-division coursework past UCSB art majors have taken on UCEAP include:

- drawing, painting, photography and sculpture in France,
- video and photomedia in Australia,
- handmade paper in Costa Rica,
- print-making in Spain, and
- mixed media in Hong Kong.

Investigate your opportunities thoroughly and be flexible when planning what specific classes you want to take. As at UCSB, particular courses are not offered every term or even every year.

All UCEAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, the application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department and approval of the college. Save all syllabi, papers and other relevant course information to help you petition courses for specific requirements.

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 a Letters & Science College advisor for more information.

How do I get started?

- Stop by the UCSB EAP office at 2431 South Hall.
- Go the UCSB EAP website, Getting Started, eap.ucsb.edu.
- Consult the UCEAP website, eap.ucop.edu, for program details.
- Go see your department undergraduate advisor.