The Biology Department encourages its students to broaden their educational experiences by studying abroad through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). Study abroad provides new academic insights, a broader understanding of other cultures, and the preparation to excel in the internationally competitive world. Many UCSB students spend a year or a quarter abroad to benefit from new perspectives and approaches in all sub-disciplines of biology from microbiology to ecology and evolutionary biology. From wildlife in South Africa to the Great Barrier Reef of Australia to rainforests in Costa Rica to biomedical and biochemical research programs in Sweden and the United Kingdom, UCEAP students are immersed in the study of the biological sciences around the globe.

Why study abroad?
UCSB students are fortunate to have available to them the premier study abroad program in the country. UCEAP enables students to study abroad while remaining fully enrolled UC students. There is no question of transferring units to their home campus -- all courses taken through UCEAP are accepted as UC courses and carry UC units and grades.

Where should I study abroad?
You can find biology coursework on many UCEAP programs. In addition to immersion programs that have excellent biology coursework, UCEAP offers a number of special focus programs that may interest you: Lab Research, Field Research, and Health programs.

The department has also pre-approved coursework appropriate for Biological Sciences and Cell and Developmental Biology majors at 2 programs: University of Edinburgh and Utrecht University. MCDB students are encouraged to take MCDB 108A and possibly 101A during the summer at UCSB prior to studying abroad during fall (consult Bio advisors).

Consider taking the entire Physics 6 series requirement (6ABC and 6AL, BL, CL) abroad during the summer, if completed for a letter grade!

Students may also complete Chem 109A, 109B, and 6AL (O-Chem) over one summer at University College Dublin, Ireland.

Two field programs are highly recommended by the department:

Cost of Study Abroad
Studying abroad through UCEAP can be comparable to or even less than the cost of staying at UCSB. UCEAP participants continue to receive UC financial aid. All UCEAP students are eligible for special scholarships.
Course substitutions:
- One diversity course for the following majors:
  - Biology BA: Area E
  - Biology BS: Area B6 and B7
  - Ecology and Evolution: Area C1 or C2
  - Zoology: Area D, underlined course
- Substitute for EEMB 159
- Substitute for EEMB 197
- Elective units for Aquatic, Physiology, and Cell & Developmental majors

Individually these courses count as EEMB electives and are not applicable to the Biochemistry-Molecular Biology, Microbiology, or Pharmacology majors.

University of Queensland Marine Bio and Terrestrial Ecology Program

Students study and live in the diverse marine ecosystems of Queensland. World-class research is conducted at the research stations and teaching facilities. The program consists of lectures, laboratory studies, and extensive field study at the Great Barrier Reef and other locations in coastal Queensland.

Course substitutions:
- Ecol AQM 106, Human and Terrestrial (8 units) for EEMB 159 (4 units) and EEMB elective (4 units).
- Biol AQL 160, Marine Biology (13 units) for EEMB 142A (4 units), EEMB 142AL (3 units), EEMB 147 (4 units) and 2 upper-division major elective units in EEMB.

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. 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.

When should I study abroad?
You could study abroad as soon as the summer after your first year. If you wish to study abroad during the academic year, it is generally recommended that you first complete much of your upper division biology major area requirements prior to your departure. You can graduate abroad or even go during a fifth year.

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 for program details.
- Meet with your department undergraduate advisor.

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