Study Abroad For College of Creative Studies

The College of Creative Studies encourages its students to complete some portion of their undergraduate studies abroad through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). Whether you choose to study fiddle music in Ireland, Shakespeare in Denmark, ecosystems in Costa Rica, or organic chemistry in Hong Kong, living and studying abroad will offer new perspectives, fresh challenges, and will better prepare you for life in the global community.

Why study abroad?

CCS students who participate in UCEAP -- especially those who explore cultures very different from their own, or who simply spend a year living and studying in a second language -- most often describe their experiences as transformational. They report that their time abroad was among the most important components of their education and they return as enthusiastic promoters of UCEAP. The faculty of CCS, many of whom studied abroad themselves, will work with their advisees to craft an academic plan that ensures study abroad will meet the educational and career goals for each student.

UCEAP offers a variety of short-term and year-long programs taught in English or in a foreign language. All course units earned abroad through UCEAP are automatically credited towards your degree requirements. Depending on your course selection, you may fulfill major or GE requirements as well. With careful planning, you can enjoy a year abroad without delaying your graduation or incurring any additional financial burden.

When should I study abroad?

CCS students can study abroad as early as their sophomore year, although going junior or senior year is more typical. Students can even study abroad in a fifth year. Students are encouraged to consult with their staff and faculty advisors to determine the best time for them to study abroad.

Where should I study abroad?

With a wide range of programs in over 40 different countries, you have many options.

English language programs are not restricted to the obvious choices of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. You can also consider Hong Kong, South Africa, Spain, Ghana, Sweden, and many others.

Students who are proficient in a language other than English can find excellent academic programs taught in the host language in locations such as China, France, Germany, Spain and Japan. Additionally, UCEAP offers intensive Language and Culture programs, many of which have no requirement of previous language study.

Internships & Research

An international internship or research experience will greatly enhance your resume and provide you with valuable skills and contacts to improve your

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.
success in grad school or the global job market. UCEAP offers many opportunities for both research and internships abroad.

What classes should I take?

Consider taking coursework in your major abroad. It is usually easy to find many UCEAP programs offering interesting upper-division major electives. By searching Gaucho Credit Abroad and the UCEAP Course Catalog, you will get an idea of the types of courses UC students have taken around the world.

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 Plan ahead and consult with your advisors before leaving and while abroad.

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.

Consider the Following:

- Study painting, printmaking and sculpture at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Bologna, Italy
- Gain hands-on field experience in biology, conservation, zoology, and botany in Costa Rica, one of the world’s most biologically rich countries
- Spend a year studying computer science at the University of Tokyo.
- Take courses in post-colonial literature at the University of Cape Town.
- Further your physics education at Lund University, Sweden, home of the Max Lab, one of the most powerful synchrotron light sources in the world
- Pursue your mathematics or chemistry coursework at Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Conduct independent research of traditional Ghanaian drumming under the supervision of the respected musicology professors at the University of Legon, Ghana

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 faculty and CCS staff advisors.