The Department of Economics strongly encourages students to complete some portion of their undergraduate study through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). The program allows students to enhance their knowledge of economics while experiencing another culture and way of life. With careful planning, students may spend up to one year abroad without any loss of progress towards graduation. Students gain valuable international experience that will benefit future career goals and/or graduate school opportunities. Economics majors who are fluent in another language will have special advantages in the business world!

What classes should I take?

Many UCSB economics majors study abroad every year, often taking upper-division coursework that they apply towards major requirements.

Hundreds of previously-approved Econ courses at many popular UCEAP programs may be found here: https://eap.ucsb.edu/academics/Economics.

Some Economics students choose to fulfill their GE requirements abroad. Please note that while business, management, and marketing courses taken on UCEAP transfer to UCSB, they cannot be applied towards any of the majors in the Economics Department. Students interested in these fields should still consider taking them abroad for overall units since they complement the economics background and similar fields are not offered at UCSB.

ECON 10a and PSTAT 109 must be taken at UCSB.

Students who are interested in sitting for the CPA exam should avoid taking accounting courses abroad as the rules and regulations differ among countries. Therefore, economics and accounting students wishing to take economics courses through UCEAP, should take courses in Areas A–E but take the accounting courses (Areas F–I) at UCSB.

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

UCEAP students automatically earn UC credit for all the academic work they complete abroad. However, the application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the Economics Department and approval of the college.

Remember: You still must petition the Econ department for course approval when you return!

Why study abroad?

UCEAP provides unparalleled opportunities to obtain the broader perspectives, knowledge, and skills necessary to be effective professionally in a rapidly changing global economy. From the challenges facing the European Union, to the balancing of economic growth and reducing corruption in Asia, to the quickening economic pulse coursing through Africa, students can experience first-hand realities and responses to an increasingly complex and interrelated economic world.

Economics majors find that a term, or better yet, a year in a foreign university, not only enhances their critical and quantitative skills, but that the experience of adapting to another academic system and culture expands their self-understanding and gives them a keen sense of the political, social, and economic differences in today’s world. Also, students who go abroad have the opportunity to take courses that are not offered at UCSB.

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.
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Coursework Abroad
Use Gaucho Credit Abroad to search for the types of credit (i.e., major, minor, GE areas, or electives) that UCSB students have received for courses taken on UCEAP.

To search through UCEAP programs and to see what courses all UC students have taken on UCEAP, go to:
UCEAP Program Search
UCEAP Course Catalog

Go to the UCSB EAP website (eap.ucsb.edu) under Academics for UCSB specific information.

Where should I study abroad?
Courses in economics are available at most UCEAP host universities.

English language economics programs can be found at:
- Australian universities
- University of Nicosia, Cyprus
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Warwick University and London School of Economics (summer only), England
- University of Hong Kong
- University College Dublin, Ireland
- Yonsei University, Korea
- University of Auckland, New Zealand
- University of Glasgow and University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- Thammasat University, Thailand

You may also consider these business economics programs taught in English:
- Fudan University, China
- HK Univ. of Science & Technology, Hong Kong
- University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi, Italy
- Maastricht University, Netherlands
- University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

Students with knowledge of the host language should consider studying at:
- Pontifical Catholic University, Brazil or Chile
- Keio University, Japan.

When should I study abroad?
A summer abroad is possible as early as after your freshman year. Students wishing to go abroad during the regular academic year should successfully complete the pre-major courses and petition for admission to the full major before leaving for UCEAP. Completion of the core intermediate economics courses is also highly recommended as some courses abroad require these as foundation.

Internships
You may be interested in building your resume or gaining work experience through an internship. Many UCEAP programs incorporate internships into the academic program or operate in locations where exciting volunteer opportunities exist. See the UCSB EAP website for further information.

Next Steps
- 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.

When applying to your UCEAP program, you will need to fill out the Academic Planning Form as part of your application. For department advice on this planning form, go to http://econ.ucsb.edu/~benelli/EAP/preapplication.htm.

After you have been accepted to your program, the Economics department highly recommends that you seek pre-approval for any courses you wish to apply to your major by following the procedures explained here http://econ.ucsb.edu/~benelli/EAP/UCSB_students.htm.

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